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Dividend No. 71.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of THREE PER CENT. upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the Bank has been declared for the current quarter, being at the rate of TWELVE PER CENT. per Annum, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on the

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st of July, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

GEO. P. SCHOLFIELD,

Toronto, 23rd June, 1908.

General Manager.

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DIVIDEND NO. 72

Notice is Hereby Given

That a Dividend at the rate of eleven per cent. (11%) per annum upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for the three months ending 31st July, 1908, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches on

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The transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 30th June, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

E. L. PEASE,

General Manager.

Montreal, P.Q., 19th May, 1908.

Traders Bank Canada

DIVIDEND NO. 49.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a dividend of One and Three-Quarters per Cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of this Bank has been declared for the current quarter, being at the rate of Seven per cent. per annum, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after

The Second Day of July Next

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th June, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

STUART STRATHY,

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Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of eight per cent, per annum upon the paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the quarter ending June 30th, 1908, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and branches on and after

Thursday, the 2nd day of July next
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 30th June, both days inclusive.

Sherbrooke, May 20th, 1908

By order of the Board, J. MACKINNON, General Manager.

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The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th day of June, both days inclusive.

By order of the board.

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Thursday, July 2nd, 1908.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 30th June, By order of the Board.
WILLIAM SPITTAL, both days inclusive.

London, Ont., June 8th, 1908.

N.B.—Out of an authorized issue of \$500,000 of the above Stock, there is yet open for subscription \$50,000 in blocks of five shares and upwards. Write for 15th Annual Report.

Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation

HALF-YEARLY DIVIDEND.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Three and One-Half per Cent. on the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Corporation has been declared for the half-year ending 30th June, 1908, and that the same will be payable on and

Thursday, the Second day of July next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the Fifteenth to the Thirtieth of June, inclusive.

By order of the Board.

GEO. 对. SMITH,

Secretary.

Toronto, May 27th, 1908.

Huron and Erie Loan & Savings Co.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a dividend of four and one-half per cent. for the current half-year, being at the rate of nine per cent. per annum, upon the paid-up capital stock of this Company, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Company's Office in this City, on and after

Thursday, July 2nd, 1908.

The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 30th of June, both days inclusive.

HUME CRONYN, Manager.

London, June 1st, 1908.

The London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, Limited

DIVIDEND NO. 76

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of THREE PER CENT on the paid-up capital stock of this Company for the Six months ending 30th June, 1908, has this day been declared and that the same will be payable on and after the 2nd July next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th June to the 1st July 1908, both days

By order of the Directors.
V. B. Wadsworth,
Toronto, June 2nd, 1908.
Mana Manager.

Toronto Mortgage Company

Dividend No. 18.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Three per cent., being at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, upon the Paid-Up Capital Stock of this Company, has been declared for the current half year, ending 30th June instant, and that the same will be payable on and after Thursday, 2nd July, 1908.

The Transfer Books will be closed from 15th to 30th inst., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board, WALTER GILLESPIE, Manager. 4th June, 1908,

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The Transfer-Books will be closed from the 15th to the 30th June, both days inclusive. By order of the Board.

C. FERRIE, Treasurer.

Hamilton, 18th May, 1908.

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Last week's electrical storm damaged growing fruit in the Niagara Peninsula, and made havoc in farms and cr-chards farther west and north. Ten cases are noted where barns were struck by lightning, six of them being burned down. At East Zorra a barn and windmill were blown down. The losses to buildings ascertained in the despatches exceed \$40,000.

Forest fires in northern Michigan, fanned by last week's gales, have swept over parts of several counties and destroyed at least three villages. The devasted counties are Presque'ile, on Lake Huron, Leelanaw and Charlevoix, on Lake Michigan, Ostego and Cheboygan, between. The village of Case was destroyed on Saturday last, but a rescue

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To Mr. E. C. McLeod, manager of the Bank of N.S. at Chatham, N.B., we tender congratulations, as also to the lady who became Mrs. McLeod on Wednesday.

A letter written by an experienced merchant of New York, A letter written by an experienced merchant of New York, dealing with the possible consequences of a conflagration in that city, was brought before the New York Board of Trade last Monday. The letter refers to the accumulations of empty shoe boxes and empty dry goods cases collected for sale and stored in various parts of the dry goods district of the city. If these were accidentally fired the consequences would be frightful. The vastness of the values of merchandise and buildings in the borough of Manhattan is dwelt upon dise and buildings in the borough of Manhattan is dwelt upon in the letter. They are greater than those of all the New England States together.

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OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

It has been said the successful speculator requires four things—a knowledge of values, a knowledge of general conditions, a knowledge of the machinery of speculation, and something else. The fourth factor is, perhaps, the most important to the stock markets. After all, money it is which makes the ticker tick. The Canadian markets play but a minor role in the stock exchange world. Canada has three exchanges—Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver. When that something else is more plentiful, there may be four. Winnipeg awaits the advent of better monetary conditions before presenting such an institution to the Canadian West.

While these markets are not entirely dependent upon New York, Wall-Street sentiment is reflected day by day

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upon the Canadian boards. When an infernal slump strikes what has been supposed a market of backbone into a shivering stock exchange jelly, no panic hits Canada. The speculative madness remains within a small area of New York State. But the feeling of depression which follows spreads like a plague. It affects the United States monetary institutions; and the bad influence is felt in Canada.

Despite the prevailing conditions, the output of new securities in the United States has reached this year the total of \$722,652,154, an increase of more than sixty-three million dollars over 1907. Naturally, low money rates helped to bear these new securities. Railroads, for instance, took advantage of this raising capital which, in many cases, was sadly needed. That industrial companies have borrowed little is a significant fact. The check in business has dampened their ardour for expansion. Although available statistics afford much information, they do not show to what extent these new issues have been patronized by the public. It may be true that securities in the market have been taken up by big banking firms and syndicates. How large a part the actual investor has purchased is difficult to say. Judging by the transactions sheets, probably little.

The swinging of the speculative pendulum is affected by the tides of prosperity and depression. One is apt sometimes to look far afield for light upon price changes. Past crises would prove almost conclusively that after an unusually prosperous period, the stock exchange begins a pilgrimage through the valley of dullness. Financial panics, as history has shown, occur periodically. During the nineteenth century there were some ten economic readjustments. One can picture the terrific debacle which would probably occur were the economic laws to prevent these periodical outbursts through the panic safety valve. As things exist, such a contingency is impossible. Finance is not sufficiently a science. When someone desires to do unto others a trick which unto himself would be detestable science plays its part. A national commission of idealists would be required to

frame regulations for keeping the economic orbs in their orbit. If recognized and obeyed, progress might proceed without stock exchange fiascos. In other words, this and a good many more generations must abide by things as they are.

Manipulation affects prices to a large extent. Price movements of great importance can be traced to the men who pull the strings. This art is seldom employed to actually enhance or depress values. When manipulation figures, it is usually for the purpose of liquidating shares in anticipation of a decline, or to accumulate shares before the coming of a substantial recovery. Manipulation is the trump card held by men whose bump of foresight is especially large.

Stock exchange realms have been under a baneful influence for long enough—the direct result of the period of prosperity which culminated in the speculative craze in 1906. In 1893, only thirteen years previous, United States railroads galore went into the hands of receivers and numerous banks closed their doors. Previous to this, speculation in stocks had been proceeding apace. Ten years later depression again settled upon the community. This particular crisis was more of a pruning than a panic, for the bull market of 1902 was continuing its march in 1904. A glance at the events leading to almost every recorded panic shows that wild speculation immediately preceded or accompanied it.

There are naturally divers influences affecting price movements. Political influences, the crops, the gold supply, and money-the something else required by the successful speculator-are a few of them. The gold supply is increasing, and rapidly. Consequently the value of gold will probably depreciate as quantity increases. Mr. B. W. Holt, an authority on the gold problem, shows by a series of conclusions that this depreciation will be measured by the rise in the average price level. This level, if long continued, is accompanied by rising or high interest rates. From one point to another he reaches rising prices of commodities and property. When these are in operation, speculation in commodities, stocks, and real estate is encouraged and honest industry takes second place. Then follows extravagance, recklessness and thriftlessness.

In the fact that no bull market can be sustained without favorable money conditions is another reason for the present stagnation. The bank statements in the United States are examined by speculators, more especially to observe the changes from week to week. By comparing loans with deposits and specie with loans, a fairly accurate idea of the state of trade and the expansion of credits may be obtained. If loans are in excess of deposits, and the percentage of specie small, one may, broadly speaking, conclude that inflation is prevalent. Again, if these conditions are reversed, the extent of liquidation may be judged. Mr. Thomas Gibson, to whom the cycles of speculation has been a study, gives certain facts illustrating this process.

In 1890, twenty stocks listed on the New York Exchange were selling at an average price of about \$87 per share. The percentage of loans to deposits was about ninety-five per cent. and the percentage of specie to loans about twenty per cent. In November of that year, loans advanced to 102 per cent. as compared with deposits, and specie declined to about 18 per cent. of loans. The stocks mentioned declined to an average price of \$64 per share, and later in 1901 to about \$61 per share. From 1891 to 1893 there was some alternate improvement and retrogression in money conditions, all of which was accurately reflected in stock prices.

In 1893, the proportion of loans to deposits rose to about 109 per cent., and proportion of specie to loans declined to 13 per cent. The average price of the twenty stocks reached about \$47 per share. (The panic of 1893.)

In 1894, the proportion of loans to deposits fell to 80 per cent. and specie to loans rose to 30 per cent.

showed some betterment, rising to about \$57 per share. The severe drubbing of 1893 had made public investors nervous, and had in many cases incapacitated them for stock market operations. That was to come later.

In 1896, the proportion of loans to deposits rose to 102 per cent., and specie to loans fell to 10 per cent. Stocks reached their lowest level in July of this year (\$42 per share for the twenty stocks mentioned).

From 1896 to 1898, a gradual improvement was apparent. Through all this period stock prices faithfully reflected money conditions. In July, 1898, the proportion of specie to loans rose to 30 per cent. and loans to deposits fell to 83 per cent. Stocks began advancing, and in March, 1899, the average price of the twenty stocks

considered, was about \$85 per share.

In June, 1900, the average price of the twenty stocks considered, was about \$75 per share. The proportion of specie to loans was about 22 per cent., and the proportion of loans to deposits was about 90 per cent. From January, 1901, until September, 1902, money conditions did not improve, but stocks continued to advance. There were large crops, and a general wave of expansion and prosperity swept the country. In September, 1902, the proportion of loans to deposits was 99 per cent., and the proportion of specie to loans was 17 per cent. Meanwhile stocks were high-\$128 per share for our twenty stocks. Conditions, though temporarily ignored, asserted themselves in 1903, and in September of that year, the average price of the twenty stocks was about \$88 per share; the percentage of loans to deposits 101 per cent., and specie to loans 19 per cent. The money situation had not changed materially, but the stock market was making a deferred payment.

In August, 1904, the proportion of loans to deposits had fallen to 90 per cent., and specie to loans had risen to 25 per cent. The stock market was steadily advancing, and in January, 1906, stocks reached their pinnacle—\$138 per share for the twenty securities considered.

Political conditions have naturally a greater influence upon the United States markets than those of Canada. In our country, we have no Judge Landis. Political corruption, too, in this country has not reached fine art point, as in the United States. The announcement of legislation or litigation immediately concerning big railroad or industrial corporations usually has a marked effect on Wall Street stocks. In Canada such announcements are seldom made. If so, this affects the stock markets but little. The recent possibility, for instance, of a long-drawn-out battle between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and its employees did not affect the company's stock a tittle.

Crops have a decided bearing upon stock market conditions. A crop failure spells disaster to the country in large or small type according to the extent of the failure. A small crop means less employment, which in turn brings a smaller purchasing power per capita and higher cost of living. The railroads will carry less freight, and their weekly earnings necessarily will show decrease. Curiously enough, the announcement on Wall Street of the official crop estimate for 1908 was practically ignored by the brokers. The record of the authorities at Washington has not always proved dependable, but it is the best and most reliable source of information at present. But stock market interest in the crops is in the later rather than the earlier figures.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION OF BANKS.

The failure of the Ontario and Sovereign Banks, the collapse of the Bank of St. John's and the suspension of the Bank of St. Hyacinthe, all within a comparatively short period, might at first lead one to believe that our much-lauded bank system was in peril of losing its reputation. Naturally, the caustic critics will seize upon This was due to the liquidation of 1893. Stock prices these four incidents as a text for drastic banking reform.

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beca othe opin When three or four tradespeople fail, it is illogical to argue that the city's business is rapidly declining. Neither can it be correctly concluded, because four banks have failed to weather the financial storms during the last few years, that the monetary system of the country is in danger. The incidents prove one thing—a more strict supervision on the part of the Government is necessary.

The statements made by the banks monthly to the Government are taken by the business men of this country as correct. They are sent broadcast by the Department of Finance at Ottawa; the Department's statement is made up according to returns furnished by the banks. It is likely to be proved that the statements thus furnished by at least one of the banks mentioned were incorrect and misleading. The Department of Finance might conceive some way in which they shall know, as surely as is possible, the verity or otherwise of the figures submitted by the banks.

This leads to the subject of Government inspection—a topic which comes up usually with a craze for remodelling a country's financial institutions. Whenever national prosperity is checked or a difficulty is experienced in obtaining at moderate rates all the money required for development, people come forward with patent financial medicines. The present instance is somewhat exceptional. So far as we know, only one Canadian bank manager favors Government inspection of banks. There has arisen in comparatively recent years a feeling that banks are not private businesses, but distinctly national and even Government institutions.

It is apt to be forgotten that banking is a business, usually under Government supervision, and managed by business men. The bank desires to make a profit on its year's operations even as a departmental store. It is possible now to deposit money at these stores even, which, broadly speaking, places them in the same category as banks. They have amounts on deposit, but are not required to submit a statement of such deposits to the Department of Finance. Yet there is no public cry that they shall be required to make such a statement or that they be inspected. While this is a somewhat extreme comparison, it may be that such a complaint is not made because it is recognized that a departmental store is a private business, and that the Government cannot undertake to protect the public in the investment of their personal moneys.

If the Government adopted a system of inspectionand it would have to be an intricate one to protect the shareholders-it would seem they would have to extend the same protection to all other financial institutions, while the same principles would have to be still further exploited and carried into every incorporated company. Many bankers state that in the only country where Government inspection has been consummated it is recognized as very largely a failure. It would be difficult to name one single instance in which a bank of the United States has been saved by the intervention of the Government examiner. On the other hand, the Government should be able to check, to some extent, the statements furnished them by the banks. Such a means cannot be devised by hasty legislation. To be satisfactory it must be the result of a conference between the Government and the bankers. The bankers of Canada are always willing and eager to improve the banking system. If improvement is possible, one may rely upon their hearty co-operation with the authorities at Ottawa.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"It is only one man's opinion," was the remark of a merchant recently. But one man's opinion is valuable, because the wise man considers it with half a dozen others. He then forms his own opinion. One man's opinion may be a consensus of opinions.

It is observed that a Canadian church wants three thousand dollars quickly. As with all money needs just now, the accent is not so much upon the three thousand, but upon the quickly.

The committee of five appointed to decide the future action of the ex-directors of the Ontario Bank have not yet enlightened the shareholders of the institution. It is now many weeks since they commenced their deliberations. This delay, we hope, means that the former directors and the committeer are nearing the happy middle course.

The carelessness with which electricity is handled in this country is becoming a matter of extreme danger. A Toronto boy was electrocuted this week through touching a live wire hanging between two trees. A similar instance, and one which might have been attended with loss of life, came to notice a few weeks ago. A repair waggon stood in the street, while a mechanic fixed the electric trolley wire above. A pedestrian, standing near one of the trolley standards on the sidewalk, was startled when a street railway employee rushed up stating that the pole was alive, and warning him of his peril. The employee was kept constantly running between two standards warning the public. Presently it was necessary for him to hold the reins of the horse attached to the repair waggon. This left the two live poles completely unprotected and pedestrians absolutely unwarned. Such primitive methods and utter disregard of the value of life is astonishing.

A circular letter has been sent, it is said, to all the creditors of the defunct St. John's Bank, suggesting a reorganization of the institution with the alleged object of retrieving the losses of those who are suffering as the result of the failure. If the creditors accept shares in the proposed reorganized bank, naturally they will forfeit all their claims. At present we do not know who is responsible for the issue of this curious circular. It is almost akin to that sent out by the English secretary of the Canada Consolidated Cobalt Company In that instance, the shareholders were offered mining stock in exchange for money; and as a bonus the secretary was willing to throw in other stock belonging, not to himself, but to an absconding promoter. One could scarcely imagine the St. John's Bank creditors foolish enough to accept the suggestion contained in the circular. Even did they do so, we feel sure the Government would not countenance the reorganization of another bank upon wreckage of the demolished institution.

OF INTEREST.

Forty-two years ago the Monetary Times consisted of eight pages. The annual subscription then was two dollars. To-day the size of the paper is forty pages, and for several months of the year, forty-eight pages. The subscription for nearly half a century has remained two dollars per annum. The subscriber thus has obtained during this long period, a paper increased in size 500 per cent., with a large and more varied selection of reading matter, without increase in the subscription price.

On the other hand the cost of production has increased enormously. The price of paper has been raised, and wages are now much higher than in the sixties. In addition, The Monetary Times now has its branch offices, its special correspondents in the principal cities of the world, besides which it is maintaining larger head office, editorial, and business staff. Despite all this, the aim has been to provide the best paper possible, not for the sum of two dollars, but the pest paper that time, thought, labor and the art of news gathering can provide.

Mr. St. George Gray, late manager of the Bank of Hamilton, at Edmonton, Alta, has exchanged places with Mr. W. H. Carroll, late manager of the bank at Stonewall,

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BANKING & FINANCIAL NEWS.

Through an unavoidable delay the Monetary Times is published a few hours late this week.

CANADIAN BANKING PRACTICE.

By H. M. P. Eckardt.

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As each one of the important banks has a large number of branches requiring to be supplied with cheque and statement forms, paper, pens, ink, blank ledgers, registers, and other books, and stationery of all kinds, it is found to be advantageous to systematize the purchase of the articles. Of course, each one of the hundred or so branches might buy its stationery where it chose and as it wanted the articles. But it is easy to see that much is to be gained if, instead of such desultory buying, it is arranged so that practically the whole of the requirements of all the branches for a whole year is bought at one time by one man. He can place large orders in one place and get all the advantage that goes with wholesale buying. That is the function of the head of the stationery department.

Each branch is required to send in to him by a certain date in every year its requisition for stationery. He buys it and ships the goods to them. This purchase of stationery by the banks is quite an important element in the stationery and bookbinding business. The various firms compete in a lively manner for the bank orders. Sometimes a good deal of friction and ill-feeling develops as a result of where the orders are placed, and the stationery clerk has to exercise considerable diplomacy in awarding them, lest he offend some valuable customers of the bank.

Inspector's Department. The inspector's department is the headquarters of the bank's staff of inspectors. At the head of this staff stands the chief inspector. This officer fills a highly important place. In some banks one officer holds the dual capacity of chief inspector and superintendent of branches. However, it is not absolutely necessary that those two positions be rolled into one. When it is, the officer who holds it probably will be virtually an assistant or lieutenant to the general manager. His relations with the latter will be very similar to the relations of the branch accountant to his manager. He is under the authority of the general manager, but the directors expect him to check up his superior. In the event of the chief executive proving unfaithful to the bank or of his giving orders that would clearly result in loss of the bank's money or in the placing of it in extreme jeopardy, the chief inspector and superintendent of branches would be expected to go straight to the board on his finding it out. Especially since it turned out that the Czar-like rule of the late general manager of the failed Ontario Bank had such disastrous results have the bank boards shown a disposition to place checks and safeguards about the power of the general managers. In most of the large banks those safeguards existed before the Ontario Bank troubles came to light. The systems of branches had grown so extensively as to call for the employment in the head offices of several highly paid men of large capacity, men heavy enough to take a firm stand in opposition if the general manager showed a disposition to speculate as Mr. McGill speculated. The chief inspector, therefore, can be regarded as being in a measure responsible to the directors, though under the authority of the general manager. He will personally conduct the inspections of the principal branches, and supervise and direct the other inspectors in their work of examining the rest of the branches.

TOWARDS THE CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

For some time there has hung above the heads of the Dominion Iron and Steel directorate, in Damocles-sword fashion, many veiled threats. Hints have been given that not only would the Steel Company likely give way to the peace proposals, but that it would be forced to retreat from its vantage ground. That the shareholders might break away from the Steel directors as an expression of disapproval, was another suggestion. On Thursday the Steel shareholders unanimously re-elected their board if directors. This action says more than can any individual shareholder.

The acceptance by the Steel Company of the Coal Company's offer is urged upon the former concern by the banks, not as a fair offer which does justice to the Steel Company's rights, but, as Mr. Plummer has stated to the shareholders "as an offer which, in view of our liabilites and of the remote contingency that the Privy Council might not uphold our judgment, we should do well to accept."

It has been maintained here that the Steel Co. would not recede from its strong position. The company is deciding a dispute in the courts which a Canadian constitution has given for the decision of such controversies. Two courts have favored the Steel Company. In view of these facts, the Coal Company will surely have to make some tempting concessions to prevent litigation proceeding to the Privy Council. The Government may interfere; the banks may force an amicable settlement-these are two current suggestions. We fail to see how either is consistent with the course of Nothing but a more conciliatory attitude on the part of the Coal Company can withhold a Privy Council

DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Guelph, Ont.-\$125,000 5 per cent. waterworks deben-

tures to Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto.

Regina, Sask.—\$320,000 5 per cent. debentures to Wood,
Gundy & Company, Toronto.

Montreal West, Que.—\$30,000 4½ per cent. waterworks
debentures to O. E. Hurd, Montreal.

Shawinigan Falls, Que.-\$10,000 41/2 per cent. railroad

debentures to O. E. Hurd, Montreal.

Cartierville, Que.—\$11,000 6 per cent. sewer debentures to O. E. Hurd, Montreal.

Drummondville, Que.—\$5,000 5 per cent. bonus purposes debentures to O. E. Hurd, Montreal.

Notre Dame de Grace, Que.—\$275,000 roads, sewers, etc.,

debentures to Hanson Bros., Montreal.

Nissouri, Ont.—\$20,000 loan debentures St. Mary's and
Northern Railway. All tenders received were rejected as

prices were considered too low. Nanaimo, B.C.—\$75,000 6 per cent. waterworks debentures to W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Toronto.

Middlesex, Ont.—\$40,000 4½ per cent. roads debentures to Brouse, Mitchel & Company, Toronto.

W. A. Mackenzie & Company, Toronto.
Omemee, Ont.—S.D. 1251.—\$5,000 school debentures to National Trust Company, Toronto.

BANKING NOTES.

The appeal brought by defendant in the case Crown Bank of Canada v. London Guarantee and Accident Company from judgment of Maybee, J., in favor of plaintiff in an action to recover from defendants \$11,000 on a fidelity bond has been dismissed with costs.

The Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$11,000,000, to carry on the business of growers, importers, exporters, manufacturers, buyers and sellers of and dealers in tobacco and the products of tobacco in all forms. The hard affective to Manufacturers of tobacco in all forms. The head office is to be at Montreal.
The directors are S. D. Harris, C. G. Heward, E. G. T.
Penny, A. E. Woodworth, and A. Charters, all of Montreal.

A meeting of the directors of the Canadian Colored Cotton Company was held recently at the company's offices in

Montreal, when officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected. The old board was re-elected to the board and were elected. The old board was re-elected to the board and Messrs. A. O. Dawson and Arthur A. Morrice were elected additional directors. The board is now as follows: Mr. D. Morrice, president; Hon. Sir Geo. Drummond, vice-president; Hon. F. L. Beique, K.C., Mr. E. S. Clouston, Mr. Theophilus King, Mr. D. Morrice, Jr., Mr. Geo. Caverhill, Mr. A. O. Dawson, and Mr. Arthur A. Morrice, directors.

Messrs. Fryer & Company, mining brokers, Winnipeg, are selling stock in a new western company, the Great Northern Gold Mines Limited. The company has been incorporated under the laws of the Province of Manitoba. with a

porated under the laws of the Province of Manitoba, with a very broad charter, not only to mine, but to construct tramways, develop water power, install electric plants, and operate steamboats. The properties owned by the company are on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg, between Clement's Point and Rice River, about 75 miles from Selkirk and 45 miles from the present railway. It is the only known area of Huronian rock found on the lake shore. The claims are sixteen onian rock found on the lake shore. in number, most of them of the full size of 51% acres, in all

a total acreage of about seven hundred acres.

In the non-jury Assizes at Toronto last week the suit between the Royal Bank of Canada and John Maughan & Son was opened. The amount of the bank's claim is \$2,069.17. This sum, it is alleged, is due on various notes issued during November of last year. The notes are signed with a rubber stamp bearing the name of John Maughan and apparently are signed by his son Harry. In his statement of defence, John Maughan says that when the Royal Bank asked him for his account he dealt with the Imperial Bank. His on was not with him in business, he claims. He also adds: "Such moneys were paid out on cheques drawn in the names of J. Maughan & Son, and, apparently, signed by Harry Maughan, who had no authority whatever to draw Harry Maughan, who had no authority whatever to draw any funds to which this defendant was entitled from the Royal Bank of Canada or any other bank."

CUARDIAN ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the directors and the accounts of the Guardian Assurance Company, Limited, deal with big figures. The annual meeting was held in London, England,

last month, when a most satisfactory report was presented.

The Guardian undertakes fire, life, accident, burglary, and general assurance business. The life department shows big results. Under the head of new business, 927 policies were issued, the sums assured being \$2,632,475. Reassurances were effected with other offices during the year for \$226,475, thus reducing the company's risk under the new policies issued to \$2,406,000, which is considerably less than last year. The claims by death number 210. The stal number of policies in force on the 31st of December

less than last year. The claims by death number 210. The total number of policies in force on the 31st of December last was 13,117, assuring with bonuses \$42,879,525.

The expenses and commissions in the fire department were 34.03 per cent of the premiums, as compared with 34.72 per cent. in 1906. The fire premiums after deducting reassurance, amounted to \$2,693,250, as against \$2,630,557 in 1906. After providing for losses, expense, bad debts, and for the additional premium reserve (\$34,250) required by the increase in premiums during the year, there was a profit the increase in premium reserve (\$34,250) required by the increase in premiums during the year, there was a profit on the trading accounts of \$228,407. The reserve fund now amounts to \$143,546. The premiums received in the accident, burglary and general assurance department during the year amounted to \$533,405. The expenses of management and commission were \$243,670.

The directors recommended the declaration of the dividend of ten shillings free of income tax on each fine

The directors recommended the declaration of the dividend of ten shillings, free of income tax, on each £10 share of the subscription capital, being at the rate of 10 per cent. of the paid-up capital of £5 per share. Four shillings on each share having been paid as an interim dividend in January last, the balance of six shillings on each share will be paid on Wednesday next. The total balance of the company carried forward is \$228,715. This is a very creditable report.

able report.

The manager and the assistant manager for Canada are
Messrs. H. M. Lambert and Bertram E. Hards respectively,
under whose management the Guardian's Canadian business
under whose management the Guardian's Canada are
is making excellent headway. The trustees for Canada are is making excellent headway. The trustees for Canada are Messrs. W. M. Ramsay, R. Wilson Smith, J. O. Gravel, and Hon. Alph. Desjardines.

BRANTFORD DEBENTURES.

Many municipal treasurers might well emulate the example of Mr. Arthur K. Bunnell, the treasurer of the City of Brantford, Ont., which is offering a block of \$144,842 debentures. In a four-page pamphlet Mr. Bunnell gives the fullest particulars. An informative extract is printed the fullest particulars. An informative extract is printed from the auditor's report for the year ended December 31st, 1907. On another page the debentures are minutely classified in nine lots.

\$15,904; sewer extension, \$39,344; street paving, \$10,500;

local improvements, \$18,309; street paving, \$7,001; local improvements, \$12,019; sewer extension, \$2,500; and new bridges, \$5,000. The population of Brantford is 20,000; five years ago it was 17,143. The assessed value of taxable property, 1908, as \$11,076,300; the estimated real value of taxable property being \$13,725,000.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED AND PAYABLE.

More than \$6,000,000 in dividends and bond interests will be paid by Canadian concerns during July.

Company	Rate er cent. Term.	Date Payable
Company. Bank of New Brunswick. Traders Bank Dominion Bank Northerh Bank Royal Bank Molsons Bank Crown Bank	quarter quarter quarter quarter quarter half-year quarter quarter quarter quarter	July 2
Metropolitan Bank Provincial Bank Bank of Nova Scotia Toronto Railway Trust and Guarantee Can, Perm. Mortgage Coys. Landed Banking and Loan. London & Can. Loan & A. Co Kerr Lake Mining Canadian Salt	quarter quarter quarter quarter quarter half-year half-year half-year half-year quarter quarter	July 2 July 1
Nipissing Eastern Townships Bank	3 quarter 2 quarter	July 20 July 22

In addition to the payments already noted in these columns the following companies will pay dividends during

Con. Rubber preferred, Crow's Nest, Do. Quarterly: Con. Rubber preferred, Crow's Nest, Do. Textile, Halifax Ry., Illinois preferred, Laurentide preferred, Mackay common, Mackay preferred, Smart Bag, Stansfield preferred, National Trust, Penman common, Winnipeg Ry., Carter Crume, Guarantee of N. A., Ottawa Ry. Semi-Annual: Can. Paper preferred, Sun Life, Ontario Loan, Confed. Life, Toronto G. Trust, Great-West Life London Ry., Western Ass., Standard Trust, Toronto Mort., Canada Trust.

Some twenty-five concerns will pay semi-annual bond

interest.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing House for the week ending with June 27th, 1907, June 18th, and June 25th, 1908, with percentage, increase or decrease,

over 1907: June 27,'08. Montreal \$29,272,923 Toronto 22,427,652 Winnipeg 10,548,825 Halifax 1,528,956 Hamilton 1,714,206 St. John 1,251,890 Vancouver 3,666,399 Victoria 1,209,893 Ouebec 1,896,575 Ottawa 2,607,824 London 1,131,514 Edmonton 808,278 Calgary 1,280,149	June 18 '08 \$26,618,289 20,745,715 8,862,144 1,790,883 1,311,806 1,100,225 3,337,082 974,130 1,980,311 2,725,800 1,086,240 648,671 1,076,083	June 25,'08. Change. \$27,864,870 — 4.8 \$19,343,888 —13.7 8,398,637 —20.3 1,803,604 +17.9 1,455,694 —15.8 1,342,470 + 7.2 3,325,623 — 9.2, 1,924,104 —15.3 2,007,956 + 5.8 3,467,408 +32.9 983,254 —13.1 653,865 —19.1 1,164,690 — 9.01
Totals. \$79,345,084	\$71,987,379	\$72,836,063 - 8.2

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SETTLED BY THE JUDGE.

Notes of Disputes Which Have Found Their Way to the Courts.

In the Supreme Court at Ottawa judgment has been delivered in the case the Dominion Bank vs. the Union Bank of Canada. In January, 1905, the Manitoba Government issued its cheque for \$600 in favor of the Consolidated Stationery Company, in payment of a bill; it was appropriated by one of the company's clerks named Jones, who erased the name of the payee and amount with acid, raised the amount to \$1,000 and substituted as payee the fictitious name of William Johnson. He succeeded in having the amount of the cheque thus altered placed to his credit in the Dominion Bank at Winnight on Johnson and withdraw \$200 before the formation. peg on January 27th, and withdrew \$825 before the forgery was discovered on February 3rd following. In the meantime was discovered on February 3rd following. In the meantime the Union Bank, at which the cheque was payable, had accepted and paid the \$1,000 through the clearing house. On refusal by the Dominion Bank to refund the money the Union Bank brought the action. At the trial Chief Justice Dubuc found that neither bank was more at fault than the other, and dismissed the action, save as to the balance of \$175. The Court of Appeal for Manitoba reversed the decision of the trial judge, held that the Dominion Bank had by its endorsement guaranteed the body of the cheque as altered, and ordered judgment to be entered for the amount claimed. Then the Dominion Bank appealed from this decision. The appeal is now dismissed with costs. Idington, J., dessenting.

Bucket Shop Business Exposed.

"Without considering the evidence of the commission in this case, judging it solely on the evidence given by Cummings himself, I am satisfied that Cummings' business is

what is known as a bucket shop business, pure and simple,"
This is part of Mr. Justice Latchford's judgment in the suit of Messrs. M. J. Cummings & Company against Miss Rose A. Clarke, in which the plaintiff asked for \$600 from the defendant in connection with a transaction in one hundred shares of Louisville & Nashville stock against which the de shares of Louisville & Nashville stock, against which the defendant brought a counterclaim for \$1,500. His Lordship on Wednesday dismissed the plaintiffs' claim with costs and allowed Miss Clarke's counter-claim with costs.

The evidence of the special commission sent to investigate the case revealed the fact that several American companies in Cincinnati had established a so-called Board of Trade in Superior, Wisconsin, and had employed men on salaries sometimes of fifty or sixty dollars a month to frequent the place and to buy and sell certain stocks. The place was so operated that it paid running expenses. The market prices of certain lines of stock were apparently arranged to suit the syndicate, and these prices were communicated all over the

The judge remarks: "Reviewing the evidence of the commission, it reveals the peculiar means taken by Cummings and his associates to take advantage of many people like Miss Clarke and some of the witnesses who had a disposition to include in stock speculation. It is evident to me that the Superior Board of Trade was established to give color to the transaction in which these men have been engaged. The transactions in which these men have been engaged. The plaintiff knew that actual delivery of the stock was not contemplated and that Miss Clarke was not aware of this fact. Her instructions to the plaintiff on his own evidence were to buy 100 shares of the stock in question. I find that he did not buy. There was never any purchase intended to be made by him. The transaction, so far as he was concerned, was a mere gamble, to his knowledge but not to that of the defendant."

The appeal in the case Curran v. G.T.R., brought by defendants against the judgment of MacMahon J., upon the findings of the jury at the trial at Ottawa, in favor of the plaintiff, Hugh Valentine Curran, a boy of six years, whose leg was taken off by a train crossing Division Street in the city of Ottawa, owing to the negligence of defendants' servants, as alleged, and in favor of his father and co-plaintiff. has been dismissed at Toronto with costs. Two thousand dollars was awarded to the boy and \$300 to his father. The defendants contended that the crossing was approved by an order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, and that there should be judgment for defendants, or a new trial, on that ground, and on the ground that the damages were The court held that the provision of the rail way act which forbids the obstructing of the highway made the condition of the crossing unlawful, and the jury having found that the rail projected more than an inch above the highway, and that that was the cause of the injury, the plaintiffs had a cause of action, and there was no power in the Railway Committee to authorize a violation of the

QUEBEC BANK.

Quebec Bank's profits last year amounted \$281,057 as compared with \$300,011 in 1906.

decline was due to the prevalent conditions, resulting in diminished deposits and circulation. A stronger cash rediminished deposits and circulation. A stronger cash reserve than in normal times was necessary. The pension fund has received an additional \$5,000, while a special reserve of \$25,000 is made to cover fluctuations in the value of securities held. These are valued at \$1,058,543, which is an increase of \$37,831. Owing to the uncertain outlook of trade, all the balance of profits is transferred to the profit and loss account. The reserve fund remains at \$2,500,000, that is, equal to one half of the paid-up capital. A sum of \$146,000 is carried forward to the credit of profit and loss against the \$70,843 carried forward from May, 1906.

The bank has well withstood the monetary disturbances

The assets, as shown in the stateof the past nine months. ment for May 15th last, aggregate \$14,651,049, being a gain of \$102,400. The figures under the various heads show but of \$102,400. of \$102,400. The figures under the various heads show but little change from those of May, 1906. But there is a large increase in the value of real estate, other than bank premises, owned by the bank. In 1906, the amount was \$2,235, while last year it reached to \$47,323. The bank premises account is larger by some \$2,700. One new branch only was opened during the year—at Montmagny, Que. Interest bearing deposits show a slight decrease, those not bearing interest being somewhat larger. Mr. John T. Rose has been elected president in place of Mr. John Breakey, Mr. Vesey Boswell succeeding Mr. Rose as vice president.

BANKERS AND THE BANK RATE.

Is the present cheapness of money a source of profit or otherwise to banking business as compared with a high rate? That was the question put by the Financier, of London, Eng., to a bank manager, whose observations of the point are of in-

If, he said, there were a better demand for money for trade purposes, it would be easy for banks to make good profits. But one reason why money is so cheap just now is that the demand for it for any purpose is so small. That being so, it is no great advantage to us that the rate is so low. Trade all over the country is so slack that people do not want to take up money, no matter how low the interest, for the pur-poses of their business. Banks do more satisfactory business during a time of ordinary, normal trade conditions than at any other time. The prosperity of the country at large means the prosperity of the banks.

Asked as to whether cheap or dear money were the best profit-making on the part of the banks, this authority

said:

"I think 4 per cent. is an ideal rate, both for banks and commercial houses. There would in those circumstances be no difficulty in getting an adequate supply of money and a good, reasonable profit on lending it. At the present time the difficulty is to find firms or individuals of good standing who want money, even at a low rate. Business of all descriptions, but particularly in connection with manufactures, is very slack. As regards London and the Stock Exchange, although at present there is no pluck, as it were, among speculators, as distinct from investors, I believe there will be a change shortly. Just now there appears to be no confidence. Perhaps it is so long since speculation on the Stock Exchange by the public was practised in London that they have forgotten what the operations are like."

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the Cobalt ore shipments, in pounds, for the week ended June 20th:—Nipissing, 239,880; O'Brien, 128,120; La Rose, 104,670; Trethewey, 65,670; McKinley-Darragh, 60,000; total, 598,340 pounds or 290 tons. The total shipments since January 1st are now 17,035,092 pounds or 8,517 tons.

The total shipments for the year 1907 were 29,981,010 pounds, or 14,040 tons. In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at \$136,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at \$1,473,196; in 1906, 5,129 tons, valued at \$3,900,000. The estimated value of the ore shipments for 1907 is between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000.

Those who know thoroughly the progress of the cement industry in Canada are probably readers of the Canadian Cement and Concrete Review, which is the only paper in the Dominion dealing solely with that subject. The June issue is one of the most interesting published. An article which we imagine will appeal to practical men is "Cost Data for Reinforced Concrete Bridges." There is also lucid advice on waterproof concrete, and an illustrated description of bridge building with concrete piers. Twelve numbers of this journal building with concrete piers. mounted to for an annual subscription of one dollar must surely be a This slight cheap fund of information to the interested man.

CHARITY-AIDED EMICRATION.

Interesting Comment By An Authority on the Subject Hints for the Motherland.

Some criticism has appeared in these columns during recentments concerning the immigration policy of the Canadian Government. It has been urged that the restrictions upon charity-aided emigration from England were not sufficiently severe. As is well known the Government's policy is now much more drastic. This is a wise step; the good results will be noted in the days to come. In a letter written to a friend on this subject, Mr. J. Bruce Walker, now Commissioner of Immigration at Winnipeg, and recently Assistant Superintendent of Emigration at London, England, says:—

land, says:—
"During the two years I was in England I tried to the best of my ability to make a careful study of the social conditions among the working classes, with particular reference to emigration to Canada. I have, of course, reached certain conclusions which may or may not be sound, but one of them is that the proposition to emigrate city-bred, charitably-aided, indiscriminate persons to Canada is inherently unsound.

Some Angry Howlers.

"Although moral reform and charitable organizations have angrily howled at me for the strictures I have placed upon the work, I have never for a moment accused them of either insincerity or any intention to inflict upon Canada undesirable people, indeed I have not questioned their motives in any way; but, because of the conditions in Canada to which they go, and because of the conditions in England from which they come, it is impossible that any reasonable

number of them could ever succeed.

"There is an old Scotch proverb which says, You cannot make a silk purse from a sow's ear, and you cannot, to any extent at least, make successful Canadian farmers from town and tenement bred unemployed laborers. I know of course, and so do you, that those societies could point to isolated instances of success. The men in these instances have risen triumphantly above their environment and have become successful not because of, but in spite of their environment, but, unfortunately, only a small proportion of us are better than the conditions in which we live.

Results Justified Action.

"I approached the consideration of this question in England with great caution, and only after I had taken time to study the conditions, and it has been a source of satisfaction to me to learn that the Canadian press, where it has considered my report, has uniformly approved of the action I felt bound to take. The results of the regulations following upon my report have amply justified the action taken. We are to-day having a larger proportion of really desirable English settlers come to Canada, and at the same time we have hardly any of the whining, idle, charity-fed and undesirable element coming in.

"While the conditions of trade that demanded any kind of labor obtained, many of these undesirables could pass muster during the labor famine, but when this famine ceased and labor became too plentiful, of course the discriminating employer immediately rejected the unsuitable and the unfit.

Scope for Social Reformers' Efforts.

"The fact of the matter is that unless the English people and the English Government get down to one or two hard ground facts they are going to be troubled and burdened by the unemployed problem, as well as the unemployable problem. Excessive drunkenness, excessive sportiveness, superficial moral and educational training, and the adhesion to played-out political economic principles will continue to keep a large body of the English people living from hand to

"The social reformer has great scope for his efforts, but he can do nothing because the great body of the people have not yet got down to the basic fact that the English people are becoming gradually degenerate because of social and economic conditions of which they are the victims, and which will eventually sap the national vitality to such an extent as ultimately to reduce proud and Imperial England to about the same condition as Spain."

Mr. W. A. Heward has been appointed the new fire chief of Owen Sound, Ont.

Mr. W. D. Reid has been elected president of the Reid Newfoundland Company.

Mr. Charles Murphy has been appointed general superintendent of the Eastern Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, succeeding Mr. H. P. Timmerman, who has been assigned other duties. Mr. Murphy was formerly superintendent of the Ontario division with headquarters at London, Ont.

I.O.F. IN SESSION.

Increased Rates Decided Upon—Reduction of Officials'

Last week's session of the Independent Order of Foresters, in Toronto, was a busy one. Some good results are announced as the result of it. For instance, the expensive Orphans' Home on Foresters' Island, which was closed last October, will be abandoned, and the building sold. A new home on a less elaborate scale will be built near Toronto, and in the meantime the children will be cared for in other places.

The connection between the Order and the Union Trust Company is to be retained, but some changes in their relation will be made. For example, it is intended to reduce the capital stock of the Trust Company from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000. The \$1,000,000 to be returned to the Foresters in securities. The Foresters' stock is to be reduced by three-fifths, from \$1,000,000 to \$400,000. This to bear the regular dividend. The interest payable by the Trust Company on loans received from the Foresters to be increased from 4 to 5 per cent. for western lands, in other cases to remain at 4 per cent., with the proviso that the Executive is at liberty to refuse to make any loan that it so desires.

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New rates of assessment, decided upon at this meeting of the Order are to go into force on October 1st; and special officers will visit subordinate courts to explain the increase and reconcile members to them. These rates mean an average increase of \$8 a year per member, and the total addition to the Mortuary Fund as the result of them is estimated at \$900,000 per year. An economic step is the reduction of salaries to supreme officers; the \$15,000 a year and the supreme treasurer \$4,000 a year instead of \$7,000. A sensible thing was done in the retention of Mr. Elliot G. Stevenson as the head of the Order. He is generally spoken of as a man of sense and ability, and he has already done good work tending to the improvement of the Order. He doubtless sees what the less informed and more prejudicial members of the body do not permit themselves to see, that the teaching of experience points to increased assessments as the only means of securing to the benficiaries of members of this and others assessment life assurance concerns payment at death of the sums they have been led to expect. Hence, he is working towards a lessening of outgo and an increase of income.

A temporary injunction was granted at Rochester, N.Y., on Wednesday restraining the Supreme Court of the Order from increasing its insurance rates pending the action brought on that point by Henry J. Simolink of that city.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE ACCIDENT ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

Mr. Arthur Worley, Accident Secretary of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, of London, Eng., is at present in Toronto for the purpose of organizing the London and Lancashire Accident Assurance Company of Canada and appointing an underwriter for the Canadian business. The company have applied for a charter, which they are now awaiting. They will then actively enter the field for business.

LIFE, ACCIDENT, AND CASUALTY NOTES.

The Prudential Life of Winnipeg has done a satisfactory business since it commenced operations. The amount of business written in the first eight months up to May 30th, 1908, was \$1,221,000.

Mrs. Marie L. T. Carisse has taken action against the Independent Order of Foresters gor \$1,000, insurance on her husband, Uldega Carisse, of Ottawa, who died April 25. The Order of Foresters refused to pay the amount of the policy on the ground that his death was hastened through drinking. Mr. Auguste Lemieux is acting for Mrs. Carisse.

An important insurance amalgamation is impending across the Atlantic. This is between the Norwich and London Accident Insurance Association and the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, which was established in 1797. The two companies have been so closely associated since the formation of the former in 1856 that it may really be termed a fusion of family interests. A meeting of the shareholders will be called shortly to consider the provisional agreement entered into.

Mr. R. P. Scurman, accountant and teller in the Imperial Bank at North Battleford, Sask., has been transferred to Portage la Prairie, Man. He is succeeded by Mr. K. Anderson, of Winnipeg.

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The Pas is Saskatchewan's latest town.

Radison, Sask., will shortly be incorporated. Other important municipal news appears in our Banking Section.

An act incorporating Watson, Sask., as a town has passed the Legislature.

Arcola, Sask., has passed a by-law to raise \$6,000 to pay

for the waterworks system.

London, Ont., water extension scheme has been turned down. It provides for an expenditure of \$560,000.

According to figures submitted to the license commissioners, the population of Edmonton, Alta., is now between

23,000 and 24,000 persons.

Saskatoon, Sask., issue of £100,000 5 per cent. debentures made last year at 101 by the Bank of Montreal has been covered by subscription.

The village of Port Perry is asked to guarantee \$40,000 bonds of a proposed branch at that place of the Weber Gas

bonds of a proposed branch at that place of the weber Gas Engine Company, of Kansas City, Mo. A by-law will be submitted to the villagers.

The question as to whether Guelph, Ont., is to give \$10,000 cash towards the erection of an addition to the Provincial Winter Fair building, as well as the Market Square site, will be decided in July, when a by-law will be brought forward.

As the result of a long discussion by the Guelph municipal council, it was made clear that in the future tenders should be advertised for all debentures which the city has to sell and that the hour for receiving them should be rigidly adhered to and all tenders received afterwards returned unopened.

The City Council of West Toronto have decided to extend the fire limits so as to place the parts of Ward Five not already limited into class B, the only exception being the annex west of Elizabeth Street. Class B calls for brick ven-

eered buildings. The object of the new by-law is to stop the shack building craze which is disfiguring some part of West Toronto's landscape.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., council have decided to direct Messrs. McFadden & McFadden to take legal proceedings to recover the shortage in the accounts of A. W.Penhorwood, late treasurer of the town. The town solicitors wrote asking for instructions, and intimating that the guarantee companies might not pay up without a fight. The shortage is something in excess of the \$12,000 which the companies will be called on to pay, according to their guarantee.

Extracts from the latest statistical returns give inter-

esting evidence of the growth of Montreal since 1880, in which year the city's finances were placed on a permanent stable basis. The revenue from real estate assessment last stable basis. year was \$1,979,426, as compared with \$582,100 in 1880, being an increase of \$1,397,326. The revenue in water taxes was \$885,686 against \$327,014, and in business and personal taxes \$364,117, against \$146,148 in 1880. The largest increase is shown in the licensing department, where the revenue now amounts to nearly two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as compared with \$43,635 twenty-eight years ago. The total net revenue during the past year was \$4,880,276, as compared with \$1,495,660 in 1880.

The eighth annual convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities will be held in Montreal from July 15th to 17th inclusive, in the City Hall. Instead of, as formerly, having a large number of papers on municipal matters, the most important questions of municipal interest will be selected in the hope of being able to thresh them out as thoroughly as possible. With the opening of the convention on July 11th, an address of welcome will be read on behalf of the city of Montreal. Then will follow the presidential address, the report of the hope correctory treasurer, the financial report of the assistant the hon. secretary-treasurer, the financial report of the assistant secretary, the reports of the unions of Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick municipalities as well as the report of the official organ.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING DEBENTURES AWARDED.

The following is additional information regarding debenture awards already reported in these columns. Against

	Issue.	Purpose.	Bids Received.
Municipality.		Electric light and sewer	*Wood, Gundy & Co\$ 16,405 00
Napanee, Ont	Φ17,250	Elective light and some	W. C. Brent 16,221 00
			W. A. Mackenzie & Co 16,138 00
	•		Emilius Jarvis & Co 16,051 00
			Dominion Securities 15,870 00
Lethbridge, Alta.	63,000	Hospital, gas, waterworks and local	*Wood, Gundy & Co 56,875 00
	3	improvements	*Wood, Gundy & Co
	n ne oz	. *	
			W. A. Mackenzie & Co 55,311 00
Caladah Ont	7,000	Waterworks	*W. A. Mackenzie & Co 6,914 00
Goderich, Ont	7,000	Waterworks	Dominion Securities 6,825 00
			Æmilius Jarvis & Co 6,861 00
			Wood, Gundy & Co 6,816 00
			W. C. Brent 6,779 00
			All with accrued interest.
Midland Ont	. 13.850	Sewer and bank overdraft	W. A. Mackenzie & Co 13,154 00
illulalia, Olici	3, 3		Dominion Securities 13,529 00
			Æmilius Jarvis & Co 13,534 00
			Wood, Gundy & Co 13,650 00
			W. C. Brent 13,703 00
			*W. A. Stimson & Co 13,876 00
<i>z</i>		Extension of waterworks	W. A. Mackenzie & Co 128,886 00
Guelph, Ont	. 125,000	Extension of waterworks	Dominion Securities 131,950 00
			W. C. Brent 129,129 00
	2.00		Royal Securities 128,225 00
			Brouse, Mitchell & Co 131,901 20
			Emilius Jarvis & Company
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	.1		*Wood, Gundy & Co 132,703 00
			Ontario Securities
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Lindsay, Ont	18,000	Local improvements	Sold locally in small amounts at a price
3	~		to realize purchasers 5 per cent.
Yorkton, Sask	60,000	Waterworks and sewage	*Nay & James, Reginapar @ 61/2 %
· , , , , , , ,	17.50		Wood, Gundy, Toronto85 @ 5%
7	A 1		G. A. Stimson & Co85 @ 5%

SECURITIES ACTIVE

BANK STOCKS.

Effect of Recent Failures-Prices in the Sixties and at the Present Time.

Bank stocks have not figured very prominently on our stock exchanges of late months. This is due probably to the general business stagnation and also to the failure of three banks, the Ontario, Sovereign, and St. Jean. Now comes the news of the suspension of the St. Hyacinthe. Naturally these

events will not tend to inspire the public confidence in bank stocks. This class of security has maintained fair prices for many years. The price per share has increased since the sixties to a substantial figure. It is seldom that a bank failure, in Canada at least, upsets the market for these stocks. This applies more to price fluctuations than to the number of transactions. The public are inclined to ignore bank stocks when there is trouble in the financial world. Their thoughts are best reflected in the lean appearance of the transaction sheets. The years 1901, 1902 and 1905 appear to be the ones accounting for most sales during recent times. The following figures give some idea of this: events will not tend to inspire the public confidence in bank ing figures give some idea of this:

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Bank.	1	Toronto).					M	ontreal.			
	1900	1901	1902	1903	1906	1907	1900	1901	1902	1903	1906	1907
B. N. A		5					129	42	-1 18	50	168	91
Commerce	6,103	14,62	20,017	11,572	9,282	5,394	1,484	1,530	917	3,489	3,336	1,804
Dominion	7,245	20,396	23,210	14,140	11,594	9,614			HHYY	1		
Eastern Tps							182	90	210	242	542	554
Hamilton	398	4,570 -	4,428	2,164	3,161	954			1 6 11			1 257
Hochelaga							550	1,986	1,823	1,448	3,392	1,257
Imperial	1,935	3,142	4,070	2,734	10,357	4,105					3,600	2,394
Merchants	148	214	195	107	208	261	2,001	1,911	2,747	1,995	1,110	1,362
Molsons					7 0	25	4,748	4,105	2,504	2,165	2,583	3,546
Montreal	71	159	33	67	25	57	1,249	1,347	1,775	2,374	11	40
				¥	15000	• • • • • •	64		22	30 142	607	750
Nova Scotia	118	160	263	203	210	,194	210		21	74	20	25
Ottawa	20	348	1,286	930	395	92	73	220	35 456	451	375	471
Ouebec							458	595	430	179	1,140	900
Royal)				- 9		100				
Standard	1,297	720	578		4,047	1,822	196	970	585	641	869	590
Toronto		2,406	2,287	1,291	887	520			303			
Traders	316	1,436	895	941	2,582	2,106	260	135	254	549	699	590
Union			,,,,,,				200	.33				

and St. Hyacinthe affairs are warnings. But the disappearance of small private banks is a good thing. The strong banks will become stronger, their business larger. Men of finance and affairs are at the head of these institutions. Frequently this is not the case with local banks operating in small districts and managed by a select coterie, who sometimes possess little knowledge of banking.

The following the latest the first quarter of 1908 are as follow:

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Commerce 1908 are as follow:

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Commerce 1909/2 169/2 1

Dominion 283 262/2 2

Eastern Townships 162/2 1

The following table traces the figures for seven separate years of nine of our banks. The prices given are the average quotations on the Toronto and Montreal Exchange in the month of June for the years named:

		4000	1870	1871	1905	1906	1907
Bank. June, 1	868	1869			252	255	247
Montreal	120	159	192	270			100
	104	106	107	115	138	142	153
	114	121	150	187	229	243	218
TOTOLICO		103	117	146	165	177	171
Commerce	103			118	131	143	131
Quebec	98	100	103		7		
	101	107	109	122	* * * * *	154	
Omon	106	100	118	145	166	170	160
more chances			1	127	228	226	204
Molsons	108	109	104		248	274	220
Dominion			• • • •	110	240	2/4	229

Considering the comparatively slack times through which the country is passing, the profits of the banks are satisfactory. With the splendid crop prospects and the general trend of business conditions, the outlook for the banking business is good. With these thoughts in mind one might almost predict a strengthening in the near future in the prices of bank stocks stocks.

> Monetary Times Office, Montreal, June 26th.

he Montreal Stock Exchange has drifted into a calm belt and no one would venture to predict how long it will be before it is fanned out into a good strong breeze again. Among the interesting problems of the week were the effect upon R. & O. stock of the Three Rivers fire and the breaking of the Cornwall Canal. The former was generally considered to be bullish inasmuch as the wholesale destruction sidered to be bullish, inasmuch as the wholesale destruction would call for the renewal and transportation of supplies. The latter was an adverse factor, inasmuch as it interfered with the movement of the company's vessels and dealt a hard blow particularly at the freight business. However, forces were apparently evenly balanced as the stock showed practically no change. Neither Dominion Steel nor Dominion social stocks appear to be greatly affected by the minion coal stocks appear to be greatly affected by the

The highest and lowest prices for the 1906, 1907, and the First Quarter

Bank.		19	06.	190	07.	1908.		
	Darin.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	
	B. N. A	1461/8	141	155	1481/4			
	Commerce	1901/2	169 1/2	180	153	162	160	
	Dominion	0	262 1/2	267	21534	228	216	ŀ
	Eastern Townships		161 1/2	162 1/2	150	152	148	l
	Hamilton	231	210	217	180	187 1/2	190	ĺ
	Hochelaga	163	144	15934	134	137	134.	į
	Imperial		225	230	195	218	200	
See also	Merchants	176	1601/2	170	150	158	15378	
3	Metropolitan	203 1/2	103	192%	102			
	Molsons		204 1/2	2151/2	183	200	195	
	Montreal	261	25214	257	22434	243	22976	ł
	Nationale			120	120			
	New Brunswick			272	270			l
	Nova Scotia	295	273	203	274	283	27434	
			222	22634	212			Ī
	Ottawa	145	1391/2	145	110	123	120	1
	Quebec	247 1/2	222	242	218	2241/4	21814	ŀ
	Royal		24	2301/4	210	218	213	1
	Standard		222	23514	200	2081/2	205	200
	Toronto	251	13836	140	123	126	122	
	Traders	155	143 14	152	125	127	1211/2	
l	Union	158	143/4					

The brokers of Montreal and Toronto have decided as usual to suspend Saturday morning's sessions. Business does not warrant the doors being open during the summer months. The weather, especially this summer, makes it necessary for them to be closed—with the Stock Exchange members on the outside.

position taken by the steel shareholders at the annual meet-ing yesterday. The failure of the Bank St. Hyacinthe having been expected for some time, caused no excitement.

The turning down of the additional fire protection by law last Friday, writes the Prince Albert. Sask., Times, was a rather short-sighted policy on the part of the citizens. It was proposed to increase the efficiency of the present fire department and this would have meant a reduction in insurance rates. The amount saved in assurance would more than have paid in 1 year the cost of the fire protection. One reason may be that Prince Albert citizens are rather inclined to look be that Prince Albert citizens are rather inclined to look askance at any suggestion of reducing insurance. It was promised that the insurance would be reduced when the water-works were instaled, but instead the rate has been incraesed,

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CROP OUTLOOK IN THE WEST.

Western Wheat-No Damage from Frost-Boards of Trade Convention—Real Estate News.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, June 22nd.

There has been considerable rainfall during the past week and the weather has been cool. A week ago frost was experienced at a number of points on the C.P.R. and C.N.R., but no damage has so far been reported. Rain has fallen in the vicinity of Winnipeg, but it has not been general. In some places copious showers would certainly be welcome, but some places copious showers would certainly be welcome, but taken on the whole there is plenty of moisture now in the ground to last for a mouth. The wheat crop is making splendid progress and is maintaining a rapid growth. The prediction of a few weeks ago still holds good, that the West will this year garner 115,000,000 bushels. Market gardeners in and near Winnipeg state that not for many years have prospects been brighter. The earliness of the season enabled them to get the seed in in splendid shape, while the welcome rains brought the growth on wonderfully. The black loam of the gardens is now consequently being rapidly hidden by luxuriant green. Market gardening and poultry raising are two of our neglected industries. Thousands of tons of poultry and vegetables have to be imported annually from Eastern Canada and from south of the line, all of which could be raised to good advantage on native soil. To some extent this state of affairs is due to the fact that real estate for a radius of miles around the large towns and cities of the West is cut up into building lots and held vacant at prices almost prohibitive to the man with small capital. Many who are anxious to go in for this most profitable industry are thus pre-

rented from doing so.

From a crop bulletin issued by the Provincial Government, the total increase of land under cultivation in Manitoba is placed at 143,813 acres, bringing the total cultivated area of the province up to 4,978,630 acres. Of this total, 2¾ million acres are under wheat, 1¾ million under oats, and 658,000 under barley. Dairying interests report that matters are extremely favorable, the industry having had a good start, with plenty of grass, and is a month ahead of the average Spring.

Trend of the Wheat Markets.

It was expected after the recent heavy decline that a better tone would develop in the markets. This has to some extent proved the case, as prices advanced from \$1.0136 on the 10th for cash wheat to \$1.06 on the 17th. This was followed by a fall on Thursday to 104%, and on Friday there was an unaccountable break of no less than 3 cents in cash wheat, due chiefly to heavy liquidation. Saturday followed suit, with

prices down to \$1.00%.

The Winnipeg October option maintained a fairly strong position throughout the week. Trading on the whole has been active. Export inquiry, both in the contract and low grades, was stimulated by the late fall in prices and owing to low lake and ocean freights. Domestic demand has been slow, as the flour trade continues sluggish, and millers are reported to have fair stocks on hand. The local car receipts continue to come larger than expected, a somewhat puzzling feature to traders, who are in doubt how long this condition of things will last. Earlier in the week some alarm was felt over frost possibilities, but no damage appears to have resulted from the recent visitation.

The general opinion is that the recent breaks in prices

are not warranted by conditions, and that prices could not have gone so low but for successful bear manipulation. To illustrate this, it may be pointed out that the world's shipments for the past nine weeks show that these are decidedly under the requirements of importing countries. for this year, 67 million bushels, against 105 million for the same period last year, or 38 million of a decrease. The total American Visible is now only 181/2 million against 48 million for same week last year. Stocks of all grades in store at

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Fort William and Port Arthur are about six million bushels less than at this date last year. Add to this the large decrease in stocks at points where ample supplies are constantly needed, as, for instance, at Minneapolis, which at the beginning of this week had a total of only 2,900,000 in store against 5½ million last year. Duluth is in a similar position.

In view of this and the fact that the crop news from certain the crop news from certains of Function and America has become increasingly.

tain sections of Europe and America has become increasingly bullish, with fast decreasing stocks everywhere, a sensational advance in prices is possible. The oat market was much firmer at the latter end of the week, rejected June and July gaining from 1c. to 1½c., and, as present prices are not high, there appears to be little danger of much decline until new oats are ready

Winnipeg Sinking Fund.

The City Council met in special session last week to consider the by-law appointing Lord Strathcona and Mr. F. W. Taylor, of the Bank of Montreal, London, to act as trustees for the management of a portion of the sinking fund of the city, amounting to \$1,000,000. After some strenuous opposition the by-law was carried by eleven votes to three. The by-law authorises the Bank of Montreal to pay to the city's sinking fund in London the sum of £200,000, the amount to be secured from the proceeds of the sale of the city's securities to brokers in London. The trustees, who are to act in conjunction with a special committee of the council, are to invest the money in a part of that portion of the city's stock which the brokers have not succeeded in selling to the public; in other words, to buy anywhere up to \$1,000,000 of the city's

It was claimed by the supporters of the by-law that the advantage of purchasing stock with the sinking fund money would be to strengthen the city's credit on the London market. It was explained that the stock issue covered works for which the city had already borrowed money from the sink-ing funds, and that when the stock was sold there was over \$1,000,000 released to be put back into the sinking fund. It is thought that the city can purchase now without much expense, as the stock is being offered at 95 1/4 by the brokers.

Western Canada Boards of Traue.

The Associated Boards of Trade of Western Canada held their annual convention at Medicine Hat at the end of last week. President Peter McAra, of Regina, occupied the chair at the opening session, and fifty-nine delegates were in attendance. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, K. W. Mackenzie, Edmonton; First Vice-President, William Cousins, Medicine Hat; Second Vice-President, E. M. Saunders, Moose Jaw; and Secretary-Treasurer, John T. Saunders, Moose Jaw; Hall. of Medicine Hat. Hall. of Medicine Hat. A number of interesting subjects came up for discussion, the principal of which were noted in last week's issue. With regard to the resolution for the amendment of the present exemption ordinance and insolvency law, it was pointed out that wholesalers found it difficult to keep track of the small traders, some of whom took up land and stocked their farms at the expense of their business, and could pay nothing on their liabilities. The various resolutions passed will be brought to the attention of the Govern-

Edmonton's Public Utilities.

Edmonton is another of our Western cities that is making success of conducting its public utilities. The population of the city is estimated at 20,000, and there is a very moderate tax rate of 13½ mills. Building permits for 1907 amounted (Continued on Page 2178.)

PACIFIC SECTION

NOTES FROM THE PACIFIC.

Vancouver as an Investment Field-Development of the Iron Industry-Fruit-growing in the Kootenay.

> Monetary Times Office Vancouver, B.C., June 20th, 1908.

Mr. W. A. MacKay, of London, Eng., sub manager of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company, and Mr. B. Hal. Brown, of Montreal, general manager of the Canadian Department, are in the city looking over the investment field. They state that the object of their trip is to place a portion of the revenue of the company in first mortplace a portion of the revenue of the company in first mort-gages or in productive real estate. Heretofore, the com-pany's investments in that direction have been restricted to Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, but with Vancouver show-ing such growth, and with such possibilities behind her, a good field is opening here. Confidence in the future will be shown in a substantial way. Mr. Brown points out that good field is opening here. Confidence in the future will be shown in a substantial way. Mr. Brown points out that already about a million dollars of the funds are invested West of Lake Superior in the purchase of municipal debentures and provincial bonds of British Columbia. Mr. MacKay complains of the way in which the province treats insurance companies and their policyholders by imposing a heavy tax. He says that no objection would be made if the tax were not levied on the gross income, which is approxitax were not levied on the gross income, which is approximate to taxing the company's reserves.

Mr. Herbert Carmichael, provincial assayer, has returned to Victoria from a trip to England, and his comment on the money market in London is interesting from the point of view of a Western man. He said that since his last visit ten years ago he found that Canada had become more largely known, and that there was a very considerable change in the feeling toward this country. The financial people were now more favorably impressed with and disposed to consider Canadian enterprise. "Financiers on the other side say with reference to money for Canadian investments, that if you have properties of morit and the man back of the properties of reference to money for Canadian investments, that if you have properties of merit and the men back of the propositions are all right, the money will be forthcoming for development, but they will not give one dollar to buy any one out. Great caution is being exercised. If you are personally acquainted, and can show good bona fides, then money can be obtained cheaply. I was assured that public company flotations are of the heard, but home industrials showing good dividends of the board, but home industrials showing good dividends have been turned into limited liability companies. Even then, a man and his proposition must be vouched for and money matters are going back to the old order of things.

A cheerful note is brought from the West by Mr. R. Beard, who is at present on the Coast. He has a home in Vancouver and a large horse ranch near Moosejaw, and has just returned from a trip there. He states that the wheat acreage is fully one-fourth larger than last year, and that grain was never looking better. As a result, the money

acreage is fully one-fourth larger than last year, and that grain was never looking better. As a result, the money market is loosening up, and many people will be coming to the Coast in the fall. Prominent among the settlers are American farmers with means, men who not only have something to start with, but have had an experience in agriculture. Land in the North-West is steadily going up in price, improved farms being now quoted at \$15 and \$20 an acre.

The Western Finance Company, which has offices in Vancouver and Victoria, is about to start in Prince Rupert, to make a bid for the business that is opening up in that northern centre. The officers of the new company are: G. H. Robertson, president; F. A. Robertson, vice-president; A. E. Robertson, secretary-treasurer, all recently from Mani-A. E. Robertson in Vancouver is in charge of A. Riches, toba. The branch in Vancouver is in charge of A. Riches, also recently from Manitoba, and R. J. Taggart, who has also recently from Manitoba, and R. J. Taggart, who has heen in the real estate business here for three years. Mr. Riches states that before he left for Vancouver he heard that a number of people were preparing to close out their businesses in Manitoba and were coming to the Coast to take up their permanent residence.

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nesses in Manitoba and were coming to the Coast to take up their permanent residence.

After considerable preliminary talk, Mr. J. T. Shadforth, the English ironmaster, who is organizing the Northern Iron and Steel Corporation, states that having secured promises of financial assistance when in California he will announce shortly the location of the townsite and plant. The manufacture of iron is certainly attracting more and more attention on this coast. The Moran Company, of Seattle, which has the backing of Eastern financiers, is preparing to instal a plant for the manufacture of structural iron, and as iron foundries in Washington have drawn supplies from British Columbia, it is not improbable that more ore will be secured Columbia, it is not improbable that more ore will be secured



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On Vancouver Island particularly are in this province. On Vancouver Island particularly are immense deposits of iron, and as development progresses it is confidently hoped that a large iron manufacturing industry will be started. Mr. Shadforth states that he has alreadly signed preliminary contracts for steel rails, the making of which will keep him busy for four years. The registered capital of the new company will be \$5,000,000, and the initial plant will cost half that sum. plant will cost half that sum.

Following Revelstoke, has come Kamloops and Golden claiming to have the best route to reach the G.T.P. construction camps west of Tete Jaune Cache. The fact of there being three cities in a stretch of 200 miles or so advocating separate routes into the northern country, shows what is possible in the development of the interior. Each must run up a valley, as the mountain ranges extend away to the north, and in each valley are to be found resources, which with transportation facilities available, will amply repay development. When the G.T.P. has been constructed across the province, it will not be too much to expect to see connections perhaps along each of these three routes between the two transcontinental lines which will reach through British Columbia to the Pacific coast. British Columbia to the Pacific coast.

Mr. Roy C. Brock, secretary of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association, gives some figures which will be of interest to those who may be contemplating the purchase of land in this province for fruit growing purposes. He states that over the bearing period of ten years, one of the best mixed orchards in the Kootenay that has come under his notice yielded an average of State per acre giving an average

that over the bearing period of ten years, one of the best mixed orchards in the Kootenay that has come under his notice yielded an average of \$550 per acre, giving an average net income to the grower of about \$265 per acre. This, in his opinion, is a very conservative estimate of the product of an ordinary fruit ranch, and these figures may safely be used as the basis for the calculation of the value of fruit lands in the Kootenay district. Since \$265 net profit represents ten per cent. on \$2,650 per acre, he thinks that it cannot be said that the prices as advertised are exorbitant. Mr. Brock, moreover, is careful to add that all intending purchasers of land should personally visit, investigate and ascertain all the facts before buying.

Incidentally, this caution will apply to purchases to be made anywhere in the West on land, especially in a country where hills and forests are a feature. Mr. Brock figures out the approximate value of an acre of land in this way: Land, \$100; clearing, \$100; cost to get land into bearing, \$350; total, \$550. At first this looks like a lot of money to pay for total, \$550. At first this looks like a lot of money to pay for land, but it must be remembered that this same land, if adapted for fruit growing, will repay this amount in two years after coming into bearing, say six years after planting. Further, the figures quoted do not take into consideration the annual crops of small fruits and vegetables that can be cultivated during the time the trees are growing. In the Okanagan, for instance, many are paying expenses by growcultivated during the time the trees are growing. In the Okanagan, for instance, many are paying expenses by growing tomatoes and such like, and with such adjuncts as fowls,

a small family should have no difficulty of making a comfortable living in the interregnum.

Although the coal business is dull at this time of the year, that no apprehension is feared of the future is indicated by the extensive improvements being made by the Western Fuel that no apprehension is feared of the future is indicated by the extensive improvements being made by the Western Fuel Company at Nanaimo. This company has a pretty complete plant as it is, but two large ventilating fans are being added, to cost \$12,000 and \$25,000 respectively. A \$12,000 locomotive is also being purchased from the Baldwin Locomotive Works Works.

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DOMINION IRON AND STEEL CO.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The annual general meeting of the shareholders was held in the Windsor Hotel on Thursday, 25th June of re-building in excess of the insurance recovered, and a slight increase in the cost of ore due to the intersor Hotel on Thursday, 25th June instant. The meeting was called for noon, and at that hour there were noon, and at that hour there were present: Mr. J. H. Plummer, President; Senator Forget, Vice-president; Mr. C. S. Cameron, Comptroller of the Company, who acted as secretary of the meeting; Mr. F. P. Jones, General Manager of the Company; the following Directors: Sir William C. Van Horne, Sir Montagu Allan, Senator MacKay, Senator Mc. Allan, Senator MacKay, Senator Mc-Keen, Mr. William McMaster, Mr. W. G. Ross, and Mr. George Caver-W. G. Ross, and Mr. George Caverhill. There were also present:
Messrs. T. McAnulty, Hartland Macdougall, George Smithers, F. McLennan, K.C., W. F. Tye, Mark
Workman, James O'Connor, P.
Beullac, R. Hutchins, E. Hare, A. J.
Brown, K.C., Percy Gowans, A. G.
Ross, R. Menzie, J. Kinghorn, J. J.
Pangman, C. S. Garland, Robert
Lindsay, C. E. Gault, M.L.A., Colin
McCuaig, R. C. Gillett, A. Haig
Sims, W. Snowdon, and others.

After the usual formal motion the President, Mr. J. H. Plummer, took the chair and called for the appointment of scrutineers.

On motion of Mr. W. G. Ross, seconded by Mr. William McMaster, Messrs. J. J. Pangman and Percy Gowans were appointed scrutineers.

The Chairman called upon the Secretary to read the report, but as it had been in the hands of the shareholders for some time it was decided to take it as read. The report is as follows :-

BUSINESS.

The effects of the dullness of trade which set in last autumn have naturally been felt in our sales, both in respect to volume and to price, but in neither to any serious degree. If, as there is every reason to expect, trade revives in the coming autumn, your Company will have passed through this time of depression with a singular absence of ill-effect. There is already a perceptible increase in the demand for our products, which indicates reviving confidence, but until a return of pros-perity is fully assured, your directors think it best to pursue a conservative policy.

PROPERTY-PLANT.

While no large expenditures have had to be made on the property of the Company during the year, the policy has been steadily pursued of strengthening and bringing up to date any portions of the plant which have had to be renewed or repaired, and the Company's entire works have been maintained in a sound and effective condition. Their satisfaceffective condition. Their satisfactory operation is the best proof that nothing has been lacking in this

A serious fire occurred at Wabana in July, 1907, in which the ore pier and its loading machinery were almost wholly destroyed. A new pier was erected and brought into operation within twenty-eight days, and no loss was suffered beyond the waste of time of our ore steamers, the cost friendly intermediaries to bring about

ruption of shipments, and to the pressure under which operations had to be carried on for the rest of the

LIABILITIES OF THE COMPANY FINANCIAL REORGANIZATION.

The floating liabilities of the Company are larger than usual, but the increase in the amount as compared with last year is more than covered by the further increase in the value of raw and finished materials on hand. A considerable portion of the finished materials are merely awaiting shipment. The Accounts Receivable are, as usual, beyond question in respect to safety, and all materials on hand stand in the books of the Company at cost, which in the aggregate is considerably below their value.

The increase in the floating lia-bilities is due both to the increased business of the Company and to the change in its character, at a time when a large part of the Company's earnings have temporarily to be paid over to the Coal Company. In view of the larger working capital we are henceforward likely to require, your directors think it well that a scheme for the re-organization of the Company's finances should now be under consideration. As a preliminary step you will be asked at the annual meeting to consider, and, if approved, to authorize, an increase in the capital stock of the Company and the crea-tion of consolidated mortgage bonds, so that the Directors whom you may elect for the coming year may be in a position to deal with the matter when the proper time comes.

SUIT AGAINST DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The appeal of the Coal Company to The appeal of the Coal Company to the Privy Council against the judgment rendered in our favor by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, of which you were advised by circular on 27th January, cannot be heard until after the summer vacation, owing to the time consumed in completing the record. This is a cause of much disappointment to your Directors, but no blame for the delay attaches to our solicitors, as the attaches to our solicitors, as the printing of the record rests with the Coal Company.

The claim against the Coal Company up to 31st May, 1908, exclusive of interest and costs, was as fol-

å settlement of the suit, but without result. No definite offer has ever been received by the Steel Company, which has been put forward as likely to be acceptable to the Coal Company in other words, the best settless. to be acceptable to the Coal Company—in other words, the best settlement which it appears open to us to make—is not one which your Directors could recommend for your acceptance. The shareholders of the Company may, however, rest assured that the Directors are not disposed to act in an unreasonable or litigious spirit, and that any settlement which deals justly and equitably with the rights of the shareholders and bondholders of the Steel Company will receive their recommendation, notwithstanding that it may fall tion, notwithstanding that it may fall a good deal short of the rights accruing under the strong judgments in the Company's favor.

STAFF.

Your Directors have again much pleasure in expressing their high appreciation of the services of the General Manager and other officials of the Company during the past year, and are glad to say that in every department much zeal has been shown by the officers and employees of the Company in the discharge of their duties.

In this connection it gives your Directors much satisfaction to refer to the success of the Mutual Benefit Society, which with their approval was formed two years ago by the Company's employees at Sydney. The Society has successfully passed the second year of its existence, and has proved a real benefit both to its members and to the Company.

The total receipts of the Society for the year ending 30th April last were \$33,627.51, of which the Company contributed one-third; and disbursements in the way of weekly payments to members laid aside by payments to members laid aside by sickness or accident, insurance to relatives of deceased members, and surgeons' and hospital fees, amounted to \$27,440.41. Reserves for insurance and old age pensions now amount to \$17,000. Practically all the men employed at the Sydney works are enrolled in the Society, which is managed by a committee chosen from amongst themselves, assisted by two of the Company's officers, who act as its representatives. act as its representatives.

Paid for extra cost of coal purchased from others Damages due to short deliveries in August, September and October, 1906.

Damages due to cessation of deliveries in November, 1906 (estimated).

The interest to the same date On behalf of the Board of Directors.

J. H. PLUMMER,

amounted to over \$80,000. Efforts have recently been made by

President.

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DOMINION IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1908. ASSETS.		
Property and Construction. Cash, Accounts Receivable, etc. Raw Materials Manufactured Products Warehouse Materials Materials in Process Taxes and Insurance paid in advance	\$1,711,000 676,072 916,606 452,901	68 70 18 12 66
Special Deposits at Montreal	\$3,926,173 6,574	12
Dominion Coal Co., Limited, excess cost of Coal to date		2,312,555 9
LIABILITIES.	/	\$42,254,925 6
First Mortgage Bonds	1,/30,000	00
Interest accrued on First Mortgage Bonds	157,979	17 00
Bills Payable	3,606,207	
Sinking Fund, First Mortgage Bonds	64,945 532,331	83
Suspense Account Contingent Account : Amount reserved in respect of claim against Dominion Coal Co. per contra Profit and Loss Account Capital Account: Common Stock Preferred Stock	20,000,000	
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT-MAY 31, 19		\$42,254,925 6
Gross Profits for twelve months, including Rents, etc.		\$2,613,825 6
Interest on First Mortgage Bonds. Second Mortgage Bonds. Current Loans.	109,035	50
Balance, Net Profits	V	\$ 1,917,011 2
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. Gr. June 1, 1907. By Balance brought forward from last year	\$ 318,711 1,917,011	24
May 31, 1908. By Amount transferred to Contingent Account. Sinking Fund First Mortgage Bonds Balance carried forward.	\$1,376,831 69,712 789,178	59

The President-It is now my duty to move the adoption of the Directors' Report and the statements for the year, which are in your hands. They show a continuance in fair measure of the progress which the Company has been making for the last few years. The earnings are based on coal at the contract price, \$1.28 per ton, so that the figures have not in that respect been affected by our troubles with the Dominion We have, however, during the year met the heavy legal expenses so far paid in connection with the suit, which, although in part recoverable under the judgment, are for the time being wholly written off.

EARNINGS-BUSINESS.

Our earnings during the year include for Bounties on iron and steel. This does not include the Bounties on wire rods, which enter Canada free of duty. As we advised you last year the that the condition of the plant and

Bounties decrease during the current financial year, and run off entirely during 1910. So far as we can fore-see, the further reduction in costs which we have counted on to offset the falling off in Bounties will in time be reached. We are improving steadily in that respect.

I think the shareholders have every reason to be satisfied with the way in which the business of the Company has been maintained during the past months of depression. We have been able to keep every department in op-eration. There is no ignoring the fact that business is at present dull, but we have every reason to hope that with the orders on hand and those that come in from time to time, we can continue operating fully until the hoped-for revival takes place.

PROPERTY AND PLANT.

property is very satisfactory. So far as the works at Sydney are concerned, they now compare favorably in organization, in equipment and in efficiency, with the older establishments in the United States.

Comptroller.

C. S. CAMERON,

At Wabana the Company's ore properties have been still further develop-ed in order to provide for the larger ed in order to provide for the larger tonnage of ore which will be required. Our friends the Nova Scotia Steel Company, who are driving through our submarine areas to reach their own outside ore, are well out in our areas; over half a mile from the shore; and have proved that the seam is continuous, and that it maintains its thickness and quality. This satis-This satisits thickness and quality. fies us that our ore supply is for our purposes practically inexhaustible. The development that has taken place at Wabana as every month goes by assures us more fully than ever of the extent and value of our ore denosits. extent and value of our ore deposits there. We not only own in the submarine areas the seam through which

our friends The Nova Scotia Steel Company are driving, but we own the main underlying seam which is a continuation of the seam we work on the land areas; that is to say, we have two well-known, and so far as the upper one is concerned, well proven seams, underlying our whole large submarine areas—in addition to the areas on land.

In the early days, as you may remember, we did a large proportion of our mining at Wabana from surface ore. Each year the quantity of ore that has to be mined underground is increasing, and we require additional machinery for hauling, pumping and ventilating the mines. The equipment of the mines for underground mining is going on satisfactorily; this is one of the chief expenses on Capital Account which we have had of late to undertake.

I should like to add here a remark on the question depreciation, because our earnings have been spoken of as being "without provision for depreciation." Now, taking the fair value of the assets of the Company as they stand to-day, they show better as compared with the amount at which they stand in our books than they did at any time in the past, notwithstanding the depreciation that may have taken place. The improvements at Sydney which have been paid for as part of the operating expenses, the annual writing off from property account of the amount of the bonds redeemed through the Sinking Fund, and above all the increase in the known value of your property at Wabana, have all more than offset, in my judgment, not only depreciation, but the mistakes of the past as well.

I wish further to point out that as regards the blast furnaces, open hearth furnaces and many other important portions of the plant, the parts that deteriorate rapidly are constantly being renewed or rebuilt, and that this plant is of the same value to-day as when it was installed. That, I take it, is not an uncommon state of affairs in any manufacturing plant. The wear and tear on our plant that is not made good is extremely trifling. Linings and that sort of thing, which do deteriorate very rapidly, have to be renewed and re-made from time to time and paid for as part of the cost of making steel, so that the property is always kept practically in as good condition as when new.

These are all very pleasant subjects to talk about: in every respect the position at Svdney, Wabana and Marble Mountain is all, or approximately all that we would desire to have it, but there are less pleasant topics.

RELATIONS WITH COAL CO.

I now come to the serious question our suit against The Dominion our suit against We sent you copies Coal Company. of the judgment in our favor delivered at Halifax. The position of the matter at the moment is that the Coal Company's appeal against the judgment, and our cross appeal against one finding in it, have been entered for trial in the Privy Council, and the record has at last been printed and filed by the Coal Company. Our case has been ready for months past, but the record was not completed early enough to permit of the case being heard in

We noted in our Annual Report that efforts have been made to bring about a settlement of this dispute. The offer which was referred to is now public, and I can explain more fully what

it was, and in what respect your Directors considered it inadequate.

The first point against it is that it is not an offer of final settlement, and that, to our minds, is an insuperable objection. The Coal Company proposed that the case should go on, but that we should limit the results to either party, whichever way the case might go, by an arrangement in advance. In effect, the proposal, which was in alternative forms, would give us \$1,250,000 if the Coal Company should succeed in its appeal, and \$2,000,000 if we should succeed, or in the alternative proposal \$1,500,000 and \$1,750,000 respectively; in either case the price for coal hereafter to be \$1.50 and \$1.80 for slack and run-ofmine respectively, adjustable yearly; the Coal Company guaranteeing to supply twenty-five per cent. in slack, and, I may say, refusing absolutely to increase that percentage.

It is not clear what date this offer relates to, but asuming it had reference to the position on the 1st of May last, it would have involved, as compared with our legal rights under the contract and the judgment, a direct loss in damages of nearly \$\$\frac{2}{3}\$,000,000, an increase of \$\$500,000 beyond the contract price in the cost of coal up to 1st July, 1909, and for all future years an additional charge for coal, as compared with the contract, of probably \$\$300,000 a year, possibly more. I say "probably" because it is not posible for us to tell what the revised cost of coal under the contract will be after 1st July, 1909, until the books of the Coal Co. have been examined and audited by the arbitrators, as provided in the contract; the increase depends on what they find to be the increase in the cost of mining and delivering coal, on which point we have now no satisfactory or definite knowledge. At the outset, on the settlement proposed, we should on the terms offered be paying .44% per ton for coal more on the average than the contract price; an increase which we regard as out of the question.

I was asked in one stage of the discussion how the offer would affect the holders of bonds and other securities of the Company, and I had to say this, that we might as well give the Coal Company a first mortgage, ahead of everything else on the property, of five to seven millions of dollars, to induce them to continue their obligation and duty under the old contract; that is to say, considering the loss we would be put to, and the additional cost of coal, we might just as well undertake to pay, ahead of bonds and everything else, interest on a bond issue of six or seven millions dollars.

It has been urged that the contract is unduly onerous; that the cost mining has increased, and that in all fairness we should consider the pro-priety of increasing the price of \$1.28 per ton. But all this was foreseen and provided for in the contract, and will be taken care of in the revision in July, 1909. I can only add that we have never yet been placed in a posi-tion where we would really form a judgment as to the increase in costs which is claimed to have taken place. I have been assured that we shall be satisfied on that point, but the information so far is most inconclusive I could not reand unsatisfactory. commend to my colleagues on the Board, or to you, gentlemen, any arrangement for a change in the price without an absolute knowledge of the real condition of the Coal Company's costs, so that you may know what you

ORIGIN OF THE COAL CONTRACT.

On the general question of our differences I only wish to remind you because it bears directly on their right to ask for reconsideration—that your capital was invested at Sydney on the strength of an assured and reasonable price for coal; that your bonds and preferred and common stock were all issued on the faith of the contract.

There is another aspect of the matter which some of our friends overlook, and that is that the contract in its present form was voluntarily made in 1903 by the Coal Company, after many months of continuous negotiation, as part of the consideration for a very large transaction, embodying many important concessions on our part as well as on theirs. They now attack the fairness of the contract as they themselves made it in 1903, but they have no just claim to re-open a settlement which they then made with their eyes open, with full knowledge of all the facts, and as part of the consideration for many important and serious concessions.

EIABILITIES OF THE COMPANY.

Returning to the offer, the settlement proposed would, of course, make a very material immediate decrease in our current habilities, and, therefore, bears directly on our bank accounts. During the past year we have had to ask a large amount of credit from our bankers, due in great measure to the increase in our accounts receivable, and in the raw and manufactured materials which we have found it necessary to carry.

The Company owes a very great debt of gratitude to its bankers for their support in the past, and it is, therefore, a matter of distress to your Directors that we should find ourselves unable to accept an arrangement which they urge us to consider because it would greatly reduce our loans. Its acceptance is urged on us, however, not, as they frankly admit, as a fair offer which does full justice to the Steel Company's rights, but as an offer which in view of our liabilities, and of the remote contingency that the Privy Council might not uphold our judgment, we should do well to accept. It is for the Shareholders ultimately to decide this question; but if you see fit to re-elect the present Board I must frankly say we will not ask or advise you to accept it.

As regards our current liabilities, I

As regards our current liabilities, I am glad to say that our position has much improved as compared with last vear. While we have larger debts we have a much larger proportion of liquid assets. We have now nearly enough in that form to offset our floating liabilities, and I am happy to say that they are all good value for the money at which they stand on our books. We have open accounts of over \$1,700.000, and I should say that the proportion of these that we could not regard as good is so infinitesimal that it is not worth mentioning, and our other assets are practically just as sound and proportionately as valuable.

JUDGMENT AGAINST COAL CO.—REMEDY

As regards our judgment, we are advised by our Counsel that the Coal Company's appeal must fail; on this point they are unanimous. On the question of the form of the remedy, however, there seems to be some

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doubt, and I deem it my duty to tell you what may be in store for us.

The Courts of Nova Scotia made an

order for specific performance, that is, that the contract must be regarded as still in force, and must be carried out. This was based chiefly on the ground of the difficulty of assessing damages for the whole term of the ninety year The judgment is further justified by the special circumstances under which your works were located at Sydney, which, it might fairly be held, created a state of affairs which could be equitably dealt with only by enforcing the contract.

The Privy Council, however, follow the long established practice in cases of ordinary contracts for the sale of goods, that is, declare the contract ended by the wrongful action of the Coal Company, and order it to pay damages for the whole term of the contract. This decision would suit the Steel Company equally well, but it would manifestly be extremely serious for the Coal Company, as they could not then resume shipments under the contract, but must pay damages once for all.

Our suit is, as you know, for a judgment of the Court that the contract is in force and must be carried out, or in the alternative, for damages amounting to \$15,000,000. When these figures were first named, people not familiar with the circumstances regarded them as greatly exaggerated. But if the complaints of the Coal Company as to the unfairness of the contract to them; the present price they are charging us for coal; the offer they make as to future prices; if these are at all justifiable, then the value of the contract as it stands, and the damages accruing to date, would more than justify the claim we made.

NEW STOCK AND BONDS.

We informed you in the Annual Report that we intended to bring before you the question of the reorganization of the Company's finances. But the action of the Coal Company 1006 we should doubtless by this time having been paving regular dividends on the preferred stock, probably with the arrears in some way disposed of. There is no possibility, I am sorry to say, of our paving any dividend under our present financial condition, but with a favorable judgment in the Privy Council we should be able very quickly to place the Company on a satisfactory footing in that respect.

It is impossible to determine the

best course to follow in arranging our finances until the time of action rives, but having regard to the future needs of the Company, and especially having in view the fact that we may have to fund some portion of our float-ing debt, to protect ourselves from pressure, we think it well that you should now, if you approve of our policy, authorize the creation of new

stock and bonds.

Taking the question of stock first, what we propose is an increase of the capital by the nominal amount of \$5,000,000. None of the Directors wish to see our capital account increased, but it may prove the wisest mode of arranging our finances. We have no idea at the moment of issuing this stock, but we think that it ought to be in our power to do so if it should become necessary in connection with the reduction of our floating Under the Act it must indebtedness. first be offered to the shareholders, so that you will know in good time what is being done. You can rest assured that if it is ever issued, it will the \$916,000 included also a consider-

be under circumstances where it will benefit all the existing securities of the company, both stocks and bonds. As regards the Bond issue; in ar-

ranging for a Consolidated Mortgage Bond it is customary to provide and set aside an amount sufficient to take care of the underlying bonds; in our case \$0.333,000. That is the total of the first and second mortgage bonds now outstanding. We need in addition power to issue enough bonds to provide the Company with working capital, in other words, to cover our floating liabilities, with a little to spare. We propose that the Board should be free to use up to \$5,000,000 of the Consolidated Bonds for this purpose. Then, as in future years we may find it wise to extend our operations by the erection of additional furnaces, coke ovens, mills, etc., we think there should be a reserve power of \$5,000,000 or so in this bond issue, to be employed only in connection with such purposes as these last mentioned, that is the future extension of the plant, when the conditions make it wise for the company to undertake extensions.

What we propose then is the creation of a Consolidated Mortgage Bond of \$20,000,000; the amount necessary to cover the 1st and 2nd Mortgage Bonds, namely, \$9,333,000, to be left in the hands of the Trustee; \$5,000,000 to be at the disposal of the Board for the general purposes of the especially in connection Company, especially in connection with the floating debt; and the remainder to be felt for future extensions. The necessary resolutions for the carrying out of all this will be submitted for your consideration, and it is, of course, entirely for you to say if they shall pass.

I have endeavored in this statement to cover as succinctly as I could, and yet with sufficient fulness, the position of your Company's affairs at the pre-Having done this, it sent moment. remains only for me to move the adoption of the Report.

Hon. Mr. Forget: -- I second the motion.

The President :- Before putting the motion to the meeting I wish to say that if any of the shareholders desire any information we shall be glad to give it, and to answer any questions.

In reply to a Shareholder the President said:—We have increased our liquid assets proportionately very much more than the liabilities. gret that we should have to owe more money, but we have good live assets to answer for the increase, and that, I take it, is the best answer to the criticism as to our increased debt. 1,007 we had \$1,318,000 in cash and accounts receivable, and we now have \$1,711.000; an increase of some \$400,-000. I have given the shareholders my assurance that every dollar of that is good. We have raw materials, \$676,000, which includes ore at Wabana worth \$250,000 or \$300,000, which could be sold there at a profit, if necessary. Then you will see in the statement that Manufactured Products stand for \$916,000. A large proportion of that is pig-iron, the owner-ship of which has, in a sense, been forced on us by our coal dispute. We thought it best to hold it, so that if we had any more trouble with regard to coal we could at least run our steel plant, as we can run that with coal that could be supplied by the smaller collieries, independent of the Do-minion Coal Company. We regard the stock we carry in the way of pig-iron able amount of steel rails, which were waiting to be shipped by water. have gained in the year in the difference between our floating liabilities and our liquid assets, \$364,000, which speaks for itself. I cannot see that there is anything in the statement from that point of view to be ashamed of. We owe too much money, and are carrying too many accounts, but the accounts are absolutely good, and we cannot help it that we have to borrow money to carry them, as matters are at present.

Mr. Mark Workman:-Mr. President, I should like to say a few words before the report is adopted. I intended to say a great deal, but you have taken the ground from under my feet in your address. You have spoken frankly, and said what you would do if the directors were re-elected, and I think if we vote for the directors and re-elect them it will cover everything I want to say.

But just one word, and that is this; as far as my friends and myself are concerned, and we are very large stockholders, we do not want to see the directors pay one cent more for coal than they are justly entitled to.
The time to talk about settlement was
two years ago. We are not children, and if the Coal Company wanted to settle they could have come two years ago and asked us to settle. I do not say I do not want to settle. I think every one of us would like to see a settlement, but it is too late to settle in the way they desire. As I said, my friends and I are very strong on that point; not one cent more than we are entitled to pay for coal. The Coal Company are not entitled to any more than the agreement they made three or four years ago calls for. They knew what they were doing. When we make a contract we have to carry it out, and the revision in 1909 will cover the further cost of mining coal. For my friends and myself, we will vote cordially for your re-election, but with the distinct wish on our part that the contract must be enforced. I remember what the Supreme Court Judge said, "Mr. Ross instructs Mr. Duggan not to deliver coal to the Steel Company if it can be sold elsewhere, because they were getting more for it." Is that the way to do business?

We have not seen one cent of dividept on our stock, and some of us paid \$60 for it. The Coal Company have had a dividend on stock that cost them nothing. When I subscribed to the Treasury stock of their Company, I think seven years ago, I was advised by a prominent banker here to sub-He handed me a prospectus, scribe. and what was the inducement? Unlimited supply of coal at \$1.24 a ton. We have to-day to get that coal at \$1:24 and not one cent more. Our stock is no more valuable to us than that of those holding 10, 15 or 25 shares, but it is as valuable, and I want that contract carried out. Not the last cent from them, as they say, but an honest, just, decent way of do-I say that we should ing business. I say that we should accept no such arrangement as that proposed by the Coal Company. We will help the directors. We have put in our money, and we expect a return on that five millions of common stock issued at \$60. It is not water, stock, and we have not got the return of one cent on it in seven years. Are we entitled to something? Are we entitled to some consideration, and what have we had? Here we have made a contract with a company, and they have had a good market for coal, and could get \$3, \$4, or \$5 a ton. I re-

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member some years ago when they were looking for a market, and tried to make a market up west to sell their coal. Times have changed, but we cannot help that. We put our money into this Steel Company on the understanding that the Coal Company would carry out the contract they entered into and they should be made to do it. I have the fullest confidence in this board of directors and I don't criticize at all, I simply want to in-struct them the way we want things done.

On motion the report was then

adopted.

By a vote of those present, nem con., and one ballot cast by the Presirepresenting 172,804 shares of the stock of the Company, resolutions were passed increasing the Capital Stock of the Company to the extent of \$5,000,000 by a creation of 50,000 shares of Common Stock, of \$100 each, and authorizing the issue of \$20,000,000 30 year, 5 per cent. Consolidated Mortgage Bonds, payable in Stocking on the lines sub-Currency or Sterling, on the lines submitted by the President. The form of bond and coupon, and the Mortgage Deed of Trust in favor of National Trust Company, Limited, as Trustee for the bondholders, were submitted and approved, and the directors were authorized to issue the bonds and to execute the mortgage security.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of directors for the ensuing year, and on motion one ballot was cast by the Vice-President, and the retiring members of the board

were re-elected.

THANKS TO DIRECTORS.

Mr. A. H. Sims:-I think we should be remiss in our duty if we did not give some expression to our appreciation of the services of the President and Directors of the Company. Speaking as a shareholder and bondholder I am quite satisfied that I voice the sentiments of those present; and of the shareholders generally when I offer the board our sincere thanks for the able manner in which they have carried on the company's affairs, and assure them of our support in their endeavors to protect the interests of the shareholders.

Mr. Lindsay: - I second the Motion that the thanks of the Shareholders be tendered to the President and Directors. Carried unanimously.

The President:-I appreciate very

fully the confidence which our shareholders have shown in us, and their loyalty through a rather trying period. I can only say that we are doing our best for their interests; we have no other interests to serve, and we are trying to serve them to the very best of our judgment and ability.

Hon. Mr. Forget:-I appreciate very highly indeed the motion you have just passed to the Directors. We are led by a very able President, as you know, who is working very hard indeed in our interest, and we try to do all we can to advise him, and you may rest assured that in the future we will do our duty as we have in the past.

Sir William C. Van Horne:—I feel that the shareholders ought to give a special vote of thanks to Mr. Plummer and Mr. Jones for the manner in which they have managed the business affairs of the Company at Sydney, and I wish to emphasize one point mentioned by the President, that the works have run continuously in all departments, which cannot be said of any other important steel concern in North America to-day. They have all had to reduce production and shut down, in whole or in part, while the Sydney concern has gone on without interrup-tion. Therefore, I have pleasure in moving a special vote of th Mr. Plummer and Mr. Jones.

Hon. Mr. Mackay:-I have much pleasure in seconding the motion made by Sir William Van Horne. I have been for many years connected with the Company, and I know the loyalty with which the business of the Company has been looked after. have been in a very trying situation for many years, and the burden has fallen on Mr. Plummer, Mr. Jones and Mr. Cameron, and I, therefore. have much pleasure in seconding the resolution that our sincere thanks be

given to these gentlemen.

Hon Mr. McKeen :- I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion many qualities and vreat ability that Mr. Plummer and Mr. Jones, not forgetting the Comptroller. Mr. Cam-eron, have developed. We have been within the last two or three years up against some pretty knotty problems. The position of the shareholders of this company to-day, I am free to admit, is due largely to Mr. Plummer. I am not going to flatter him, but I know he has done his duty well and fearlessly. The impression on some minds is that Mr. Plummer has been a little too insistent on having his

believe that so far time own way. I has shown Mr. Plummer has been right in every contention he has made, from the directors.

Van Horne:—Is the and he has had good loval support

Sir William C.

Carried unanimously.
The President: Sir William Van
Horne, and gentlemen, I have already
expressed my appreciation of the confidence you have shown us. This particular vote of thanks is a very pleas-ing one to receive, for it comes with the endorsation of those in closest touch with the work of the executive of the Company, and, therefore, best able to judge. The last speaker rather belittles the work of the directors; I think you will agree that no President alone could have done all that has been done for this Company.

Mr. Jones:—I wish on behalf of the staff and the heads of all departments,

and the men, to thank you for your vote. I may say that the heads of all departments, and in fact everyone is working very earnestly, and if we have no further difficulty in regard to coal supply, I hope next year, as far as costs go, to show the reduction that the President has promised you.

Regarding the coal question, Mr.

Workman's remarks struck me as very

forcible, and I would ask you if ever any change in price is considered not to forget that it takes four tons (to be one ton of steel ready to ship. I would also ask you to consider that the price of coal we are now paying is much greater than any of our competitors, and, in fact, is a handicap. The price \$1.28 for slack coal is a generous price. With the exception The Nova Scotia Steel Company I feel I am safe in saving there is not a coal mine in Nova Scotia but would be willing to sell slack at \$1 per ton at the mines: in the United States they sell it at fifty cents.

I again thank you on behalf of the

The meeting then adjourned, and a Roard meeting was held, at Mr. I. H. Plummer was re-Mr. I. H. Plummer was re-elected President and the Hon. L. J. Forget Vice-President for the ensuing year.

The Board of the Company now con-The Board of the Company now consist of:— Sir Montagu Allan, George Caverhill, Hon, George A. Cox, H. F. Dimock, Hon, L. I. Forget, Hon, Robert Mackay Wm. McMaster, Frederic Nicholls I. H. Plummer, Flias Rogers, W. G. Ross, Sir William Van

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Owen Sound, Ont .- N'chol Bros'. lumber mill destroyed. Loss on milt and machinery, \$10,000; lumber \$5,000. Former insured in the Mutual; no insurance on lumber

Hamilton, Ont .- Hamilton Steel and Iron Company. Loss probably under Ltd.; small fire in washer shop. \$5,000. Insurance carried by following companies: Union. Royal, British American, Anglo-American, Queen City, London Mutual, North American, Central Canada Manufacturers Mutual.

Fernie, B.C.-W. E. Suddaley's drug store damaged to extent of about \$7,000. Insured in Insurance Company of North America, Law Union and Crown, Underwriters Policy, Northern Assurance Company, British America, Aetna, Union, Mercantile, and Atlas.

Canora, Sask., is aroused to the need of securing a fire hall.

The Home Bank of Canada will hold its annual meeting at 18 King Street West, Toronto, on Tuesday.

The Companies Bill, enabling trading companies in British possessions to own land in spite of the Mortmain Acts has been read a second time in the House of Lords.

A firebug is responsible for fires in a dozen parts of the ness district of Vancouver. Special constables have been business district of Vancouver. sworn in, and a reward has been offered for his apprehension.

VANCOUVER DEBENTURES SOLD.

Vancouver, B.C., June Special to the Monetary Times :-26th.—Tenders have been opened by finance committee of city council for \$1,975,000 debentures for bridges, sewers, and street improvements. Emilius Jarvis & Company, Toronto, were successful for whole amount at 93.20 and accrued interest. Tenders were received as follows: Morton Bros., of London, England, 91.00; Robert Barker, for Anglo-Canof London, England, 91.00; Robert Barker, for Anglo-Canadian Commercial Company, one half of one per cent. higher than any other tender; this was not considered; Emilius Jarvis & Company, 93.29; Wood, Gundy, 91.78; Bank of British North America for English capitalists, £02 128. 3d.; Helliwell & Company, for Dominion Securities Corporation, Toronto, 92; Canadian Bank of Commerce, £92 138. od. The finance committee is well satisfied with Jarvis & Company's finance, committee is well satisfied with Jarvis & Company's offer, expecting to have let the debentures go at 92.

BUILDINGS AND THE FIRE HAZARD.

Recommendations of New York City Club to Commission.

A special committee of the New York City Club reported Building Code Commission on the proposed revision of building conditions. It comments thus on the conflagra-tion hazard and the resultant loss of life and property:

"This hazard is a constant menace and is due chiefly to the absence of modern which, if introduced, threatening fires in the congested, and, therefore, dangerous districts. While there are many provisions of the existing code that, in the opinion of the committee, could be materially improved upon, the committee desires most emphatically to direct attention to certain features of the code demanding, in its judgment, the consideration of the Commission. ing, in its judgment, the consideration of the Commission. These features are as follows:

"(a) Buildings used for manufacturing, mercantile industrial purposes, and of unusual height and area, should have protection, mandatory throughout, by automatic

sprinklers. "(b) The establishment of a geographical area in the lower, or congested portion of the city, within which area all buildings hereafter erected shall be constructed only of fire-

resisting material, etc., etc. "(c) Reinforced concrete construction to be permitted only under the most stringent regulations as to the quality of the material used and workmanship, and limiting the height of such buildings to eighty-five feet. Restrictions for this type of construction are necessary because of the variableness

in quality of this material.

"d) The protection of all exterior openings within the area referred to in 'b' with approved fire shutters or standard wire glass windows, set in metal frames. This we regard as one of the most important features, the lack of protection to window openings being an important cause of conflagrations.

"(e) In all industrial buildings all internal openings in brick dividing walls between buildings to be protected by standard fire doors.

"(f) Prohibit the use of wooden shingles, or other com-bustible material for roof covering.

(g) Inclose stairways, elevator wells, hatchways, dumb waiters and all other vertical openings, with brick or other 'fireproof' material, with approved fire doors at all openings to floors.

"(h) That the new code shall grant no discretionary

powers.

"In conclusion your committee cannot too strongly urge upon the Building Code Revision Commission the grave importance of immediate action, looking toward an improvement of the code in the manner and form recommended in this

report.
"It is quite true that European cities have been free from the conflagration hazard, because of the superiority methods of building construction employed in contra-distinction to our own faulty and negligent practices and requirements.

JAMAICA EARTHQUAKE SUIT.

English Court Decides in Favor of Insurance Company.

A law suit which arose out of the Jamaica earthquake and fire was decided in London last month, as noted in these columns, after a trial lasting 43 days before a special jury. This case was Tootal Broadhurst, Lee & Company, Limited, exporters of Manchester goods, against the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company. Plaintiffs claimed that the whole of their property was destroyed by fire, which originated in some adjoining property before the earthquake but subsequently spread to the plaintiff's property after the carthquake. The defendants denied liability, and relied upon the following clauses: Clause 2, "If a building or any part thereof shall fall, except as a result of a fire, all insurance by this company on it or its contents shall immediately cease and determine."

Clause 3. "This policy does not cover . . . loss of damage by fire occasioned . . . by or through any . . earthquake."

Mr. Justice Bingham charged the jury, in part, as fol-s: "There is no doubt that the goods were destroyed by fire, and that they were, therefore, destroyed by the risk against which the defendant company had undertaken to indemnify the plaintiffs. So that the only question is whether the defendants have been able to make out satisfactorily that they are, by the terms of the policy, for some reason or other—one of two reasons—entitled to refuse to pay. The grounds for refusing to pay are to be found endorsed upon the policies, and they are as much part of the contract as that which is expressed on the front of the

policy, by which they undertake to pay in the event of fire. The only difference is this, and it is an important difference, and one that you must bear in mind, that, whereas it is for the plaintiffs to show that their goods have been burnt, it is for the defendants to adequately show that the circumstances which constitute an excuse for non-payment of the claim have in fact arisen."

Fifty-four witnesses were examined. The being out about an hour, returned a verdict for the defendant company. The fire, they declared, occurred by and through the earthquake. The judgment was for the defendants with costs, except on one point which alleged that the fire occurred during the earthquake. This important decision goes to confirm those who believe that statutory conditions in an insurance policy mean what they say. The London & Lancashire are to be congratulated on the result of this test case.

MANITOBA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Companies doing a fire insurance business in Manitoba and reporting to the local Government are nine in number, with \$33,297 paid capital and \$62,473 deposited with Government. The amount they have at risk, \$18,967,000 in 1906 and \$29,372,000 in 1907, shows accreditable increase of over 35 per cent. The names of these companies and their aggregate capital and business are as under. The date of

eports is 30th December:			
1	Paid-up Capital	Amount at risk, 1907	Deposited with Govt.
Brandon Fire \$		\$1,123,410	\$ 5,000
Central Canada	37,500	6,410,241	7,500
Colonial	10,000	2,525,968	8,760
Northwest Fire	33,960	6,160,268	8,000
Occidental Fire	75,903	4,208,830	5,000
Pacific Coast	111,416	3,933,373	10,913
Pioneer	19,920	517,557	5,000
Prince Rupert	8,300	560,850	5,000
Winnipeg	25,300	3,931,930	7,300

\$33,297 = \$29,372,430 Six mutual companies insuring against fire make the

following showing for three years:

Receipts.....\$113,528 Expenditures.... 91,839 \$137,997 \$142,153 128,146

Expenditures... 91,839 128,146 115,246
Companies insuring against hail did fairly well in 1905, taking in \$188,697 and expending only \$113,878. Next vear they expended about the same amount but only took in \$117,901. Last year they lost money, for while their receipts were \$172,647 their outgo was \$186,459. In this respect their experience was like that of the Saskatchewan

Government hail insurance bureau.

One company, the Central Canada Insurance Company, had an unpleasant experience in 1907. It takes live stock risks in addition to insurance against fire and hail. The amount paid out was \$86,731, of which total \$30,201 was for fire losses, \$47,780 for hail losses, and \$8,750 for live stock.

SOME RECENT FIRES.

Bala, Ont.—Summer residence of Mr. Gummer on Iolan-Island destroyed. Valued at \$5,000, partially insured.

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Lindsay, Ont.—Stable owned by Maurice Scherman, on Pottinger Street, destroyed. Loss about \$600. No insurance. Hamilton. Ont.—Fire in a frame kitchen in the rear of William Nash's grocery store, Cathcart and Wilson Streets,

did damage to extent of about \$600.

Victoria, B.C.—T. N. Hibben & Company's box-making factory and plant destroyed. Damage about \$75,000, mostly

factory and plant destroyed. Damage about \$75,000, mostly covered by insurance. Weiler Brother's furniture factory and dry kiln burned. Both fires supposed to be work of firebug, West Toronto.—C.P.R. ice-houses burned. The west building was totally destroyed, and the other was badly damaged. Loss is estimated at about \$2,000. The cause of fire is supposed to be spark from passing locomotive.

Hamilton, Ont.—Chinese laundry at Barton and John Streets, and two adjoining buildings burned. Damage, seven

Streets, and two adjoining buildings burned. Damage, see eral hundred dollars. Burke & Company are the owners of the three buildings scorched. W. J. Wilmot, a storekeeper at 256 John Street North, lost a quantity of goods, and his building was damaged considerably.

Regina, Sask.—Regina restaurant, owned by Waddell Bros., damaged to extent of about \$3.500, with \$1,800 insur-

stros., damaged to extent of about \$3.500, with \$1,000 and once. Cause, gasoline burner of a coffee urn.

St. Catherines. Ont.—Lower Lincoln Mill completely destroyed. Loss estimated at \$85,000, with \$60,000 insurance. It is thought that the origination of the flames was due to an overheated bearing, causing a spark to fly into, a quantity of the strong and oil which caused the fire to express rapidly to some rease and oil, which caused the fire to spread rapidly to some

Paris. Ont .- J. H. Depew's barn burned, together with implements and large quantities of feed and grain.

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FROM COAST TO COAST.

That conditions throughout the country are improving, and that the East has all along suffered less from the recent stringency than the West is the opinion of all best qualified to judge. Mr. T. G. McConkey, Superintendent of Agencies of the North American Life Assurance Company, who has just completed his annual trip from coast to coast looking over the ground, bears this out and adds his quota of optimism with regard to the future. He left Toronto on April 1st, and visited successively every important centre between Vancouver and St. Johns, Newfoundland, returning to headquarters the other day.

Mr. McConkey found money still tight in the West, but the crops—never had prospects been more promising. "I do not think," he said "that anything can prevent a record harvest. Everything so far has been favorable for it. Things are still quiet at Winnipeg, but the pace will surely quicken as soon as the present crop has been realized. There, as in Vancouver, real estate has been considerably affected by the recent depression, but there has been no deanected by the recent depression, but there has been no depreciation in values—no slump. This time people have been able to hold on. They were not always so fortunate. On the Pacific coast the lumber industry shows few signs of returning life; at the same time, everything points to a big business in that and all other directions in the fall."

Money is easier in the East and the Maritime Provinces.

The outlook for the apple crop there is particularly favor.

The outlook for the apple crop there is particularly favorable. This, after last year's unfortunate experience, is doubly welcome. Newfoundlanders, too, are having an exceptional fish catch. So you will see that there will be no ceptional fish catch. So you will see that there will be no difficulty in keeping the wolf from the door down there this winter.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BORROWING MONEY.

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

Alberta.

Champlain, No. 1776, \$800; E. Ouellet, Brosseau. Waltondale, No. 1686, \$800; D. F. Coxson, Macleod. Strathcona, No. 216, \$50,000; A. T. Mode, Strathcona. Coaldale, No. 1805, \$2,000; H. A. Suggitt, Coaldale. Spring Creek, No. 1519, \$1,100; E. Emery, Vegreville. Lougheed, No. 1792, \$1,700; A. C. Walmsley, Lougheed.

Saskatchewan.

Fosti, No. 1700, \$1,200; J. Fosti, Sheho.
Scott, No. 200, \$200; J. H. Wasson, Kronau.
Oxbow, No. 225, \$6,000; W. A. Greer, Oxbow.
Stawczan, No. 1826, \$850; J. H. Ellis, Yorkton.
Manheim, No. 1937, \$1,500; S. Tvedt, Frohlich.
Dunafoldvar, No. 1922, \$800; O. Jung, Wakaw.
Copeland, No. 2017, \$1,500; H. Evans, Copeland.
Excelsior, No. 1868, \$1,200; L. Warleigh, Star City.
Barrett, No. 2015, \$1,400; E. Stewart, Chamberlain.
Forest, No. 188, \$2,000; J. M. Campbell, Lumsden.
Breezy Brae, No. 2027, \$1,500; B. A. Chase, Elstow.
Bannockburn, No. 1983, \$1,200; H. Fitch, Nokomis.
Borden, No. 1364, \$400; C. E. Wainwright, Borden.
Fransfield, No. 2031, \$500; J. K. Worrell, Bratt Lake.
Canora, No. 1152, \$2,000; J. F. P. Barschel, Canora.
Battlevale, No. 2033, \$1,500; M. H. Tallant, Waseca.
Detchon, No. 2052, \$1,200; C. W. Ketcheson, Davidson.
Loberg, No. 206, \$800; B. Thorbergson, Churchbridge.
St. Johannes, R.C., No. 46, \$1,000; W. M. McCall,
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Rugby, No. 1088, \$800; H. W. Realff, River Course via

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DEBENTURES OFFERING.

Hawkesbury, Ont.—Until July 2nd, for \$6,000 6 per cent. debentures. Maturity 20 years. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

Neepawa, Man.—Until July 17th, for \$8,000, 4 per cent., 20-year telephone debentures; and \$1,920.98, 5 per cent., 20-year local improvement debentures. J. W. Bradley, secretary-year local improvement appears on another page.)

Campbellton, N.B.—Until July 7th, for \$60,000, 5 per cent. water and light debentures. W. H. Miller, chairman finance committee (Official advantage) (Official advertisement appears on anfinance committee. other page.)

Guelph, Ont.—Until June 30th, \$125,000 5 per cent. water-works debentures. Maturity, 30 years. J. Newstead, Mayor.

Revelstoke, B.C.—\$36,500, 5 per cent. city debentures. Maturity, 25 years. Revelstoke General Agencies, Limited. (Official advertisement appears on another page).

Kincardine, Ont.—Until June 30th, for \$8,500 5 per cent. J. H. Scougall, town permanent improvements debentures.

Winnipeg, Man.—Until July 9th, for \$200,000, 4 per cent., school debentures. Maturity, 35 years. R. H. Smith, secretary-treasurer Public School Board. (Official advertisement

Prescott, Ont.—Until July 20th, for \$20,000, 4 per cent. local improvements debentures. Maturity 20 years. G. Roek, (Official advertisement appears on another town clerk. page.)

South Vancouver, B.C.—Until July 2nd, for \$24,000, 5 per cent. municipal debentures. Maturity 50 years. R. 出. McClinton, Box 1, Hillcrest P.O., South Vancouver. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Craik, Sask.—Craik Driving Association.
Saskatoon, Sask.—W. A. Coulthard Agencies.
Taber, Alta.—Blue Front Trading Company. Williston, Alta.—Williston Trading Company.

Maple Creek, Sask.—Gull Lake Cemetery Company.

Tantallon, Sask.—Portable Steel Granary and Tank

Company.

Sask .- Canadian Farmers' - Co-operative River View, Sa Elevator Association.

Calgary, Alta.—Burnvale. Brick Pipe and Enamelling Company. International Timber Company. Standard Supply Company. Canadian Farm Company.

Cochrane, Alta.—Quigley Brick Manufacturing Com-

windsor, Ont.—Union Cobalt Mining Company, \$400,000; H. W. Hicks, G. G. Cooper, W. H. Flynn, Detroit.

Sherbrooke, Que.—National Acetylene Gas Company,
\$60,000; N. Hatley, J. O. Brousseau, J. P. Pelletier.

Ville Marie, Que.—Ville Marie Supply Company, \$20,
OO; A. Mirion, M. Mirion, W. Chenier.

Quebec, Que.—Tented City Company, \$75,000; C. E.

Amyot, W. M. MacPherson, W. Price.

Caledon, Ont.—Caledon Telephone Company, \$10,000;

S. R. Robinson, W. J. Warner, E. E. Wilson.

Dunedin, Ont.—Noisy River Telephone Company, \$10,000;

D. G. Mitchell, G. B. Moore, T. G. McNall.

Coderich, Ont.—Howell Hardware Company, \$40,000;

M. W. Howell.

Ingersoil, Ont.—Reid Foundry and Machine Company,

M. W. Howell.

Ingersoll, Ont.—Reid Foundry and Machine Company,

\$40,000; D. Reid, A. H. Marshall, Hamilton.

Sault Ste. Marle, Ont.—Algoma Warehousing Company,

\$40,000; T. H. Hunter, W. Thompson, J. I. Grover.

Berlin, Ont.—Twin City Builders Supply Company, \$40,000; B. E. Bechtel, W. J. Watson, H. DeJoannis.

Sunderland, Ont.—Sunderland

\$10,000; W. O. Webster, J. Blanchard, W. Tocker.

Dutton, Ont.—People's Land Transfers, \$2,000; D.

McLean, C. E. Doyle, W. J. Mitton.

North Augusta, Ont.—Leeds and Grenville Independent

Telephone Company, \$40,000; T. W. Ralph, W. S. Ralph,

T. Eyre.

St. Alexis, Que.—Ha Ha Lumber Company, \$45,000; J. Kaine, Quebec; T. D. Pontbriand, Sorel; G. L. Wells,

New York.

Hamilton, Ont.—Hamilton Bowling and Athletic Club;
W. P. Thomson, C. A. Shepard, C. T. Thomson. Hamilton
Tube Company, \$50,000; J. L. Sharkey, R. N. Harry, A.

Monae-Lesser, New York.

Winnipeg, Man.—Bissett & Loucks, \$40,000; E. H.
Bissett, E. B. Loucks, C. D. Corbould. Superior Fuel and
Coal Company, \$100,000; J. D. Atchison, R. Kershaw, S.
Corbett. Redwine Kenner Company, \$10,000; A. E. Kenner,
W. H. Redwine, T. Boyd.

Edmonton, Alta.—Edmonton Distributing Company. R.
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BANKING-IN LICHTER VEIN.

Pyjama-garbed Clerks Did Business in Crow's Nest Pass Country-Bank in Billiard Saloon.

A word might be said on the lighter side of banking which, although a grave and dignified profession, has been known to be subjected to conditions which border on the ludicrous. In a new country, where affairs commercial and financial are not yet subdued to the precise and mechanical methods usual in bank parlors, conditions are sometimes try-ing. What would an Eastern banker think were he compelled to hold consultations with his customers in one-half of a barber-shop, and to have a window-sill for his counter?

It is related of the manager of the grave and conservative British Bank, graduates from which are sticklers for the proprieties if any one is, that on arriving about 1898 in the very new British Columbia town in which he was to open a branch, he was unable to find any premises to sell or rent.

Had No Tent With Him. Advance guards from other banks were there, too, and had got possession, as it were. This man, carrying no tent with him, was determined to find a place to do business. So he rented a billiard saloon, moved his books and papers and cash into it, and on the same afternoon was receiving gold dust or pushing out money over the green cloth at one end while his clerk was keeping tally on transactions on the other.

Crow's Nest Pass Country. A bank man wrote thus in October, 1899 to a friend in Toronto:—"You cannot be as particular about your manners and your appearance out here as in the East. Many a time last summer we came down from our bed-rooms in our pyjamas paying out money and so on. This was not because the weather was hot, but because it was all hours at night or in the morning when customers came. We have to take business "on the fly" as you might say, and not wait until you get your neck-tie straight or the counter of the bank

Miners Cannot Tolerate Fops.

You might think this is not good form, but they all do it because they have to. Miners won't stand any dudery. And so even the hands of such particular banks as the British Bank and the Bank of Montreal have got into the free-andeasy manners of the West. I don't see, myself, how the Bank of British North America fellows were ever allowed to do business on billiard tables, etc., as they say they did in one place. That would break the Scotch directors all up, I

should think. And then fancy Mr. T—, of Montreal, [who was then living], or Mr. W—, of Toronto, going into a mountain branch of his bank and finding a clerk in his pyjamas! But, of course, it is a fine, free life out in this new country, where there is something in the very air that makes everybody hopeful."

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Before Mr. Cartwright, at the High Court of Justice, Toronto, on Thursday, Mr. F. E. Hodgins, K.C., for de-fendants other than McKay in the case Ontario Bank v. Cockburn, moved for an order postponing examination for discovery until after service of particulars. Mr. James Bicknell, K.C., appeared for plaintiffs. Judgment was

In the Ottawa House, on Wednesday, the Hon. Mr. Fielding, replying to Mr. Bickerdike, said that the question of the Government inspection of banks was an important one, but financial men were by no means agreed that it would accomplish what advocates of such a measure desired to bring about. It was a question deserving study and inquiry in connection with the general revision of the Bank Act, and the Government did not feel that the matter was in such a position that it would be possible to introduce a measure that it would be possible to introduce a measure was in such a position that it would be possible to introduce a measure was in the such as the su such a position that it would be possible to introduce a measure this session.

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FIRE, FLOOD AND FINANCE.

Quebec Province Has Several Unhappy Events to Record-Effect of Canal Break.

> Monetary Times Office Montreal, June 25th.

The past week has been filled with events of a disastrous The past week has been filled with events of a disastrous nature to the business interests of Montreal and vicinity. The most important were the fire at Three Rivers, the breaking loose of the Cornwall Canal and the suspension of the Bank of St. Hyacinthe. To these might be added the fire at Port St. Charles Montreal by which some twenty families Port St. Charles, Montreal, by which some twenty families were left homeless. Although the breaking of the Cornwall Canal may have a more immediate effect upon the business of Montreal, the fire at Three Rivers, by which almost \$2,000,000 property has been destroyed, is pre-eminently of the greatest importance among the events of the week. This the greatest importance among the events of the week. This is referred to in the Insurance Section on another page.

Before the first echoes of the disaster at Three Rivers had died away, news of a more disconcerting nature to the export trade came over the wires from an opposite direction—the bank of the Cornwall Canal had been washed out into the river. The rush of the water also undermined the pier supporting the swing bridge of the Ontario and New York railway which crosses the canal at this point, resulting in the supporting the swing bridge of the Ontario and New York railway which crosses the canal at this point, resulting in the complete destruction of the bridge. The canal being a necessary link in the waterway between Montreal, at the head of ocean navigation, and the Great Lakes, its loss cannot but have untimely results upon the export trade of the country. It would seem that the lockman on the canal observed signs of a leak, and on investigation found the water pouring through a hole about the size of a barrel in the stone wall on the river bank below the bottom of the canal and near the railway bridge. In a very short time the whole bank gave way under the pressure of water, the force of the discharge throwing the masonry and earth for the width of about 150 feet out into the river.

Grain Will Leave by Other Ports.

Alive to the gravity of the situation, the Montreal Corn Exchange called a special meeting for Wednesday to discuss the best course of action. At this meeting a delegation was appointed to wait upon the railways and endeavor to obtain lower rates on grain from Kingston and Prescott to Montreal. At the same time, it was decided to petition the Government to give precedence to the work of repairing the canal bank, permitting the consideration of reconstruction of the railway bridge to remain until navigation has been

resumed.

It is only a week since the Montreal papers were devoting considerable attention to the fact that the shipments of wheat through this port since the opening of navigation were close to 6,000,000 bushels; while those through the port of New York were much less than half that amount, and the total chimments from all the ports of the United States were of New York were much less than half that amount, and the total shipments from all the ports of the United States were only slightly in excess of that from Montreal. The New York Produce Exchange grasped the situation and held a special meeting to discuss what could be done to meet the rivalry of the Port of Montreal. They decided to ask the railways to lower the rates on grain, but the general feeling here was that this would not have the slightest effect upon the issue and that grain shipments would continue to be deflected from other routes to the St. Lawrence. Even the New Yorkers seemed to be to some extent impressed with New Yorkers seemed to be to some extent impressed with this view, one speaking advocating State ownership of rail-ways in order to obtain rates which would restore to New York its former glory as the premier grain-shipping port. The break in the Cornwall Canal consequently occurs at a

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very inopportune moment and there is just a possibility that, as a result of it, a considerable quantity of grain, which would otherwise come through to Montreal, will be turned aside at Buffalo for New York.

St. Hyacinthe Bank Affairs.

Following the recent announcement regarding the failure of the Banque de St. Jean, comes that of the Bank of St. Hyacinthe. It may be remembered that, in announcing the collapse of the former bank, the possibility of another bank failure in the near future was commented upon. This had reference to the St. Hyacinthe. It is too early yet to give any particulars of the matter, no investigation having yet been made. On another page will be found the May figures submitted by the bank to the Government.

Regarding the Banque St. Jean affairs, practically nothing new has developed since a week ago. At the preliminary investigation on Tuesday, one of the accountants declared that the Hon Mr. Roy had a fairly free hand in the management of the bank. In reply to questions as to the circumstances, under which loops accordance as much to clared that the fight with the management of the bank. In reply to questions as to the management of the bank. In reply to questions as to the circumstances under which loans aggregating as much as half a million dollars had been effected, he declared that although the loans had been passed by the board of directors, it was chiefly Mr. Roy who conducted the matter. A discussion regarding the "black list," published last week, brought out the fact that about \$10,000 of this had been written off to Profit and Loss in 1906 and 1907. The statewritten off to Profit and Loss in 1906 and 1907. The statement that the list represented worthless securities was repeated. The crown prosecutor severely arraigned the action of the magistrate in liberating Mr. Roy on, as the prosecutor claimed, improper bail. The case was adjourned until Thursday perf Thursday next.

Propose to Reorganize Bank.

Meantime, an effort is being made to rehabilitate the Banque de St. Jean. A circular letter has been sent to all the creditors of the bank suggesting that they accept shares at the ratio of \$200.0 above in a proposed recognized bank the creditors of the bank suggesting that they accept shares at the ratio of \$100 a share in a proposed reorganized bank in lieu of the money owed them by the defunct institution. It is not believed that the Government would grant a charter or in any way sanction such a proceeding. It is probable, also, that the attention of the Government will be called to the matter before any creditor accepts the proposition. Under the suggestion, the creditor signs away his claim when he accepts stock in the proposed institution.

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INSURANCE CHRONICLE.

June 27th, 1908.

TWO STARTLING REMINDERS.

One whole block and a portion of another in the business part of Burk's Falls, Ontario, has been swept out of existence by fire. Four hundred buildings destroyed, one thousand people homeless, two persons dead, and others injured is the toll of a conflagration at Three Rivers, Quebec. The cause in each case was simple. One started, no one seems to know how, in a factory drying kiln; the other is ascribed to children playing with matches. The residents of these two centres of population must surely realize now the significance of the conflagration hazard. The poverty, sorrow and waste in these two instances are sufficiently appalling; but there is something more so in contemplation of this continent's annual fire waste.

The American people pride themselves upon progressive methods. The world knows when a building of theirs is constructed in record time. The record-time feature is counterbalanced by the fire hazard which it usually embraces. It is difficult to see wherein lies the saving in building quickly and cheaply, and in using large quantities of timber instead of fire-resisting materials, when office blocks and towns and cities can be

swept away by flames in a few hours.

The gravity of the danger of such sweeping fires on this continent seems strangely enough only beginning to arrest attention. It has given vast concern to fire underwriters. Preventive methods have long been urged by insurance journals. The average man does not seem to grasp the momentous import of the subject. Views of experienced underwriters and fire-fighters concerning the lessening of these frightful devastations are printed day after day. One expert expresses the belief that "the combination of circumstances which make for a conflagration are quite as possible now as at any time in the past, and are not likely to be materially changed for the better in the near future." In spite of all fire departments or hose streams, he insists that "a conflagration is never really gotten under control. It exhausts its possibilities at least in one direction, usually that toward which the wind is blowing."

The two chief causes appear to be careless building and the careless habits of the public. The first is a subject for consideration by municipalities throughout the continent. One day it will be recognized that inflammable lumber is an inferior building material. Matches are probably responsible for many thousands of fires every year. They are carelessly used, are left in pockets and dropped upon floors. Month after month, year after year, capital is expended in town and city building only to be swallowed up by the fire fiend. The apathy of the American citizen in this respect is truly astonishing.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

Statistics Showing Loss of Life in the Railway Service and Navigation.

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The railway service in Canada, as was seen by the charts recently printed in these pages, accounted for a large loss of life and injury to limb. Coupling accounted for 32 lives in 1904-5, and 59 injured in the same two years. The number of persons run over by trains is large, and dynamite blasting claims many human lives. The losses from electric shock are comparatively small. It is interesting to note, in view of the harrowing tales frequently circulated, that in the railway service only one man thus lost his life by being frozen during the three years, 1904-6.

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In navigation, drowning naturally figures prominently; in 1905-6 the total number of such cases was 193. Explosions

of gas account for a large number of lives, while it is seen that one man was frozen to death in 1905. Under the heading "General Transport" collisions account for 12 killed in 1906 and 13 injured in the same year. Street car collisions in 1905 cost 3 lives, while 24 people were injured. No less than 5 were crushed between a boat and a wharf in the two years, 1904-5, while the same cause injured 8 in the same two years.

The number of accidents in civic spheres, compared with other classes is fairly small, although fires account for 5 deaths in two years, and 96 injuries. By falling material 2 were killed in 1905, and 10 injured, but a decrease under this

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TWO TOWNS FIRE SWEPT.

Three Rivers and Burks' Falls Are Visited by Bad Conflagrations.

Three Rivers, Que.—Estimated losses, \$2,000,-000; estimated insurance, \$1,092,800; population, 12,500.

Burks' Falls, Ont.—Estimated losses, \$12,000; estimated insurance, \$70,000; population, 900.

The fire fiend has again reminded the country that careless building construction, and a careless people cannot continue without tempting the flames. Burks' Falls, Ont., was fireswept on Saturday and Three Rivers, Que., on Monday.

Three Rivers is a city of about 12,500 inhabitants, located on the north bank of the St. Lawrence, about 96 miles east of Montreal and rather less west of Quebec. It was Three Rivers which the C.P.R., this spring, during the trouble with the ship laborers at Quebec, spoke of as its possible future port. Fortunately, for the C.P.R., it did not execute its threat, as the fire has swept away the entire water front. The conflagration broke out on Monday, about noon, in a livery stable owned by Joseph Roy, in the rear of which it is said children were playing with matches. A high wind was blowing and, fanned, by this, the fire shortly had gained a headway with which the obsolete fire-fighting apparatus of Three Rivers was entirely inadequate to contend. The cities of Quebec and Montreal were immediately wired for assistance, Rivers was entirely inadequate to contend. Quebec and Montreal were immediately wired for assistance, similar messages being sent to Shawinigan and Grand Mere, a distance some 30 miles north. The various fire brigades responded immediately, the Montreal brigade arriving upon the scene about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Meantime the fire had burned with such fury that practically the whole business had burned with such fury that practically the whole business section had been destroyed.

Banks Also Were Burned.

The premises of the Quebec Bank, the Bank of Hochelaga and the Provincial Bank, the Bell Telephone, the C.P.R. and G.N.W. telegraph offices, the City Hall and Court House, and the railway buildings were completely destroyed. In fact, the fire was only brought under control through absence of fuel, as night fell, the whole business portion of the city having meantime been consumed. Practically the only large buildings left standing were the Ursuline Convent and some of the churches. There now remains of the city of Three Rivers little more than the outer fringe of buildings.

The jail also resisted the fire and comment is made regarding the fireproof qualities of a large three-storey house, built of solid cement. The flames gained an entry and consumed everything within the walls, and although they raged

built of solid cement. The flames gained an entry and consumed everything within the walls, and although they raged for three hours within the building, no effect save a slight cracking in the iron could be noticed in the concrete walls. The latest estimate places the losses somewhat in excess of \$2,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 is covered by insurance.

The amounts of the risks carried by the different companies, as far as can be ascertain, are as follows:

Insurance at Three Rivers.

Liverpool and London and Globe, \$81,500; Northern, \$78,000; Royal, \$75,000; Guardian, \$60,000; Queens, \$56,000; Phoenix of London, \$52,500; Caledonian, \$46,100; North British and Mercantile, \$44,600; British-America, \$44,600; Commercial Union, \$40,000; Montreal-Canada, 38,000; Equity, \$36,600; St. Pauls, \$35,000; Atlas, \$32,000; London and Lancashire, \$31,700; Western, \$31,300; Anglo-American, \$27,000; Alliance, \$25,800; Stanstead and Sherbrooke, \$25,000; London Assurance, \$23,000; North America, \$22,500; Norwich Union, \$21,400; Mount Royal, \$20,000; Sun, \$20,000; London Mutual, \$18,700; Ontario, \$18,300; Scottish Union, \$13,600; Dominion, \$12,000; Rimouski, \$11,000; Can-Union, \$13,600; Dominion, \$12,000; Rimouski, \$11,000; Can-ada Feu, \$10,000; Traders, \$8,750; Sterling, \$7,000; Mani-toba, \$5,500; Union, \$5,500. The total of these is \$1,002.

800; the total loss is estimated in excess of \$2,000,000.

As was the case at Three Rivers a high wind was blowing when the fire broke out at Burk's Falls. In response to ing when the fire broke out at Burk's Falls. In response to an emergency message sent to Huntsville a special train was at once despatched from there with the fire brigade and apparatus. The conflagration broke out in the afternoon, and by nine o'clock in the evening was practically checked. It was the worst fire in the history of Burk's Falls, and originated in the drying kiln of Knight Brothers factory. The following is a list of the insurance as near as can be ascertained:

Insurance at Burk's Falls.

Adjusters are busy in Burk's Falls, and will know next week what the total losses are. Meanwhile we have ascertained that the Hartford has \$16,000 and the Caledonian \$18,000 at risk, the Independent and Economical have a trifling loss each, the Equity loses probably \$2,500, the Mercantile \$3,000, the London & Lancashire \$2,000, the Anglo-American, \$4,000. The Sun has at least one risk. Some other tariff companies have losses, not yet reported, but the total insurance must approach \$70,000, while the property loss is \$120,000.

One salutary effect the fire has had already: the town one salutary effect the fire has had already: the town council has met and resolved upon some further precautions against a recurrence. For example, they have ordered that no more shingle roofs shall be laid. It is stated that the part of the town burned over contained some of the least desirable construction.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES.

Lindsay, Ont.—John Carew's lumber mill totally destroyed. Loss, \$16,500; insured for \$6,600.

Conn, Ont.—A. G. Bishop's lumber mill and stock damaged to extent of \$3,500. Insured in Economical Mutual for

Morin Flats, Que.—Residence of Miss Mary Jekill destroyed; valued at \$3,500; insured for \$1,250 with the London Mutual.

Atiin, B.C.—Kootenay Hotel destroyed. Cause, explosion from escape of gas. Loss between \$8,000 and \$10,000; no insurance.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Walter McGibbon's damaged to extent of \$150. Insured in London lalter McGibbon's property Insured in London & Man-

damaged to extent of \$150. Insured in London & Manchester for \$2,500.

Winnipeg.—J. Y. Griffin's pork-packing plant (branch of Swift & Company, Chicago) damaged to extent of \$50,000.

J. Y. Griffin Company, Limited, pork packing plant, hog killing house, destroyed by fire, loss over \$50,000. Insurance on building and machinery: British America, \$8,500; North America, \$3,500; Sun, \$4,000; North British, \$4,000; Royal, \$1,500; German-American, \$1,500; Dominion, \$1,500; Empire City, \$1,500; North River, \$1,500; Home, \$5,500; Scottish Union, \$2,500; Connecticut, \$2,500; London Assurance, \$2,500; Rochester German, \$2,500; Hartford, \$2,500; Quebec Fire, \$3,000; Rimouski, \$2,500; Mercantile, \$3,000; London & Lancashire, \$3,000; Ætna, \$3,000; Guardian, \$5,000; Atlas, \$5,000; Sovereign, \$5,000; Phoenix, Brooklyn, \$5,000; Canadian Fire, \$5,000; Caledonian, \$4,500; St. Paul F. & M., \$4,500; Manitoba Assurance, \$2,000; Norwich Union, \$2,000; Phenix, London, \$6,000; Commercial Union, \$6,000; Northern, \$7,500; Queen, \$7,500; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$10,000; Queen, \$7,500; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$10,000; United States, \$1,250; Louisville, \$1,250; Florida, \$1,250; Peter Cooper, \$1,000. Loss to companies is about 30 per cent. Specific insurance on stock: North American, \$2,000; Guardian, \$1,000; Globe & Rutgers, ville, \$1,250; Florida, \$1,250; Peter Cooper, \$1,000. Loss to companies is about 30 per cent. Specific insurance on stock: North American, \$2,000; Guardian, \$1,000; Globe & Rutgers, \$2,000. Loss 75 per cent. Smoke damage, storage and packing warehouse insurance: Royal, \$13,500; British American, \$5,000; Rich. & Drum., \$5,000; Guardian, \$2,500; Hartford, \$2,500; North British, \$6,000; Norwich Union, \$3,000; Bulgaria G'dbach, \$3,500; Manitoba, \$1,000; Rochester, \$500; Lloyds, \$100.000. \$500; Lloyds, \$100,000.

Sovereign Bank of Canada

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of this Bank will be held at the Head Office, 28 King Street West, Toronto, on

Tuesday, the 14th day of July next,

for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. The chair will be taken at twelve o'clock noon.

By order of Board.

F. G. JEMMETT,

General Manager

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THE QUEBEC BANK.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Held Monday, the 1st of June, 1908.

Proceedings of the ninetieth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Quebec Bank, held in the banking house, on Monday, the 1st of June, 1908.

Present:—Messrs. W. A. Marsh, Vesey Boswell, John Shaw, John T. Ross, A. E. Scott, Gaspard LeMoine, H. B. Patton, G. G. Stuart, Andrew C. Joseph, Thomas McDougall, Archibald Laurie, and others.

On motion of John Shaw, Esq., seconded by A. E. Scott, Esq., the chair was taken by John T. Ross, Esq., and Mr. R. C. Patton was requested to act as secretary of the meeting. Carried.

In absence of the president, the vice-president read the report of the Directors, and Thomas McDougall, Esq., the General Manager, read the statement of the affairs of the Bank as on the 15th of May, 1908.

The directors of the Quebec Bank beg to lay before its Shareholders the Balance Sheet of the Bank and its Profit and Loss Account, according to the Statement of the 15th May last, the closing of the year.

The profits are \$281,057.03, deduction having been made of the expenses of management with due allowance for bad debts and unearned interest on bills discounted.

The usual quarterly dividends have been paid and an amount of \$5,000 has been set apart for the pension fund, in conformity with a resolution of shareholders to that effect. A special reserve of \$25,000 is made to cover fluctuations in the value of securities held, and, owing to the present uncertain outlook of trade, all the balance of the profits is transferred to profit and loss account.

The shortage in profits for this year, as compared with the last one, is due to diminished resources for doing business, namely, diminished deposits and circulation, together with the necessity of keeping stronger Cash Reserves. all these being exceptional circumstances, which may be ascribed to the highly disturbed condition of the money market during the past eight months.

A branch of the bank has this year been opened at Montmagny, Que.

An inspection of the head office and all the branches of the bank has been made within the year.

JOHN T. ROSS, Vice-President.

Moved by John T. Ross, Esq., seconded by Gaspard LeMoine, Esq., that the report and statements now read be adopted and published for the information of the share-holders.—Carried.

The usual resolution conveying thanks to the directors and officers were passed, after which the following share-holders were elected directors for the ensuing year: John T. Ross, Esq., Gaspard LeMoine, Esq., W. A. Marsh, Esq., Vesey Boswell, Esq., Thomas McDougall, Esq., G. G. Stuart, Esq., K.C., F. W. Ross, Esq.

At a meeting of the directors, held immediately after the annual meeting, John T. Ross, Esq., was elected president, and Vesey Boswell, Esq., was elected vice-president.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 15th May, 1908.

Profit and Loss Account.

	Balance at credit of Profit and Loss 15th May, 1907 Profits for the year ended 15th M	Лау, 1908,	\$ 70,843.46
	after deducting charges of mand making provision for bad a ful debts	and doubt-	281,057.03
			351,900.49
14.7	Dividend 134 per cent., paid 1st		
	September, 1907 \$	43,750.00	
	Dividend 134 per cent., paid 1st	*	
	Dividend 134 per cent., paid	43,750.00	
	2nd March, 1908	43,750.00	
	Dividend 134 per cent., payable		
	1st June, 19081	43,750.00	
	Reserved for Pension Fund	5,000.00	
	Reserved for depreciation in		
	securities held	25,000.00	
			205,000.00

Balance and credit of Profit and Loss Account

carried forward

GENERAL STATEMENT, 15th MAY, 1908.

Liabilitie	8.	
Capital Stock		\$ 2,500,000.00
Rest \$	1,250,000.00	
Reserved for Interest due to De-		
positors and for Rebate of	4:	
Interest on Current Bills		
Discounted	115,352.71	1 Jan 1997
Balance of Profits carried for-		
- ward	146,900.49	1
	1,512,253.20 2,686.00	
Unclaimed Dividends Quarterly Dividend No. 176,	2,000.90	
payable 1st June	43,750.00	
payable 1st Jule	43,730.00	\$ 1,558,690.10
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Notes in circulation \$	1,447,568.00	
Deposits not bearing interest	1,572,199.00	
Deposits bearing interest	7,028,635.47	
Balances due to other Banks in		
Canada	292,167.10	
Balance due to Agents in Great	0	
Britain	251,789.54	O
		\$10,592,359.11
		\$14,651,049.21
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Assets.		
Specie 8	371,142.71	
Dominion Notes	616,657.50	
Deposit with the Dominion		
Government for security of		
Note Circulation	89,600.00	
Notes of and Cheques on other	1 1 1	
Banks	422,702.24	
Bonds and Securities	1,058,543.70	
Call Loans on Bonds and Stocks		
in Canada	916,200.38	
Call and Short Loans elsewhere than in Canada	10,000.00	
Loans to other Banks in Can-	10,000.00	
ada secured including Bills	1 1 1	
re-discounted	107,666.54	
Deposits made with, and Bal-		
ances due from other	1 7	
Banks in Canada	3,846.98	
Balances due by Agents in		
Foreign Countries	228,507.90	
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Time Loans on Bonds and Stocks	258 447 00	
Notes and Pills Discounted	358,447.99	
Notes and Bills Discounted	10,058,911.09	
Current		
Overdue Debts (Loss provided		

THOMAS McDOUGALL, General Manager. The Quebec Bank, Quebec, 15th May, 1908.

30,395.24

47,322.81

2,570.00

328,444.13

\$14,651,049.21

for)

Premises

Real Estate other than Bank

Mortgages on Real Estate..

Bank Premises and Furniture

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

	Week ending 1907	1908	Change
C.P.R.	June 21 \$1,619,00	0 \$1,287,000	-\$332,000
C.N.R.	June 21 202,30	0 151,200	- 51,100
G.T.R.	June 21 883 82	825,675	- 58,150
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Mont St	Ry June 20 77,27	75,024	- , 2,247

The reduction of five per cent. which was recently made in the insurance rates of Carberry, Man., is to be followed shortly by a further reduction of fifteen per cent. This is the result of the system of fire protection which has been installed at a cost of \$15,000. The underwriters are calling Edmonton's attention to the fact that its basis rate 85 cents in the dollar is the highest in the West, and is fifteen cents above Calgary, this being the result of Edmonton's failure to maintain an efficient fire brigade. Mr. Birch, secretary of the Manitoba and North-West Fire Underwriters Association, who has recently made an extended trip through the West, says that many Western towns do not pay sufficient attention to fire fighting equipment.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIFE UNDERWRITERS.

An elaborate programme has been arranged for the reception and entertainment of delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters, which meets in Los Angeles in August, from the 17th to the 22nd. A dance and reception at the Virginia Hotel at Long Beach, a reception at the Maryland Hotel at Pasadena, a trip around Mount Lowe, a visit to Santa Catalina, a banquet and motor car trip about Los Angeles, with such additions as the chance presence of warships in Los Angeles waters will make possible are few of the many features.

The programme of entertainment is being perfected by committees of the Life Underwriters' Association of Los Angeles, of which Mr. J. W. Whittington is president. Mr. Whittington is also third vice-president of the National Association ation, which is composed of the various city organizations throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

It is estimated that there will be between 600 and 700

members of the association present and that 1,000 additional visitors will be brought by reason of the low rates granted by the transcontinental lines.

Here is the programme: Monday, August 17-Meeting of the Executive Commit-

tee of the National organization.

Tuesday—The first regular session of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, at the Alexandria Hotel, where headquarters will be established.

The session will be followed by a motor car ride about the city as the guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

In the evening a dance and reception at the Virginia

Hotel, Long Beach.

Wednesday Morning and afternon sessions of the Convention. During the noon hours a luncheon will be given at which the women of the organization will be present.

In the evening a meeting of the nominating committee will be held at which nominations for officers for the following year will be made.

Thursday-Regular business session and election of

In the evening there will be a banquet at a hotel or cafe to be decided upon.

Friday will be devoted to a trip to Mount Lowe and a drive about Pasadena. In the evening a reception will be held at Hotel Maryland.

Saturday the delegates will visit Catalina, lunching at the Metropole.

Sunday a special train will convey the delegates to Monterey

Monday the delegates will be entertained in San Fran-

Governor Gillett has been invited to attend the Convention and has signified his intention of being present.

The officers of the Life Underwriters' Association of Los Angeles are: J. W. Whittington, president; I. J. Muna, vice-president; J. R. Norris, vice-president; C. S. Montgomery, secretary; J. L. Collins, treasurer.

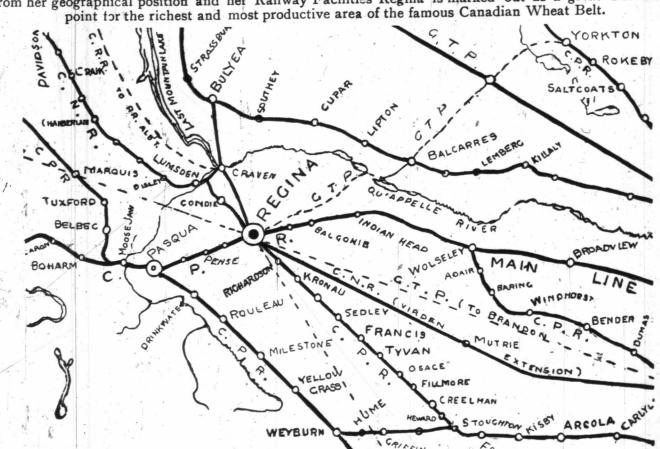
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION IN ENGLAND.

There are certain laws that have been classified as having an exactly contrary effect to that for which they were supposed to have been framed. The new Workmen's Compensation Act, which came into force in England last year, from all accounts appears to come perilously near to being included therewith. It is, at any rate, not working out quite as was expected, and is unquestionably doing a great deal to discourage industries in the country. Mr. G. A. Greig, secretary of the London Building Industries Federation, states that agents of some insurance companies are going into factories and threatening when they see men who have passed the prime of life to raise the premium unless these men are discharged.

The chairman of the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation hinted at something of this at the last annual meeting in Perth. He said that employers would last annual meeting in Perth. He said that employers would have to pay a much higher premium in the future for insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act unless they made up their minds to discontinue the employment of aged men and those who were not thoroughly sound and healthy. He also pointed out that medical examination would be necessary in every case. Many employers are indeed already discharging and refusing employment to men who, while still mentally and physically efficient, have age, or, in many instances merely the appearance of age against them. The law thus imposes a great hardship upon middle-aged and elderly workmen, erroneously supposing them to be more liable to accident than younger men. Experience actually shows that the opposite is the case. perience actually shows that the opposite is the case.

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DIVIDENDS PAYABLE

Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Ltd. DIVIDEND NOTICE

The Directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Limited, have this day declared the usual dividend of two per cent. on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable July 15th, to shareholders of record of June 30, 1908, the transfer books will be closed from July 1st to 5th, inclusive.

In view of the depressed condition of the iron and steel trade in Canada, and elsewhere, and the uncertainty as to the immediate future, the Directors have decided not to pay any dividend on the Common Stock of the Company for the quarter ending June 30, 1908.

By Order of the Board.

THOMAS CANTLEY, General Manager.

THE CANADA LANDED AND NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

DIVIDEND No. 94

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of THREE AND A HALF PER CENT. (being at the rate of Seven Per Cent. per annum) on the Paid up Capital Stock of this Company has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after the

Second Day of July, 1908

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 30th days of June, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board

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Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. for the current half-year, being at the rate of EIGHT PER CENT. per annum, upon the paid in stock of this Institution has been declared and that the same will be payable at its office, corner Wyndham and Cork Streets, Guelph, on and after Thursday, July 2nd, 1908.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the twentieth to the thirtieth of June, 1908, both days inclusive.

J. E. McELDERRY,

Guelph, June 8th, 1908.

Managing Director.

Guelph, June 8th, 1908.

Managing Director.

THE MEXICAN LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of One Per Cent. has been declared upon the outstanding Ordinary Shares of this Company's capital stock, payable on the 15th July, 1908, to Shareholders of record of 30th June, 1908. Cheques will be sent, by post, to shareholders of such record.

The Transfer Books will be closed from 1st to 15th July, both days inclusive.

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A. R. DOBLE,

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Montreal, 8th June, 1908.

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One of the founders of the Ontario Institute of Accountants, J. W. Johnson, F.C.A., M.P.P., was honored by being given a dinner by his associates of the Institute at the National Club in Toronto last week. Mr. George Edwards, F.C.A., in the chair. Mr. Johnson has just been elected to the Legislature to represent West Hastings. He is the first chartered accountant to have a seat in the Ontario Legislature, and has moreover, been a member of the Council of ture, and has moreover, been a member of the Council of the Institute continuously since its founding.

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

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Montreal prices (close Thursday) furnished by Burnett & Co., 12 St. Sacrament St., Montreal

British Columbia Mining Stocks (close Thursday) furnished by Robert Meredith & Co. 45 St François Xavier Street, Montreal

New York Stock Exchange

Yesterday's opening and 2 p.m. quotations of N. Y. Stock Exchange, with comparisons.

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R. R. STOCKS	2 p.m. June 19	Open's June 26	1 p.ra. June 26
Atch. Top. & Santa Fe Baltimore & Ohio Bklyn Rapid Transit	81 86 4 46 159 4	81# 851 46# 1592	818 868 47 1592
Canadian Southern	433	398	49 61
Chicago Great Western Chicago Milw. & St. P Chicago & N.W Colorado Sou	132 150 30 157	132k 149k	133 150‡
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INDUSTRIALS	34	241	308
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Amal. Copper American Cotton Oil American Ice Sees. American Locomotive	31 261 432	48	48à
American Smelting	100	748	x751
American Steel Foundry American Sugar	224		1243
Anaconda CoprCent. LeatherColo. Fuel & Iron	42‡ 24‡ 26‡ 124	123	1234
American Woolen Anaconda Copr. Cent. Leather Colo. Fuel & Iron Cons. Gas N. Y Corn Products Distillers Int'l. Paper	16½ 33½ 10	34	17 34½
Mackay Companies	654		641
Nat'l Lead	28		271
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DEBENTURES FOR SALE

REVELSTOKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

\$36,500 City of Revelstoke 25-year Debentures. Assessed value of taxable property, \$1,121,820. Bonded debt

including this issue, \$173,500.

The City also owns Water and Light plant yielding an annual revenue of \$32,500.

The above debentures bear interest at 5 per cent. per annum. Further particulars on application to

REVELSTOKE GENERAL AGENCIES, Limited, Revelstoke, B.C.

SOUTH VANCOUVER MUNICIPALITY

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Thursday, July 2nd, 1908, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purchase of the whole or any portions of \$24,000 South Vancouver Municipality, 50-year, 5 per cent. Debentures.

Particulars may be received on application to the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Ont., or to the undersigned.

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DEBENTURES FOR SALE

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of \$20,000 Local Improvement Debentures of the Town of Prescott, payable in 20 equal annual instalments, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, interest payable

Tenders must be marked "Tenders for Debentures" and reach this office not later than Monday, the 20th day of July,

A.D., 1908.

GEO. ROOK, Town Clerk, Prescott, Ont.

TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES

Town of Collingwood

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the following debentures of the Town of Collingwood:

\$ 8,600 Consolidated Debenture Act 1899, 30 years, 4½ per cent., with interest computed from Dec. 1st, 1907. 7,700 Consolidated Debenture Act, 1889, 35 years, 4½ per cent., with interest computed from Dec. 1st, 1908.

25,000 Imperial Steel and Wire Company, Limited, with interest computed at 5 per cent. from Dec. 1st, 1907.

The above debentures are guaranteed by the County of Simcoe.

Tenders to be given for each separate parcel. Successful tenderer to pay at par in Collingwood and the cost of forwarding debentures.

Tenders marked "Tenders for Debentures" will be a ceived by the undersigned, up to noon, June 24th, 1908.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For copies of By-laws and further information apply to J. H. Duncan, Town Clerk.

- J. R. ARTHUR, Chairman Finance Committee.

CITY OF BRANTFORD

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tenders for Debentures," will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, July 4th, for the purchase of debentures to the amount of \$144,842, issued for various purposes of the above municipality.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Further information will be furnished by

ARTHUR K. BUNNELL, Treasurer.

TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES

Town of Campbellton, N.B.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and marked "Tenders for Debentures," will be received up till noon on Tuesday, the 7th, day of July prox, for the purchase of the whole or any part of a lot of \$60,000.00 of "Town of Campbellton Water and Light Debentures" in denominations of \$1,000 each and bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly at the office of the Town Treasurer, Campbellton, N.B.

Further particulars, specifying object of issue, date of maturity, etc., will be furnished on application.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order of the Town Council.

WM. H. MILLER,

Chairman Finance Committee. Mayor's Office, Campbellton, N.B., June 11th, 1908.

\$200,000 CITY OF WINNIPEG SCHOOL BONDS.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Winnipeg School Board, will be received up to three o'clock p.m., July 9th, 1908, for the purchase of the whole, or any portion of \$200,000 of debentures of the school district of Winnipeg No. nipeg No. 1, repayable at the expiration of 35 years from the 1st of August, 1908, with interest from 1st of August, at 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. Money to be paid and delivery made at Winnipeg. Principal and interest payable at London, England; New York, U.S.A.; Toronto, Montal of Winnipeg. real or Winnipeg.

Provision has been made for registration of bonds. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further information apply to the undersigned.

R. H. SMITH, Secretary-Treasurer Public School Board, Winnipeg, Canada.

DEBENTURES FOR SALE

Town of Hawkesbury, Ont.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 7 o'clock p.m. on the 2nd day of July, 1908, for the purchase of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) of 6 per cent. Debentures payable in twenty years issued under the provision of by-law No. 126 of the Town of Hawkesbury to raise \$6,000 for street

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

D. DOYLE, Town Clerk.

TOWN OF NEEPAWA, MANITOBA DEBENTURES FOR SALE

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to July, 17, 1908, for the purchase of the following Town of Neepawa Debentures: Telephone, \$8,000, 20-years, in denominations of \$500 each; interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first, days of January and July in each year during the currency thereof. Principal and Interest guaranteed by the Provincial Government of Manitoba, and payable at the Union Bank of Canada in the City of Montreal. Interest Coupons attached, dated May 16, 1908.

Local Improvement, \$1,929.98, 20-years, in denominations of 3 of \$500 each and 1 of \$429.98; interest at 5 per cent. per annum, payable yearly on November 1st in each year during the currency thereof. Principal and Interest payable at the Merchants Bank of Canada in the Town of Neepawa. Interest Coupons attached, dated February 28, 1008

Tenders must be marked "Tenders for Debentures," and must reach this office not later than the 17th day of July, J. W. BRADLEY, Sec.-Treas.

Neepawa, Manitoba, June 15, 1908.

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Monetary Times," June 13, 1908. "Dry Goods and Cotton."

So far as the wholesale houses are concerned, slow and positive improvement has marked the course of the cotton goods market during the past few weeks, and evidence is accumula-ting to show that there is some broadening in the de-mand for goods in the consuming channels. Recent reports from business cen-tres indicate that the embargo on business has been lifted in many quarters and the desire to prepare for the new business now offering is more settled and wide-spread. There is also a disspread. tinct improvement in the volume of enquiry for cotton varns.

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Winnipeg Commercial. June 20, 1908. "The Dry Goods Trade."

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CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

When the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association met, early this week, in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, there was no thought in the minds of its assembling members of the disaster at Three Rivers on the previous day. Insurance losses after at Three Rivers on the previous day was no of a million on property loss of nearly two millions was no sort of cock-tail or grace before meat to ensure either cheersort of cock-tail or grace before meat to ensure either cheerful talk or good digestion. The president, Mr. Morrisey, was in the chair and the attendance was quite up to the average. From Toronto came Mr. J. B. Laidlaw, of the Norwich Union; Mr. H. M. Blackburn, of the Sun; Mr. P. H. Sims, of the British America; Mr. C. C. Foster, of the Western; Mr. Alfred Wright, of the London & Lancashire; Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Cook. The Montreal members were more numerous, as was natural; possibly also more convivial when the business was over. What this business was we are graciously told will be learned next week.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

The head office of each company is situate in the town or city mentioned at the beginning of each paragraph, and the persons named appear to be prominent members of the company.

Strathcona, Alta.—International Realty. Yorkton, Sask .- Yorkton Curling Association. Saltooats, Sask .- Saltcoats Telephone Company. Wauchope, Sask.—People's Telephone Company. Moose Jaw, Sask.—Moose Jaw Machine Company. Stockholm, Sask.—Freija Recreation Hall Company. Lumsden, Sask.—Lumsden Radial Telephone Company. Vegreville, Alta.—Farmers' Grain and Produce Company. Yellow Crass, Sask .- Yellow Grass Telephone Company. Cowley, Alta.—Foothills News and Job Print Company.

Cardston, Alta.—Alberta Lumber and Hardware Com-

Buck Lake, Sask .- Buck Lake Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company.

Saskatoon, Sask.-Saskatoon Power Company; Gibbons Business College.

Fergus, Ont.-Alexandra Hospital, A. Groves, W. A. Groves, P. Rennie.

Trenton, Ont.—Dafoe Pharmacy, \$40,000; R. A. Byle, A. G. Poole, I. N. Dafoe.

Welland, Ont.—Welland County General Hospital, W. E. Phin, M. McAuliff, A. Griffiths.

Arkona, Ont.—Rock Glen Power Company, \$40,000; T. W. Mitchell, J. L. Fuller, W. J. Fuller.

Pincher Greek, Alta.-Pincher Creek Brick Power and Light Company.

Almonte, Ont.—Rosamond Memorial Hospital, W. Thorburn, J. Rosamond, J. Donaldson.

Pembroke, Ont.—Magnet Mines Company, \$1,500,000;
J. Coxford, S. Bromley, J. Bromley.

St. Thomas, Ont.—Elgin Humane Society, W. V. Mc-Donald, A. E. Hamilton, E. Brierly. Lakeside Pleasure Company, \$20,000. W. J. Green, E. O. Penwarden, F. W. Cowley.

Brantford, Ont.—Stedman Brothers, \$40,000; E. I. Stedman, S. W. Stedman, G. H. Stedman.

Believille, Ont.—Holton Lumber Company, \$40,000; M. Bowell, G. H. Holton, C. J. Bowell.

Winchester, Ont.—Winchester Hotel Company, \$40,000; R. Reddick, A. Sweet, J. G. Challies.

Miami, Man.—Miami Horse Company, \$3,000; W. Thompson, J. H. Elliott, W. Dunn.

Otterburne, Man.—Renuart & Moire Company, \$15,000; A. Moire, A. Renuart, G. Renuart.

Berlin, Ont.—Lippert Furniture Company, \$100,000; G. J. Lippert, G. Lippert, E. Lippert.

Elora, Ont.—Elora Lawn Bowling Association, W. Robertson, W. A. Kerr, J. R. McGregor.

Tamworth, Ont.—Tamworth Athletic Association. H. Armstrong, C. H. Rose, G. W. Houston.

North Bay, Ont.—Blanchet and Titzpatrick, \$40,000. J. Blanchet, J. Fitzpatrick, E. C. Rheaume.

Collingwood, Ont.—Bellman Medical Company, \$100,000.
F. J. Bellman, G. P. Pearsall, J. M. O'Brien.

Kintore, Ont.—Nissouri Telephone Company, \$15,000. D. McMillan, W. I. Hogg, W. H. McGee.

Milibrook, Ont.—Ontario Sunday School Association, J. J. Maclaren, T. Gibson, J. A. Patterson.

Chatham, Ont.—Mineral Springs Hotel Company, \$75,000; A. Park, W. M. Drader, F. A. Robert, W. W. Scane.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—Stephens Brick Company,
\$100,000; H. Stephens, G. Carter, J. Young.

Lewiston, N.S.—Lewiston Shipping Company, \$700,000; G. E. Lewis, G. E. Lewis, F. L. Lewis, Truro.

Aylmer, Ont.—Aylmer Pump and Scale Company, \$90,000; S. H. Chapman, W. Warren, F. W. Chapman.
Niagara Falls, Ont.—Spirella Company of Canada, \$50,000.
W. W. Kincaid, J. H. Pardee, M. M. Beeman.
Lindsay, Ont.—Lindsay Free Press Company, \$25,000;
R. J. Moore, E. M. Moore, R. M. Mason, Fenelon Falls.

Calt, Ont.—Beaver Manufacturing Company, \$100,000; H. M. Griffin, Galt; W. Griffin, A. MacGregor, Toronto.

Oakland, Ont.—Scotland Box and Manufacturing Com-pany, \$40,000; J. E. Elliott, W. A. Stuart, W. E. Hooker.

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Campbellford, Ont.—Canadian Steel Rolling Mills Company, \$100,000; A. H. McKell, C. E. Dunk, W. J. Doxsee.

Huntsville, Ont.—Huntsville Hardware, \$40,000. T. J.

White, Collingwood; J. W. White, W. J. Lytle, Huntsville.

Ingersoll, Ont.—Oxford Milk Cooler and Dairy Supply
Company, \$40,000; E. E. Gustin, E. B. Jackson, F. Dutton.

Burlington, Ont.—W. T. Glover Manufacturing Company, \$20,000; W. T. Glover, W. F. W. Fisher, J. A. Petitt.

Black Lake, Oue.—British-Canadian Asbestos Company.

Black Lake, Que.—British-Canadian Asbestos Company, \$1,000,000. J. W.Cook, A. R. McMaster, A. W. G. Macalister. North Port, Ont.-North Port Canning Company, \$40,000.

A N. Sprague, Trenton; F. E. N. Boulter, A. Leslie, Picton. Birtle, Man.—H. A. Manwaring Company, \$60,000. H. A. Manwaring, F. H. Manwaring, Birtle; E. G. Fisher, Solsgirth.

Buckingham, Que.—Buckingham Rapid Transit Company, \$20,000; A. O. Anderson, J. F. Higginson, W. A. Mac-

Ardoch, Ont.—Alpine Mining Company, \$300,000; A. R. Bullock, J. F. Chamberlain, J. A. Boland, Cambridge Springs, Pa.

North Head, Crand Manan, N.B.—Maritime Contracting and Commercial Company, \$20,000; E. R. Reid, A. D. Reid, J. D. Gaskill.

St. Johns, Que.—La Compagnie de Publication le Canada Français, \$20,000. L. A. Gosselin, S. Poulin, St. Johns; P. E. Lamarche, Montreal.

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The STANDARD TRUSTS COMPANY DIVIDEND No. 8.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three and one half per cent. upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the Company for the half year ending 30th June, 1908, being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, has been declared and that the same will be payable at the offices of the Company on the 2nd day of July next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th June, both days inclusive. By order of the Board,

WM. HARVEY, Managing Director. Winnipeg, May 30th, 1908.

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DIAMOND VALE COAL AND IRON MINES, LIMITED.

As briefly noted in a recent issue the manager's report has been presented to the shareholders of the Diamond Coal and Iron Mines, Limited. This is confined to notes of the company's development and does not cover the company's financial affairs. In 1902, it is stated, supplies were taken to the camp on pack horses; now the C.P.R. delivers freight and takes out Diamond Vale coal, which finds a ready market in Vancouver and interior towns. On the Quilshena property, which consists of about 16,000 acres of coal land, nine seams of good coal have been discovered, of which at property, which consists of about 10,000 acres of coal land, nine seams of good coal have been discovered, of which at least seven are said to be of "workable" thickness. The surface of this land is suitable for grazing and fruit raising. This property will be more valuable when the Nicola branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway is extended to Quilshena. The company's mining operations are confined for the property purchased in 1000 near the confluence The company's mining operations are confined for the present to the property purchased in 1906 near the confluence of the Coldwater and Nicola Rivers. The Coldwater property consists of 2,067 acres of land, from which a goodly tonnage of coal has been shipped. There are three seams of bituminous coal, whose value has been proved by tunnels and drifts. Other seams have been cut by drill, but not yet of bituminous coal, whose value has been proved by tunnels and drifts. Other seams have been cut by drill, but not yet opened by shaft or tunnel. Mr. B. P. Little, the company's engineer, writes favorable regarding the mineral prospects of the Nicola Valley basin. The report is supplemented by many illustrations.

The action brought by Adolph Levy, Gabriel Levy, and James Ruben, as executors of the will of Abraham Levy, against W. R. Travers, formerly manager of the Merchants Bank at Ottawa, for \$2,500, the principal and interest on a note given some years ago for \$2,000 by Mr. Travers to Mr. Levy has been resumed at Ottawa. The defence is that there was no valuable consideration received for the note, and that no liability was incurred in giving it. no liability was incurred in giving it.

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to the large sum of \$2,280,000, while up to the beginning of the present month permits to the value of \$1,574,000 have been issued. The city owns the electric light system, and is in course of installing a big gas-producer plant at a cost of \$140,000. With these, the city will be in a position to supply electric energy for industrial purposes day and night. city also owns the latest and best in the telephone line, which occupies a handsome central building. The system in use is city also owns the latest and best in the telephone line, which occupies a handsome central building. The system in use is the Chicago Electric (Strower patent), by which the services of the "hello girl" are dispensed with. An indication of Edmonton's prosperity is afforded by the bank clearing house, established July 1906. The figures for the year ending December 21st 1907, were set of the prosperity is afforded by the bank clearing house, established July 1906. cember 31st, 1907, were \$45,716,000. All this goes to show that Edmonton is in a very thriving condition.

Building and Real Estate.

While the building trade is not perhaps in as flourishing a condition as it was this time two years ago, it cannot be said to be depressed. Leaving out of account the large new depot opposite Broadway to be erected for the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways, there is a large amount of general building work on hand, including the new telephone building and several handsome apartment blocks. One of the latter, for which excavations are now in progress at the

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corner of Carlton and Cumberland, will probably be the finest apartment building in Winnipeg, if not in Canada. Another important structure, for which tenders are being invited, will be the erection of the splendid Cecil Rhodes school building to be built by the Winnipeg School Board at Weston.

The chief feature of the week's business in real estate has been the activity in West Winnipeg. A large number of lots have been sold, many of which have been acquired for the purpose of converting them into market gardens. Two manufacturers are said to be in negotiation for locations in West Winnipeg. Several transactions are also announced in sales of houses. On the whole, the general opinion is that an era of greater activity and prosperity is just shaping and will era of greater activity and prosperity is just shaping and will be in full swing by the coming autumn.

Two decisions have already been given in the courts in favor of the Methodist Church at Welland against the town of Welland for \$15,000 damage for the burning of their church by a steam roller breaking a gas pipe and setting fire to the gas last summer. The town is stubborn, and has appealed again.

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The traffic reports of the Grand Trunk Railway have resembled funeral cards for so many weeks that the market has become somewhat case-hardened.—London Financial Times.

The losses by fire in the United States this year are already greater than in the corresponding period of 1907, and the conflagration at Chelsea will add largely to the total. The fire losses in the United States involve a waste that assumes the proportion of a national disaster, and inasmuch as most of the waste is preventable it can be described by no less harsh a term than "criminal." In the past three years the losses by fire in the United States have amounted to \$850,000,000. This year, even before the Chelsea fire, the average loss per day was nearly \$600,000, and if this average is kept up through the rest of the year the total loss by fire during 1008 will amount to over \$200,000. At least 75 per cent. 1908 will amount to over \$200,000,000. At least 75 per cent.
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of almost universal complaint about bad trade and scarcity of money. For more than a dozen years a steady growth has been shown yearly (with the exception of 1901 and 1902) in the total insured. In 1894 the total in force was 297 million francs; in 1907 it was 472 millions. And yet the average claims in any one year of those fourteen was only 54½ millions, less than 1.50 per cent. Some figures of the larger companies are appended:

Generale.—Though the business of this company is practically confined to France, yet it announces an increase practically connined to France, yet it announces an increase in capital assured of 5¼ million francs over that of the preceding year, the figures being: 1906, capital assured, 78,512,961 francs; rentes, 3,618,539 francs; claims, 14,003,813 francs; 1907, capital assured, 84,000,000 francs; rentes, 3,630,000 francs; claims, 14,750,000 francs.

Nationale.—This company maintains its position with a record assured capital, viz., for against 90,059,706 francs in 1906. There was an increase in the rentes and an advance in the amount of claims paid:

Phoenix.—It speaks well for the confidence reposed in this company when it is mentioned that the assured capital for last year rose by about 7½ million francs over that for 1906, whereas the claims only advanced by 140,378 francs.

Monde.—This company has felt the benefit of the influence of its new directorate, for whereas 1906 showed in capital assured a drop of close on two million francs as compared with 1905, the figures being: 1905, 8,354,091 francs; 1906, 6,471,399 francs; last year retrieved the position with 10,035,049 francs.

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herrings, \$3.
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Business conditions rule about the same as formerly. Collections are slow and orders from travellers on the road 1 are neither numerous nor large. The conditions affecting the growth of the crops are next thing to perfect and the general feeling is consequently one of hope in the future.

Butter.—The market has advanced, and, owing to high cost in the country, it would be difficult to make purchases here at less than 23% to 24%c. for fine to choicest Township creameries. Shipments last week were large, reaching 8,000 packages.

Cheese.—Shipments were large, being 0,000 boxes, last week. The demand 80,000 boxes, last week. over the cable forced prices up, and Westerns are now worth 1134 to 12c. here, and Easterns 111/2 to 56c. sales having been made at the latter figure to-day.

Wool .--Canada fleece, quoted at 15 to 18c., country points, fleece in the grease being 12c. Canada pulled, brushed, is 19 to 21c., unbrushed being about 17c. Some stocks of the latter have been held for 26c. since last fall and now show a large loss.

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