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General Manager.

Toronto, 23rd October, 1907.

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 \$3,800,000

 Reserve Fund and Undivided
 4.900,000

 Profits,
 35,600,000

 Deposits by the Public,
 35,600,000

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 47,900,000
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47,900,000

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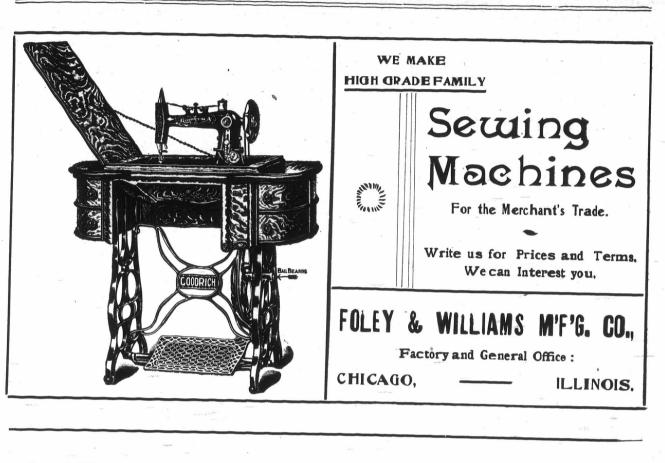
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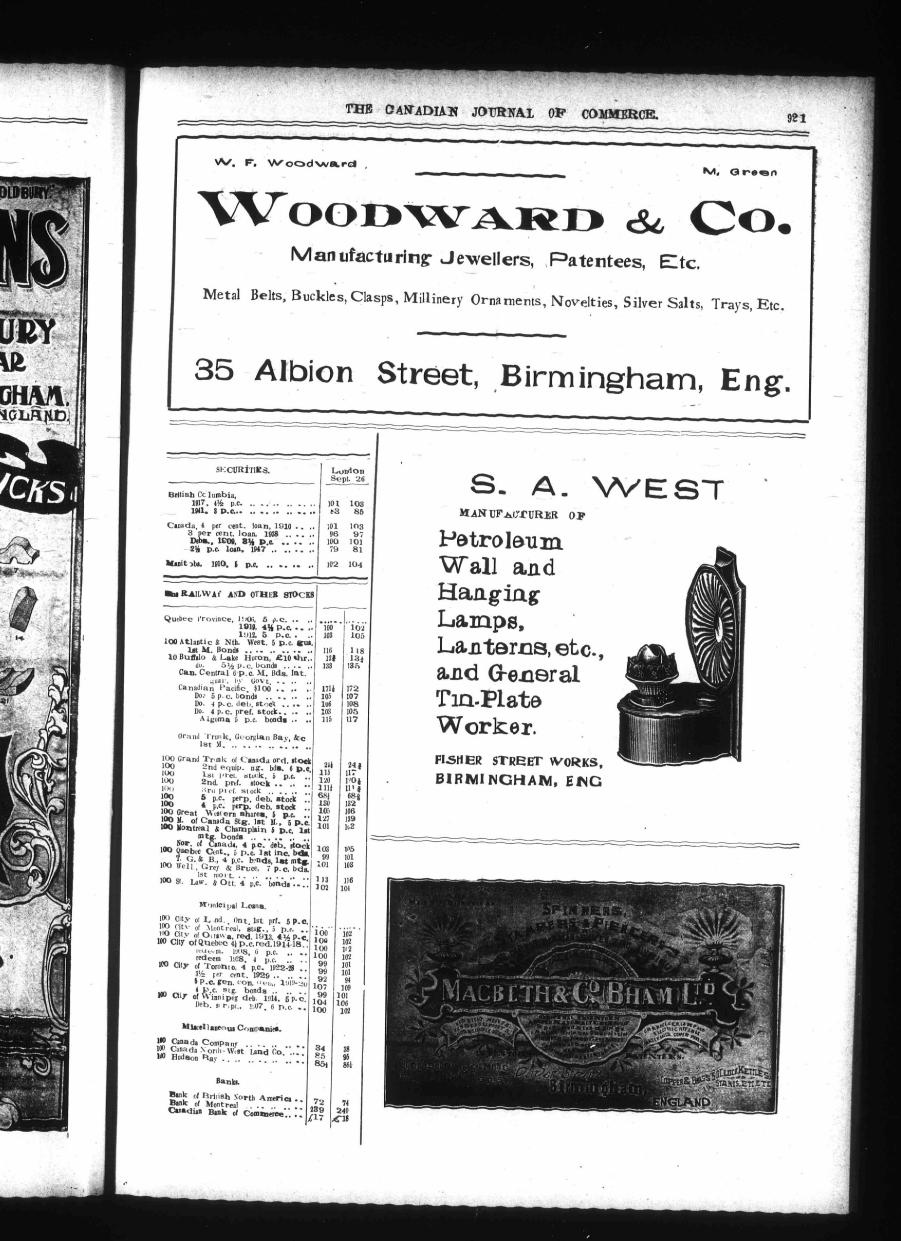
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-Stratford, Ont., is having a building boom, which bids fair to work a revolution there. The Grand Trunk Railway Co. is building shops, which are to cost \$360,000, and there are other building permits issued which will bring the total value of new excitons this year up to about \$400,000. The location of the town is greatly in its favour, and one or two industrial estabhaluments are thinking of building in the vicinity.

--Canadian manufacturers of textile machinery might do well to turn their attention to Japan, where every attempt is being made to make the country an exporter instead of an importer of finished loom goods. Machinery from the United States is found to be too light for the rough and ready Japanese factory hand. Our makers should certainly be able to get a part of this trade, to which the aitention of English manufacturers is just being directed.

—A deputation of influential members of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association met in Winnipeg last week with the federal representatives of the province to discuss several important recommendations which the associations is making in the interests of the grain trade. These include government-owned elevators at lake terminals, as well as many changes in wheat itspections, the banking system, transportation and tariff, and regul tion of elevators and railways.

-There is a mass of magnetic iron ore, 200 feet high, at St. George's, Newfoundland, which is to be operated upon by a company from Sydney, C.B. The percentage of metal runs up as high as 65 per centt., and it is suspected that it will have a high value for finer iron and steel work. The quantity appears to be very large and extensive works are to be especially erected at Sydney to deal with it. Thans have not-been fully divalged as yet, but there is some prospect of one of the more valuable, new process, kinds of steel being manufactured.

Owing to the high price of glass bottles, pickle manufacturers are Leginning to offer their goods in tin, at reduced rates. An inexpensive, but effective enamel is used as a lining for the tins, and tests prove that they are well adapted to the purpose. Some prejudice may be expected, which will have to be overcome, owing to the well-rooted idea that the effect of vinegar upon tin is injurious to the contents of the caus, and care will have to be taken to put out the new goods in superlatively good order.

-From the Yukon comes the news that there is to be a strictly conservative management of the valuable coal lands of the Territory. The leases run for only 21 years, and not over a certain number of tons of coal per acre are to be taken out. The outside price at the pits mouth is not to exceed \$1.75 per ton. If these regulations are honestly carried out, and there is no combination with the transportation companies to increase prices to consumers, the future of the fuel deposits will be different from that of the mines in the Eastern side of the continent.

-There his for years been lack of agreement between Brit'sh and German shipping firms, regarding the so-called Plimsoll mark, or loading line. The care exercised on behalf of merclant, seamen by the British Government, was not equalled by German rules, and this made it difficult for the foreigners to ol tain a part of British trade, or to abide by British harbour regulations. An amicable agreement has now been arrived at, and all ships built after January. 1909, must conform to stindare, rule, and others may come under it at any time if they desire it.

-A little study of prices in the United States is peculiarly interesting just now. The late flurry on the stock market has knocked the bottom out of things to a greater extent than might have been expected. Copper has gone down with a run, building materials followed suit, pork jumped back \$3.00 a bartel in one d y, cottons and other textiles stopped advancing, and lists were denominated easy. Evidently when the prices of stocks went down from unreasonable figures, the whole lot of prices which were artificially bolstered up had to come down with them.

—The output of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania, U.S., for the past ten months has amounted to 55.661,467 tons, an increase of nearly 10.000,000 tons over the same period last year. So great, however, has been the demand that supplies are very short everywhere. In Montreal, instead of 50 cars a day, which should be arriving just now, the average is nearer 24 cars, and dealers are endeavouring to persuade their customers to take in small portions of their orders only until the present situation has been relieved, which, if their advice is taken, will be the case before very long.

-Year by year the cotton growing areas of the world are being added to, and particularly is this the case within the Empire. Possibly Great Britain will yet receive the immense quantities she requires from her own children. Cotton from North East Rhedesia, of good quality, continues to be received in Liverpool. As much as 1s per lb. is being obtained.. Three hundred bales (or about 27,000 lb.) arrived during September. The farmers, it is stated, on behalf of whom a portion of the last consignment was sold, are entering into arrangements for a rapid increase of the area of cotton-growing.

--The champagne crop has experienced many vicissitudes this season. Damp weather, and a late flowering and setting were discouraging, but by August a fair crop appeared to be assured, which hope was, however, dashed by a failure of heat. The harvesting began under fair conditions, however, and some excellent grapes had been crushed, when gales practically destroyed the remainder and major portion of the crop. The must obtained will develop a wine expected to be good enough to win a name for the vintage of 1907, but the quantity is so small that a grave loss will fall upon the vineyard proprietors.



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- German trade depends largely upon the paternal help afforded by the Government. In various ways, manufacturers are assisted over bad places, as though it were well understood that a little nursing is necessary at times. Heavy purchases haveb en made in Australia and in London, by wool buyers, merinos and other expensive wools being especially looked after. Bankers supplicate the authorities for assistance by way of guarantees, and even loans, and not vainly. Then large army orders are also given, and advances made up to almost the value of the finished goods. In all things the thrifty Germans see that their trade must at all costs be maintained.

Evidently the English cotton men do not think very highly of the preparation of the raw material for the market by the shiftless workers of the Southern States. A trade paper remarked recently upon the question asked in the United States: "Why should attempts be made to grow cotton where (iod never intended it to grow?" If God really intended that cotton should be grown only in America, it is a peculiar people to whom He has entrusted the picking, the baling, and the marketing The Enemy of mankind himself could hardly have done us a worse turn than to put into such hands the handling of what they are pleased to call their own "God-given" product.

-It has been announced in London that a combination of two large cargo steamship enterprises is in contemplation by the firm of Furness, Withy and Co. The company purposes to acquire the fleets of the British Maritime Trust and the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Co., thus becoming the owner of not less than 504,582 tons of steam shipping. A circular to this effect has been issued by Sir Christopher Furness, who is chairman of both companies. Such a vast fleet of freight steamers under a single control would be unprecedented. For the purpose of effecting this transaction the capital of Furness, Withy and Co., which is now \$6,400,000, will, it is declared, be increased to \$17,500,000

---The report on the Bahamas recently issued by the Colonial Office, London, England, contains an appendix by the Curator of the Botany Gardens, in which it is stated that the prospects of sisal there are most encouraging. The cultivation is steadily increasing, 25,000 acres being now under cultivation. The staple produced is of good quality and strength, although there are still complaints about short and badly-cleaned fibre. As much as six cents per lb. has been obtained during the greater part of the year for hand-cleaned fibre, while eight and nine cents are common figures for machine-cleaned. Some 3,867,000 lb., valued at £40,140, were exported in 1906, as against 3,040,-045 lb., valued at £37,522, in 1905.

-The Dominion Bridge Co., with headquarters at Lachine. are about to increase their capital stock from \$1.000.000 to \$1.-500,000. There will be no difficulty in securing the increased capital, which is necessitated by the volume of business, before this progressive and successful company. The output of the next four years, is practically bespoken already. The life of

a steel railway bridge is from fourteen to twenty years, and the great railways are finding it necessary to replace most of their vinducts. The Dominion Bridge Co. has acquired plants at the East of Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, and is just now completing large additions to the establishment at Lachine, which will almost double its present capacity.

So we of the Canadian whalers, which had been accustomed to work off the coasts of Labrador and Greenland, sailed round the Horn this year to engage in the North Pacific fishery. The cabled reports already received show that whalers have had grand success there. The huge mammals are worth \$10,000 apiece to the vessels, and over fifty have been taken. The United States ships report an average of four captures each, and it is not likely that the Canadians are much behind-hand. The proper preservation of these valuable animals will have to be made a matter of international concern, or with prices as high as at present, they will be in danger of extermination with the modern while cannon, hurling fatal explosive bombs.

One of the greatest of the world's money making businesses is the nitrate industry of Chili. It is in the hands of a monopoly, thoroughly organized, and of such value to the country, as practically to control the Government. There is a heavy export duty upon the nitrates, which last year yielded \$10.306,445. The cost of production is low, and profits run up to fifty per cent. of the export value. The capital invested, while not small, is less than the profit of a single year. Last year the value of the nitrates exported was \$79,320.710 The Chilian are the only large deposits of nitrate of soda in the world, and the only competition with them possible as yet is that of the chemists who claim to have discovered a means of producing cheap nitric acid from the atmosphere.

-Attention has been directed lately to the thin covering of fat often noticed upon the whey vats of country cheese factories. Tests have established the fact that a very fair butter can be produced from this grease, which is simply a portion of the cream fat, lost by the factory men in curding One factory is claimed by some of the pipers to have cleared \$1,500 by s pariting the fat by michinery, and making builter. Patrons wou'd do well to watch men making such claims, and see that the cheese 's not being robbed. Even though it were true that whey contains one-fif h of one part in a hundred of fat, it would pay better to feed the whoy to pigs than to attempt to manufacture butter from it. The question arises, would it be properly called "butter," anyway?

-Patent Report .- Below will be found a list of Canadian patents recently secured through the agency of Marion and Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D.C. Any information on the subject will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above-named firm. Mark Rideout, Glace Bay, C.B., automatic stop for elevators; George Drouin. Warwick, Que., glove; Joseph DeLisle, St. Felicien, Lake St. John. Que., shoe closure; Robert S. Houston, Emerson, Man., grain treating apparatus; William Wallace Towne,



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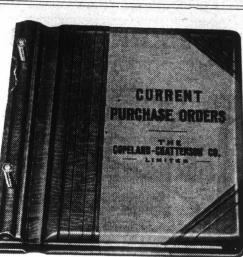
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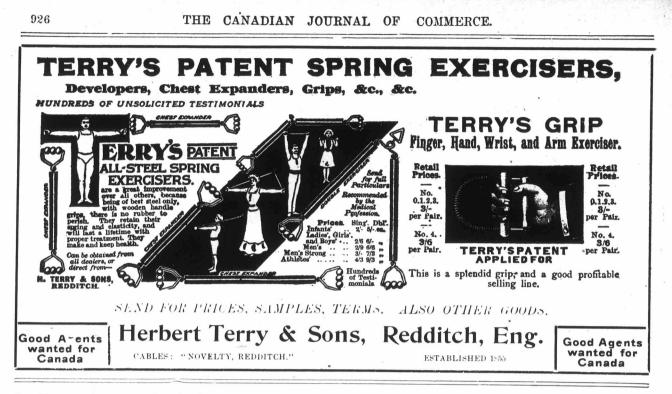
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Business at the Yontreal Post Office for October continues to increase in every department. Compared with the corresponding month of last year there is an increase in the British mail forwarded from Montreal of 4.266 pounds in letters; 10,650 in printed matter, and 289 parcels. The increase in the number of mail bags received from Great Britain and the Postal Union via New York and Canadian lines for city delivery and distribution is 643, the number via Canadian lines being 537 bags, and via New York, 1.187 bags. A great increase is also shown in the registration department. The number for the past month is 115.272 articles, compared with 98.910 for the same period last year, an increase of 16,362 articles. There is an increase in the revenues for last month of \$17,137.

It is reported that an English invention does away with what Byron considered the curse which came upon man, when Eve became subject to other trouble, because of sin. Shaving is to be no longer necessary, a certain paste being used instead. This paste is applied as is lather or shaving cream, allowed to remain upon the face for a few minutes, and then wiped off with a sponge. Its effect upon the beard has been to render the hairs so brittle that they break, and are wiped off with the paste. The entire operation consumes but a few moments, and is scarcely more trouble than bathing the face. Among the other advantages claimed for the "shaving" paste is that it is an antiseptic to a high degree, absolutely harmless and inexpensive, the cost of a "shave" being about one cent. Somehow, how ver, it sounds like one of those reports to be taken "cum grano salis."

A novel experiment in date growing is to be made at the Government gardens near Indio, Cal. The plan is to sink a shaft twenty four feet to moisture, and at the bottom plant the date pulm. It is believed that the reflection of the desert sun from the sand on the sloping walls of the pit will greatly assist in the growth of the pulm and the ripening of the fruit. The experiment will be made among the sand dunes on land that has been considered almost worthless. These sand dunes are covered with mesquite growth which will keep the sand from drifting into the pit. As no irrigation will be needed, the expense of cultivation will be done away with, and it is believed that this will counterbalance the cost of digging the pits. This method, although new to America, is said to have been carried on successfully in Algeria, the home of the date If the experiment proves successful, it will give a value to thousands of acres of sand hill land on the desert.

-- A jury at San Francisco has given an important verdict in layor of the Northern Assarance of London in the litigation begun by Law Brothers, owners of the Fairmount Hotel, to compel payment under a binder which expired nine hours before the conflagration reached the Fairmoant Hotel, and on which renewal was refused. The Northern had issued two "covering notes" for \$30,000 and \$25,000, respectively, on the Fairmount in course of construction. The \$30,000 note was renewed April 17, the day before the earthquake, and was paid without question. The \$25,000 note expired April 19, nine hours before the conflagration reached the Fairmount Its renewal and the issuance of a formal policy was demanded by the owners, but was refused. They thereupon such the Northern, contending that the fire which damaged the hotel started before the covering note expired, although the flames did not reach the building until afterward. The jury found for the Northern by a vote of 9 to 3.

-That Greenland possesses mineral wealth including coal, has been known for many years, but until now no serious attempt has been made, owing to adverse climatic conditions to extract on anything like a big scale these natural riches from the so.l. Extensive coal deposits have been discovered, says a report from London, by a German mining expert on the mainland near Disko Island, and an exhaustive report is being drawn up for the Danish Government setting forth the conditions under whi h these coal fields could be profitably worked. The production of coal would revolutionize the domestic arrangements of the native Esquimaux who still depend on blubber and train oil for heating and lighting purposes. As regards the other minerals, a company has been formed recently at Copenhagen which has secured a twenty years' concession from the Darish Government to work the mineral deposits in Green-Land; but coal will probably be made a State monopoly.

--The annual report of the department of justice issued last week is for the nine month period, ending March 31, There were in custody in the penitentiaries of the Dominion on March 31, 1.423 prisoners, compared with 1.439 on July 1, 1906. In Kirgston, on March 31, there were 460. St. Vincent de Paul, 410; Dorchester 211; Manitoba, 216; British Columbia, 142. Ee-ides these there were 42 in the Alberta jail, since made the penitentiary for the two western provinces. There were 157 paroles, 29 pardons, 12 deaths: 1 escaped during the 9 months. The number of absolutely illiterate in the prison population was 18 per cent. The married totalled 434, single 948, widowed 41. There were 14 per cent total abstainers; 44 per cent temperate and 42 per cent intemperate. Lads under 20 constitute 20 per cent of the total, and it is safe to say adds the report, that not more than one in a thousand of this class is benefitted



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-Rock oysters, according to reports recently received in Victoria, B C., are found in large quanties on the shores of the Queen Charlotte Islands. On Moresby Island the mollusea is especially numerous. The oyster has raised in many the idea that it might be a valuable commercial asset, but according to expert opinion this can never be. For the syster is not an oyster. Known as the rock oyster the shells of the mollusca somewhat resembles those of the kind in use commercially, but are larger and infinitely coarser and over-grown with corals. The oyster itself is coarser in quality than the popular eastern bivalve, and the flavor is not nearly so fine. Dr. Newcombe, who has spent a considerable time in exploring the islands, and who has dredged the coasts of the various islands, declines that the true oyster is not found in the Queen Charlotte group and that the rock oyster so-called belonging to a different family is similar to those found along the coasts of Vancouver island and which have been found in abundant numbers on Salt Spring island

--The refusal of some of the New York Banks to pay cheques without notice has hid some curious results. One is thus reported by an influential newspaper:-"A man of means asked a broker to execute a buying order. 'I shall be glad to as soon as you let us have the money,' the broker replied. 'Here is a cheque for it on the ---- Bank,' was the reply. The broker explained that the bank might not care to pay out the money, and that it would be necessary to delay the purchase of the stock until the money was actually obtained. The customer indignantly walked out, taking his check with him. He succeeded in inducing another house to buy the stock, but next day received a notification that the money could not be at once obtained from the bank; cash was demanded instantly. As this could not be furnished, the stock was promptly sold out. The end of this incident was not as appropriate as could be wished; the man, instead of having to pay a substantial loss, received several hundred dollars, the shares having advanced. And he did not put up a dollar on the whole transaction!"

-An article which if half that is claimed for it is true, will speedily come into use in a variety of ways, has been produced by European chemists. The new composition called "Galilith" is said to possess the characteristics of vulcanized India rubber and celluloid, excepting that it is odorless and not inflammable. The article is manufactured from skimmed milk, freed from water, undergoes a process of vulcanization, after which the plastic material is placed under heavy pressure for the purpose of securing desired forms. From 60 quarts of skimmed milk about 18 ounces of "Galalith" are produced. The pure article is transparent and can be colored with the aid of an acid, in imitation of ivory, tortoise shell, vulcanized rubber,

warmed state (by an immersion into water of 212 deg. F.) can b formed and will retain its shape. It is further claimed that "Galalith" can be worked like natural horn, in the way of sawing, cutting, polishing, etc., and that it is not affected by coming in contact with oils, greases, ether, benzine, etc. "Galalith" sells at 45 to 90 cents per pound.

The National Bureau of Labor of the United States has prepared and given out a voluminous compilation of the retail prices of food and rates of wages. "In 1906," the report says, "the average wages per hour in the principal manufacturing ard mechanical industries of the country was 4.5 per cent. higher than in 1905, the regular hours of labor per week were 0.5 per cent. lower, and the number of employes in the establishments investigated was 7 per cent. greater. The average fulltime weekly earnings per employe in 1996 were 3.9 per cent. greater than in 1905" Comparisons which give the rapid inercase of food cost are startling. It is shown that from Dec. 1905, to Dec. 1906, the price of veal increased 4 p.e.; fresh roast beef, 4.3; salt beef, 4.4; beef in steaks, 4.8; chickens, 5.8; mutton, 6.1; eggs. 6; fresh fish. 6.7; ham, 98: bacon, 11.1; fresh pork, 18.2; lard 139; and butter, 15, Comparisons for ten years show that the average price of evaporated apples in 1906 was 31.7 per cent. higher than in 1897, roast beef, 15.4 ver cent., stcaks, 16.3 per cent.; butter 27; cheese, 16.7; chickens 37.3; eggs, 46.8; fresh fish. 16.4; salt fish, 227: mutton. 24.6; fre h pork. 24.6; bacon, 544, ham 29.5; Irish potatoes 23; veal 23.3 per cent. higher

-A great exhibition is to be held in London next year, of the productions of England and France, and their colonies. The union d a is now, and is a further carrying on of the notion of the late Prince Consort, that such exhibitions were really in fact and in prospect, Temples of Peace. The huge buildings are to be of on rete iron, and glass throughout, and are to be more beautiful than that, at any previous exhibition. Canada has secured an area of 120,000 square feet, upon which will be erected a palace to contain a collection of objects to illustrate the produce and manufactures of Great Britain's oversea Dominion. The approximate cost to the Canadian Government will be \$325.000. Australia has taken a space of 60.000 square feet, for a similar purpose, and will expend \$200,000 New Zealand and the Crown Colonies have likewise taken space upon a similarly extensive scale. The Indian Government have also made a substantial grant towards the expenses of their section. With regard to the French Colonies, a special association has been formed to arrange for their representation Collectively they have secured an area of 275,000 square feet, and upon this will be erected buildings typical of the countries represented. Lord Welby is at the head of the firance committee, and the whole expense is guaranteed. Profits are to go to some national object to be decided on later.

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# STEEL PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

As supplementing our statistics and review of the situation in the Journal of Commerce of Sept. 6th and Oct. 11th last, the information compiled from the returns supplied by manufacturers to the British Iron and Steel Trades Association will be found of some interest to every person in Canada, a share of whose taxes is applied indirectly toward the maintenance of our domestic bounty-fed enterprises.

The total make of open-hearth ingots in the British Islands for the early half of 1907 was 2,337,800 gross tons, which may be compared with the output for the same period of 1906 and 1905, which totalled 2,196,850 and 1,980,100 tons respectively.

The average make by the open-hearth furnaces at work in Great Britain in the first half of the current year was 5,963 tons, as compared with an average of 5,858 tons in the first half of 1906, so that the yearly average for 1907 has been at the rate of 11,926 tons for the twelve months, against an average for the first half of 1906 at the rate of 11,716 tons. The total number of open-hearth furnaces in operation in the first half of 1907 has been 392, against a total of 375 furnaces employed in the first half of 1906. The output of Bessemer steel ingots in the first half of 1907 amounted to 1,068,972 tons, as compared with a total of 919,620 tons for the first half of 1906, and 1.019,887 tons for the first half of 1905. The principal products of the Bessemer steel works of the United Kingdom in the first half of 1907 were as under, compared with those for the corresponding period of 1906:— legislative 'action, and

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There are, of course, many products manufactured in Bessemer steel of which no separate returns are given, and it is computed that the total manufactures of this metal amounted in the six months to 994,253 tons. There were in the period 18 Bessemer steel works in operation in the United Kingdom. Of these six were in Sheffield and its neighbourhood, four in South Wales, two in Cleveland, two in West Cumberland, one in Lancashire, one in Scotland; one in South Staffordshire, and one in Shropshire. The average number of Bessemer converters in operation was 57, of which 35 2-3 were acid and 21 1-3 were basic. The total output of finished steel was larger in the Sheffield and IX

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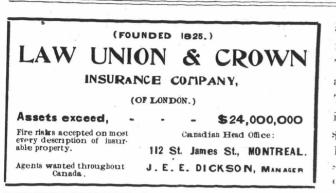
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Leeds than in any other district, there being six works there against only four in Wales, which is the next most important. The variety of the products of the Bessemer converter is also considerably more varied in Sheffield than elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

#### RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION.

A strenuous Administration may not always be a present blessing to the body politic. Nor is a republican form of Government, necessarily less drastic in enforcing an objectionable paternalism, than an absolate monarchy. There is so much in a name, however, that the nation which professes to have well nigh the monopoly of freedom, is meekly subservient to such a curtailment of liberty by what may without impropricty be termed "administrative process," under a socalled government by the people, as would not be tolerated for an instant by any self-respecting nation living under a monarchy. The head of the Administration, President Roosevelt, has laid down the policy that it is completely necessary to ignore all the rights of individual States, and "through executive action, through legislative 'action, and through judicial interpretation and construction of law, to increase the power of the Federal Government."

A part of the machinery whereby this policy is being worked out is the Inter-State Commerce Commission, whose findings have the force of law-i.e., administrative law. The Commission ostensibly exists to enforce the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce Act of 1887, its amendments and successors. Competition between the transportation companies had become so keen that shippers were secretly offered rebates and concessions of various kinds to secure their custom. Under the law of 1887, this was made illegal, but since no attempt was made to enforce the law, the illegality became a custom, and it was notoriously the fact that secret rebating was winked at and tolerated by those in high places. Then this year the strenuousness of the Government suddenly asserted itself, and the customer benefitted by rebate in a certain case was tried and fined \$30,000,000, for allowing itself to receive the rebate from the railway. This was under the provisions of an Act of 1903, making the receiver as guilty as the giver of a rebate. Last week the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. was charged with having granted rebates in several instances, amounting in the aggregate to just under \$350, from some shippers of lime and cement. The company protested that the several

amounts making up that total, were small allowances made for damages, and allowed by their claims' agents. The Judge, however, overruled, or overthrew, the plea, and inflicted a fine of \$330,000, upon the company. The Atchison was already in a pretty tight place, having wound up the month of August with a net loss of \$538,390. It is possible the Court in imposing the fine had it in view to encourage capitalists to interest themsolves in the read, as Admiral Byng was shot, just to encourage other British seamen.

The example of the Chief Executive body is, naturally enough followed by the executives of the several States, which have been stremuously active in imposing regulations of passenger and freight rates, limiting carnings, establishing scales of taxation, and even determining the number of trains to be run, and of men employed. All the restrictions that the wit of man could devise appeared to be inflicted upon the roads, built though they were, either wholly or in great part, as the case might be, by private means.

Most curious of all, however, to Canadians, must appear the regulations which went into force on July 1st, 1907. A uniform system of accounting for all railroads is now necessary, and each month a certain proportionate amount of the income must be set apart to provide for the repair, or improvement, of the railway properties, including roadway and rolling-stock. In a typical case in the South Western States, this monthly provision will mean an increase in its operating expenses of what amounts to 5 per cent. on its common stock. or an increased annual outlay of \$5,000,000. The Rock Island Railway in August had a gross increase of earnings of \$610,499, but a net loss of \$225,-0.40. The Southern again lost \$184,985 according to its August showing. The Atchison's August loss of \$538,390, noted above, is claimed to be due to the same cause. A paternalistic administration which makes itself responsible for imposing its regulations in such strenuous modes, is heaping up burdens for the shoulders of successive administrations to bear. Logically all powers of government of railways, even to the minutest degrees, will require to be initiated by the Federal power before long. Absolute providence will he lodged in it alone. But the "Have-nots," as they are named, will be pleased; and their votes secured for men like Landis of Chicago.

The worst of it is, that this strenuous paternatism is a result rather than a cause. The railways have been managed simply to produce present results, and that for special purposes, in too many cases. Rolling stock and bridges have been allowed to depreciate in order that carnings might show returns favourable to the management, or might cover extravagant outlays. In the mad rush for substantial rises in stock values-possibly for stock jobbing purposes-every cent has been scraped from the roads in order that good dividends might be quoted. Loss of life might occur-indeed has occurred-through the deterioration of plants and staffs, in order that the plans of the manipulators should not miscarry. And now the many are suffering on account of the few evil doers, as is not unusual. Probably the supineness of the populace, under the drastic rough-and-ready, amateur-like action of the administration, arises from a deep consciousness of evil

at the root of things, which appears to require pole-axe theatment rather than surgical investigation.

Rebating originally resorted to as an inducement to shippers, became a weapon in the hands of an unscrupulous management, whereby those who would not make use of certain lines of transportation, might find themselves undersold and ruined. Large manufacturers by receiving much lower rates of shipment, and more prompt delivery service, could easily brow-beat weaker rivals into submission to their terms. In various ways the giving of rebates became a gigantic evil, crying aloud through scores of victims for redress. And at last such interference with the inner workings of the management of railroads, as under most circumstances would be entirely unwarrantable, became necessary if the immense corporations were not to dominate everything and everybody.

The present administration of the United States is a true development. Rude, well nigh brutal, in its methods, it may proceed in the direction of smashing down the house to put out the fire. By no means a present blessing, as the citizens of the Republic are learning to their cist, it is doubtless a necessity under the circumstances. Whether absolute\_monarchies, or democratic republics, countries are so over-ruled\_that they generally get the administrations they need, though they may not be what they want. Whether King or President, people usually have the ruler they deserve to have.

#### THE MOTOR CAR CYCLE INDUSTRY.

Except spring bonnets, there has been nothing on earth more remarkable than the rise and fall of the bicycle trade a few years ago. A limited number is still being manufactured, especially in older lands, where people do not adopt or abandon new fashions as readily as in Canada or the United States. What has become of all the bicycles that thronged our streets and high-ways in the few early years of the century, is as mysterious as the whereabouts of all the unconvertible hats seasonably bought by men and boys. The riding of a cycle on our streets to-day, except by messenger lads and a few adults who still affect that exhilerating mode of exercise and conveyance, is regarded with as much good-humoured toleration as the question or wearing of old hats. The motor-car, being so far beyond the reach of any but people of wealth or credit, is not likely to lose its hold upon the favoured classes. The manufacture of these "machines," (as they are termed over the border), has now been in operation 1 mg enough to afford the enterprising promoters a fair idea of its prospects and economy, and the public some notion of so interesting an enterprise. A tolerable summary may, perhaps, be gathered from recent ba'ance-sheets, which are usually made up to the 1st September, as a shrewd forecast of the general fortune. for the current twelve months. As the motor-car manufacture was, almost as a matter of course, chiefly entered upon by those companies which had fittingly survived the bicycle downfall, the figures are not separately obtainable as yet.

The report of the Raglan Cycle and Anti-Friction Ball Co. was the first to make its appearance. Its net profit amounted to \$6,500, as compared with \$20,000

in 1905-6, and the dividend on its small capital was reduced from 5 to 2 1-2 per cent. The Premier Company did better, as it was able to pay off nearly three years' arrears of its preference dividend, and distribute 5 per cent. on its ordinary capital, this being the first payment received by the ordinary shareholders for eight years. The Enfield Cycle Company earned less than in the previous year, the profits declining from \$93,000 in 1905-6 to \$68,000. The directors con-sidered the result satisfactory, "having regard to the unfavourable weather and the dislocation of the organisation, owing to the removal of the works." The fact seems to be, although a judicious reticence has been maintained on the subject, that this company rather burnt its fingers in connection with the motor manufacturing business. After establishing the department, it was deemed advisable to transfer it to a separate undertaking, and the Enfield Autocar Company was formed for the purpose, the parent company retaining an interest, in the form of shares, which were valued at \$130,000 in the 1906 balance-sheet. In the current report, the directors state that, "in view of the large sums required for the erection and equipment of the new works, they have realized the investment in the Autocar Company." Thus the motor business disappears from the Enfield Company's range. It is signific nt that the \$5.00 shares of the Autocar Company can be bought for \$1.50 apiece. Whatever may be said for the purchasers, the directors of the Enfield Company seem to have done wisely in getting out of it, and they are still able to maintain the 10 per cent. dividend on the cycle company's shares.

While the motor business has been a white dephant to the Enfield Company, it has proved, if not the salvation of the Humber Company, at least a great factor in the restoration of that noted undertaking to more than its former condition of prosperity. A forecast in advance of the balance-sheet, for the accuracy of which our authority, the Economist, is unable to youch, states that the profits amount to over \$800,000, whereas the earnings of the previous year were \$503,-000, that being a bigger amount than had ever before been realized in a single year. The sum named as the profit now available is equal to 32 per cent. on the paidup capital, but as one-half of that is in 5 per cent. preference shares, requiring only \$60,000, the balance would be equal to 59 per cent. on the ordinary shares. Large expenditure on developments, however, is in progress, and probably not more than 20 per cent, will be paid, if as much. That, however, would give a return of 10 5-8 per cent. on the present price of the ordinary shares. In any case, the preference shares are now a very well secured investment, and as the whole year's dividend of 6 per cent. is nearly due and they can be got under par, the yield of 6.3-8 per cent, is very attractive

The most recent reports are those of the Alidays and Onions Co. and Rudge-Whitworth. The company has a good record, the profits amounting to \$77,000, as compared with \$53,000 and \$32,000 respectively in the two previous years. A bonus is added to the dividend, making 10 per cent. for the year, against 7 1-2 and 5 per cent., while the balance forward is increased from \$35,500 to \$64,000. As the ordinary capital amounts to only \$170,000, the sum added to the balance would

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suffice to pay a further bonus of 15 per cent. This company has a motor department, and the directors report that the cars manufactured have given every satisfaction. The Rudge-Whitworth has been the most successful of the cycle companies, though that statement need not obscure the fact that there have been considerable fluctuations in its fortunes. The past year, for instance, has failed to keep up the highwater mark reached in 1905-6, when the company earned a profit of \$265,000 on a capital of nearly \$1,000.-000. The profits now reported amount to \$120,000, which, added to \$92,000 brought forward, gives an available balance of \$213,000. This is sufficient to maintain the rate of 10 per cent., which has now been paid for 10 years, a drop to 5 per cent. for 1903-4 being offset by 15 per cent. for 1902-3. Except in special cases like that of the Humber Company, it seems probable that the general average results for the past season will be scarcely equal to those of the previous year,

Those acquainted with the excellence of the roads and streets throughout the United Kingdom, France and other divisions of Europe, can form some idea of the encouragement given to the auto-mobile industry in trans-Atlantic countries.

Since writing the above we learn that the Superior Savings & Trust Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed receiver for the Royal Motor Car Co., of that city, through the United States Circuit Court. The proceedings were instituted by E. W. Cotterel, of Detroit, and W. K. Coehrane, of Chicago, a stockholder and creditor. The action, so stated, is brought to conserve the company's affairs during the present monetary stringency. The company employs four hundred men, and its yearly business now aggregates \$1,500,000.

#### FRATERNAL INSURANCE.

How largely the business of Life Insurance companies is supplemented by the work of the Friendly Societies receives illustration in the Report of the Inspector of Insurance in Ontario for 1906 just issued. According to the report of the Dominion Inspector, the companies operating in Carada carry for their clients insurance amounting to \$656,260,900. Those Friendly Societies which have their head offices in Ontario report a total amount of Insurance in force on December 51, 1906, of \$1,405,080,654. This does not include the celebrated Independent Order of Foresters, which also has its head office in Toronto, and had a business of \$258,-100,000 on its books at the same date. This vast business is in the hands of 26 Societies or Associations, and is not by any means confined to the Province. The 273,262 individuals insured are, on the contrary, scattered throughout the whole Dominion.

The Royal Arcanum holds risks amounting to \$514,-130,500, the Maccabees \$357,470,291, the C.O.F., \$128,-034,500, the Canadian Order of Foresters \$64,934,000, the A.O.U.W. \$59,886,100, from which it will be seen that in importance, some of these Societies, are not a whit behind their confreres of the regular ranks of insurance men.

As regards their solvency, it is difficult to be definite. The mutual system is good, just as long as it is a good system, and the membership keeps up. It has to meet

all the evils of annually elected sub-officers, who are really sub-agents. It depends in great measure upon the personality of the principal executive officer, who is commonly the secretary, and is liable to dislocation upon his retirement. But with the experience that has accumulated during the years since a wise bishop and a careful philanthropist founded the first of the Fraternal Sick and Benefit Societies, the Manchester Unity of the I.O.O.F., there is little difficulty in calculating the annual rates necessary to be paid to meet obligations. The actuarial tables showing the death rates to be anticipated, are so perfectly reliable, as to reveal the danger line with certainty. The Act governing the Friendly Societies is designed to keep the rates within proper limits, and probably accomplishes that end. It is possible that a closer governmental inspection of subordinate lodges is still necessary, since local secretaries are not always very competent. But so far as this report goes to show, there are no dangers threatening the large army of policyholders. The total lia bilities up to Dec. 31, 1906, were set at \$1.922.632, the total assets at \$22,135,385.

The reasons for the popularity of insurance of this kind are numerous. It is, and should be, much cheaper than the companies, with their paid agents, are able to offer. The premium payments are monthly, or quarterly, and are easily met by workmen and others. The Lenefits include generally doctors' services, paid for at ruinously low figures on the co-operative plan, insurance against the death of wives, and children, and weekly or monthly cash allowances in case of sickness. The cost of these benefits is so calculated as to assist in bearing the expenses of the direct insurance departments, and are in some cases lumped in with them. Then the social side of humanity is appealed to, and many a sober, hard-working man finds one of the chief pleasures of his life in his attendance upon the meetings of his lodge. In fact, the principle of fraternal insurance is it combination of the mutual and the social. Confraternity and Equality always have had a value as rallying cries.

#### THE CRISES IN THE STATES.

Canadian readers who have access to the best London sources of information will preferably turn to such papers as the Economist in times like the present, when the great financial centre of the world is so deeply interested in the monetary and credit crises which have overtaken our enterprising neighbours over the border, who do not, as usual, see as much of the melce as those who stand apart.

As the Journal of Commerce has always availed itself of every means of information at the great outside centres of banking, trade and commerce and their resultant enterprises, the great majority of our readers will also welcome our gleanings from abroad.

Business men in studying the causes and effects of the present condition of affairs in the United States, will look back, turning for guidance to the lessons of experience and search out parallels from which they may be able to predict the possible "course and limit of the avalanche, the damage it is likely to do and the means by which it may be arrested." Canada has fortunately

escaped damage by the crash, chiefly through the words of caution uttered at annual meetings by the managers and presidents of our great banks during the last twelve months and the restraint they have exercised in controlling more or less risky speculation. We are, however, growing at such a rapid rate that, though we need have no apprehension of any-such great international complications as disturb the older nations, we cannot be insensible to the influence upon our business relations with them—what may render them even temporarily-less valuable customers.

The characteristics of the crisis now affecting more or less the whole of the neighbouring republic, and to some extent other countries, would seem to be, in the first place, the destruction of an enormous amount of capital by two great wars, the Boer War and that between Japan and Russia, with a consequent issue of debts on an almost unprecedented scale, and an unparalleled addition to the standing burden of armaments. Following upon this "destruction of capital and depletion of income, bountiful harvests, inciting to a wonderful expansion of trade, accompanied by an inflation of credit that far outran the capital and wealth upon which credit is based." Next is the abnormal inflation of prices in some degree, doubtless, owing to the doubling (practically) of the world's gold production within the last ten years. Then followed the boom in speculation and manipulation of various kinds -wild lands, railway shares, copper shares, industrial securities, feverish promotion of new companies and enormous new issues of capital. Then came the effect produced through the necessary and partly seasonable calling-in of loans by banks, producing a sense or "thrill" of distrust among depositors and investors, not only in New York, but in every city big enough to support a Clearing House.

At the beginning of the year the bubble companies in Japan were pricked, and a tremendous depreciation occurred of all the local securities dealt with on the Japanese stock exchanges. Then came trouble in Genoa and Egypt. All through the spring and early summer the prices of American stocks, in which the greatest boom of all had occurred, were falling away, though with many sporadic revivals. Soon after midsummer it began to be whispered that trade in Germany and the United States showed symptoms of decline; then came the sensational break in copper, and the failures in Amsterdam, Hamburg, Boston, and New York provoked the final crisis that found theatrical expression in the run on the Knickerbocker Trust, followed by collapses in almost every direction.

In looking back over the history of modern crises, those strange mixtures of the pure gambling mania with genuine commercial enterprise and the perfectly natural desire of manufacturers and merchants to increase their profits by distending their credit, we naturally recall the Overend and Gurney collapse of 1866, the Baring crisis of 1890, and the New York panic of 1893. All of these have their lessons and their use, but none of them seem to have grown out of antecedents really comparable with the present. Curicusly enough, the American panic of 1873 seems to fulfil almost exactly the required conditions. The three great wars of North against South in America, of Italy and Prussia against Austria in 1866, and of France against Germany in 1870, had destroyed a vast amount of capital. An able writer has observed that the effect of great wars upon credit is to hasten forced liquidations of business transactions in advance of the time set by the normal movements of a credit cycle. Thus, the United States, having escaped the crisis of 1866 by the forced liquidation of 1860 and 1861, was ripe for an explosion in 1863, while France, having suffered forced liquidation in 1870, only felt the ripples of the destruction for 1873.

An abnormal absorption of capital in reproductive enterprise had followed the abnormal waste of war. Every year from 1869 to 1873 the railways of the United States grew by five or six times the mileage gained in the whole seven years from 1860 to 1867; in Russia, Austria, and South America enormous sums contributed largely by English investors were fixed in railway enterprises; in Germany many factories sprang up with rapidity out of the surplus of loanable capital suddenly made available by the war indemnity. Some of the new railways and many of the new jointstock companies, and a still larger proportion of the mining flotations proved disappointments or frauds. Prices were inflated in every market and on every bourse. Towards the end of 1872 money became very dear in the United States, and the pressure went on increasing through the spring and summer of 1873. The final crash came with the failure of trust companies in New York and Brooklyn early in September, 1873. They were followed on September 18th by the failure of Jay Cook and Co., agents of the Government, who had led a powerful syndicate for the refunding of the public debt. Credit collapsed. There were runs on the banks of New York, Washington and Philadelphia. Nineteen banks and trust companies suspended payment on September 19th, and the Stock Exchange was closed for ten days. A better tone was immediately reported, but more failures followed, and it was not until the end of the month that the slow misery of the apathy which succeeds the sharp sufferings of actual pain became evident.

Mr. Charles Conant in his history of modern banking, wrote of "failures following each other in quick succession, mills and foundries stopped, production ceased, and for six years the pall of depressed industry lay over the United States. Deposits in the National Banks fell from 641 million dollars, on June 13, 1873, to 540 millions on December 26th. The failures for four years showed aggregate liabilities of 775 million dollars, and the railway bonds in default on January 1, 1876, amounted to 789 million dollars."

The Secretary of the Treasury tried to relieve the crisis by paying out 24 million dollars in the purchase of bonds. But little of it reached the New York banks, and they were driven to issue Clearing-house Certifiicates, a plan tried in 1860 and other years of the Civil War, but never before on the scale of 1873, though the issue of 1873 was largely exceeded twenty years later. The certificates of 1873 were granted by a committee upon the deposit of approved securities by the bankstaking out certificates, and were receivable in the settlement of the balances of the several banks at the Clearing-house. This made them the equivalent of currency in the bank reserves, and released a corresponding amount of currency for other purposes.

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The adoption by Germany of a gold standard, and the heavy credits she had accumulated in London for that purpose, began in 1873, to draw the precious metal away from England, and the position became so serious that the Bank of England raised-its rate to 9 per cent. on September 25, 1873, referred to in our Financial Review article last week. This attracted gold from the Continent, Australia and India. The situation was relieved, and 1873 and 1874 passed away without serious trouble in Great Britain. England's crisis was thus reserved for 1875, when several large firms doing business in South America went down. Then, in May, same the collapse of the Aberdare Iron Company, with liabilities of over \$5,000,000, which dragged down two other large concerns, and the brokerage firm of Sanderson and Co., with liabilities of about \$35,000,000. The banks, however, maintained a firm front, and nothing like | anic was seen until June 15th, when Alex. Collie and Co., East India merchants, failed with liabilities estimated at \$15,000,000. Thirty firms succumbed in succession during the following week, but it was found that these firms were simply tools of Collie and Co., in floating their paper. The Bank of England was well furnished with bullion and notes, and sound firms were liberally assisted, without any advance in the rate of discount, which was down to 3 1-2 per cent.

The retrospect is encouraging. Though many small firms went to the wall, Great Britain was barely wounded by the crisis, and general confidence was hardly at all shaken, even in 1875. The experience of 1878, when the City of Glasgow Bank failed, with liabilities of  $\pounds 12,404,297$ , also served to prove and illustrate the soundness of currency law and the general conservatism of English bankers. In some respects they are probably better off now, and better able to resist an American panic, than in the early seventies, though there is not so long a period of recuperation since the last war, and the country is living in a period of public extravagance which, as the Economist says, compares ill with the thrift practised by such Chancellors of the Exchequer as Gladstone, Lowe and Stafford Northcote."

It may not be altogether needless to remark here that the term Trusts has two different meanings in America —one is applied to combinations of a number of industrial corporations, such as the Steel Trust. the Oil Trust. etc.; the other to financial institutions which accept deposits and transact a banking business, but are not bound by some of the principal provisions of Banking Act or Statutes. These latter Trusts bear more of the character of private banks. Canadian Trusts are of different organizations and functions.

## THE BANK OF MONTREAL'S STATEMENT.

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, issued on Tuesday last in advance of the annual meeting in order to afford shareholders an opportunity of studying the result of the year's management, can surely be said to make "a very fine showing." It will be seen that the net earnings-that is, after deducting all managerial charges and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts-amount to \$1,980,133, or equal to thirteen-and-three-quarter per cent. on the Capital, as against \$1,797,976, or eleven-and-one-ninth per cent. in the preceding year After paying quarterly divide ds, amounting to \$1,440,000, to shareholders, the sum of \$699,968 is carried forward to the next year -to the Credit of Profit and Loss Account, as against \$159,831 in 1906.—Other features of the statement are detailed elsewhere, and to them we have much pleasurein directing the attention of our readers and the public generally at a time when there are indications yet of uncasiness abroad. The statement of the Bank of Montreal for the past twelve months will suffice to allay any feelings of apprehension that may have been rou ed in Canada by the temporary disturbances over our southern border. The necessity for a strong bank, so emphasized by British Experts under recent occurrences, does not exist in Canada.

#### ADULTERATION OF CANADIAN BUTTER.

In October, 1906, the Dominion Dairy Commissioner discovered in the city of Quebec, some samples of butter which he considered to be adulterated with foreign fat. The analysts at Ottawa found his suspicions in certain cases to be well founded, and suspected at once that contrary to law, oleomargarine was either being imported into Canada, or was manufactured in the country. In the older countries the law provides for the sale of artificial butters, provided they are honestly sold under their correct designations. Probably the indigence in which a certain p. oportion of the population exists, makes such a provision to h necessary in some European lands. But it has always been the policy of Canadian Governments to disallow the manutacture, or sale of such articles, under any pretence. Our export trade is too valuable to allow the shadow of suspicion to fall upon and diminish it Nor does the financial condition of our population make it necessary that they should be furnished with what is not the genuine article.

Accordingly when two samples—there were finally only two of really adulterated butter had been discovered, the authorities last spring with commendable zeal collected a thousand samples from the whole Dominion, and submitted them to analysis. It is satisfactory to be able to report that results showed only eight cases of adulteration, out of the thousand tested. These were all derived from the Province of Quebec, six of them from the city of Quebec, and two from Montreal. Dr. J. T. Donald, who fully analysed the adulterated samples, found they contained little, if any, butter fat. They were, in fact, specious imitations.

The villary has been discovered, the vendors are known, so are the furnishers in all but one case. The Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue reports:—"Proceedings were instituted, through the courts, against persons found selling adulterated butter. Several convictions were secured and the balance of the cases are in the hands of the Department of Justice." We could wish that information had been given as to the penalties imposed upon the conscienceless individuals, who would for their own niserable ends, tamper with the good name, and moral character of the community. If commensurate with the offence, they will not be likely to sin in that manner again, for many a long day.

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#### THE SEASON'S FURS.

The world's fashion still inclines towards fur, and in consequence prices will continue high for this season. In this country it is more of a necessity perhaps than in others of different latitudes, but in the majority of instances of its use, the ornamental rather than the utilitarian value is the main consideration - Of the raw material we still produce a good proportion, our exports last year amounting to \$2,762,264, of which some \$414,000 was for dressed turs protably Lought largely by visitors from the United States. England still does the dressing of the finer varieties of furs for us, and for a good part of the world at large, which fact probably accounts for a portion of our imposts, which last year paid a duty of \$243,092.65, and were valued at \$4,782.697. Prices are still set by the great London fur sales, and it is to these, one must turn to get a notion of the trend of the season's choices.

From reports of the October fur sales we gather that Mink still retains its hard won popularity. Only 1,912 skins were offered, as compared with 26,030 at the same sale last year. Prices bid, maintained the high value of the early season. What were listed as Japanese mink also sold readily, it being understood they were largely for the United States dyed imitation fur trade.

For the past two of three years ermine has been a popular skin, and is apparently still well established in favour: 13,707 skins were offered. Both Russian and American sold on a level with June figures. Russian Sable remains in great favour, and high class skins, which appear to be rather scarce are especially in demand. The present collection was very small and consisted mostly of medium and low grades, which are more plentiful and not so much in request. Prices on the whole are about the same as in the June sale. It is safe to say that a considerable proportion of this fur made up by furriers is not genuine, imitation by plucking and dyeing being extremely simple. S unk did not sell as well as usual, the supply offered being of inferior quality. As usual, the coverings of the uusavoury plantogrades will masquerade under different names, many a commercial sable having been grown on the back of what is called in England a pole-cat, because it is not safe to approach within a pole's length of it.

Racoons suitable for use "au naturel." were not greatly in den.and, though the finer kinds were largely bought for dyeing purposes. Some 50,000 pelts were offered of Musquash. This article is still very largely used for dyeing purposes and also for linings. Prices realized on the average about 10 per cent, above those of June, in this sale again, the lower grades advancel most. The quantity catalogued was the smallest for some years

Australasian skins are still in good supply, though the demand is somewhat variable. The lighter grades sell best, when in first class order. Opossum has not sold well in Russia this year, large quantities being still on hand, and the consequence is that the market has been very depressed of late. However, the quantity offered at th se sales was only about one-third of 'a t October and prices remained fairly steady and may be recorded as about equal to June Wombat was in better demand and advanced between 25 per cent and 30 per cent compared with June

A considerably smaller offering of Wallaby found rather poor d mand. Sold at about 20 per cent lower prices than in June

Red Fox comes in large numbers from Australia. Fine skins still continue in good demand for dveing purposes. The prosent collection, however, consisted mostly of inferior grades, which are much neglected, and these realized about 15 per cent to 20 per cent less than in March.

Lynx which uses into a fair imitation of Blue Fox, with not first class wearing quality, was in good request for export to this continent . For American Opossums the prices were low, and the market was dull.

As will be noted the dictates of fashion require much interference with Nature's colour schemes for animal pelts, and unless large prices are paid for the more costly sorts, there is no certainty of their genuineness.

CORKS.

No substitute has yet been discovered for corks. Rubber and glass stoppers have their uses, but, for various reasons, cannot supersede genuine corks. The species of oak tree from whose bark they are made, has but a limited habitat, growing especially well on the Pyranean Mountains. It does not grow rapidly, and the tree must be at least fifteen years old, before it can be made use of. But, fortunately, it is like most of the oaks, a long lived tree, and may be grown artificially in plantations. There has been no diminution in supplies of late years, and so lucrative is the business that it is not likely future generations will be allowed to suffer for lack of corks. The price on the spot where they are manufactured varies from 4 cents apiece for a good champagne cork, to several dozen for a cent for the smaller sizes, for vials, which are cut from scraps.

A very large proportion of the entire world's supply of corks are made in Mezin, a village of 2,700 inhabitants in Gascony. It is a picturesque, old fashioned place approached by roads which lead between hedgerows Its houses are all shiny white and they cluster amid groups of plane trees. There is a battlemented cathedral that looks like a mediaeval fortress. Of its 2,700 inhabitants 1,500 men, women and children are engaged in the cork industry. There are thirty-five cork factories in the village for all its sleepy, ancient appearance, and they not only absorb more than half the local working force, but draw on all the other villages for miles around. Mezin and its environs live on cork, and a very good living they make of it. There is no more prosperous section in France than this.

The bark is taken from the gnarled ragged looking trunks in June of each year. Then a regiment of countrymen in the long linen blouses and blue caps, which are the costume of the country invade the woods, picking out the well known trees to flay them. With a keen knife a circle is drawn around the trunk close to the ground and another high up, just where the branches begin. Then a long incision is made from one circle to the other. The process of taking off the great sheet of bark thus outlined is a most delicate one. It is rough, hard brittle, this raw cork, but it must not be split or even cracked.

When it is removed, the tree trunk looks like the flaved carcass of an animal. The wood is ruddy and drops of reddish gum exuding from it suggests drops of blood. The tree is not injured, however. The bark soon begins to grow again, and by the next year it is ready for another stripping. Then the bark, rolled up in 200 pound bundles, is taken to Mezin. Bark from Spain, Portugal, Corsica and Algiers also arrives there to the extent of thousands of tons.

Every morning at dawn practically all the population, except the cld women and the children, flock to the factories. The strong wen have the job of preparing the cork for the cutters. It has to be converted from rough, fr'able tinder into the soft, elastic substance with which every one is familiar. First it is steeped in a warm bath of dilute hydrochloric and oxalic acids. It comes out white and soft, and while still wet it is laid out on flat tables to take the curvature out of it. When it dries cut thoroughly it is ready for the cutter. Then come the shavers, who with light, curved hatchets remove the rough surface and finish it with rasps. After these the slicers divide it up into squares, according to the size of the corks that are to be made from it. The final operation is performed by girls who feed to machines the squares, which come out perfectly shaped corks, round and polished, cylindrical or bevelled, according as the machine has been set.

Mezin turns out from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 corks a week. The annual output is in the neighbourhood of 250.000,000 corks. The money that is realized on Mezin's corks each year is estimated as not far from \$750,000.

—Mr. George Caverhill, head of the wholesale hardware firm of Civerhill, Learmont and Co., and President of the Montreal Board of Trarde, has returned from a few weeks' trip to the old lands, whither he was accompanied by his wife. Mr. Caverhill, who is no tyro in business affairs, found London and other centres but little, if any, disturbed by the condition of things, financial and fiduciary over the border, which approached very near a crisis while he was away.

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#### THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

The Dominion has not been niggardly in its treatment of railways up to March 31, 1907, according to the Blue Book of the Department of Railways and Canals, we expended \$329,-260,947.23 upon them. This includes \$60,578,503.54 expended upon the Canadian Pacific Railway and \$82,744,937.89 upon the Intercolonial Ra.lway. It might interest some economical authorities to work out a kind of an idea, as to which of the two investments, the larger or the less, has been of the greater benefit to the country at large.

During the past year \$1,506,209.26 was expended upon the Intercolonial by the Government on capital account The capital expenses include the strengthening of bridges \$118,272.88, fencing \$15,938.36, ice hauses \$11,000.00 rolling stock \$343,676.86, increasing shop and other accommodation \$661,264.55, original construction \$573.00, and other items incidental to the running of an important rallway. In addition to these expenses are what is termed working expenses, which come to the total of \$6.020,171.83, making the whole outlay for the period \$7,-536.462.09:

The gross earnings for the nine months amounted to \$6.-248,311.00, which show a loss of \$1,288,351.09, reckoning the whole of the outlaw, but a gain of \$218,139.17, if only the socalled working expenses are calculated. The Deputy Minister of Railways is careful, however, to show that the railway has a value as a public utility, in a manner not always remembered perhaps in directing criticism against it. "It is desirable that I should draw attention to the fact that, last year and for several previous years, the Intercolonial Railway has supplied special train service for the transport of European mails, and this without adequate compensation. It is true that the coantry at large reaps the advantage of his service, which, of course, would not have to be performed were it not for the requirements of the postal accommodation; the burden of the expense is, however, placed on the Intercolonial Railway. the additional cost entailed, and which naturally figured in the total expenditure of the railway, amounting to about \$50,000 a year. Not only is the railway debited with this amount, but at the same time, it is debarred from placing a like sum to its credit for the service-thus making a total of \$100,000 a year as the actual loss in supplying the service and the loss of earnings fairly due for that service. I am strongly of the opinion that, at all events for the future, the Post Office Department should defray the cost, as an item which it would certainly have to meet were the Intercolonial a private instead of a national road.

The present position is an unfair one to the balance sheets both of the railway and of the Post Office Department." It is runnoured just now that the Government is considering the advisability of putting a practical railway man in charge of the system, and the nume of Mr. McGuigan lately associated with James J. Hill, has been mentioned in this connection. It might be interesting to note the effect such an appointment would have upon a line, which has natural disadvantages to contend against, but which it is shrewdly conjectured has suffered more from being under Governmental control.

#### "DAMAGED" WHEAT

We are hearing a good deal of wild talk just now about damaged wheat. It is assumed that the North West harvest will have to suffer a heavy discount in value because of a proportion of damaged grain in the yield. The infallible young gentlemen of the daily press, who prepare such statements of loss by frost, and wet weather, as lead to such assumptions, may not, however be entirely omnescient. It is beginning to be known that a good proportion of the grain in the new Provinces is up to standard. There will be some small and some shrivelled grain, the result of immaturity, owing to the not very favourable season, of frosting in certain altitudes, and also of the fine sevening now adopted in order to maintain the supremacy which our export wheat has attained to. This hast clause should receive accentuation. Our best samples will be, as usual, uniform kernels, very hard and of a bright but dark reddish colour. In these days of close competition, appearauces cannot be neglected, and the plump compact prettiness of No. 1 hard has much to do with it popularity.

But let it not be hastily assumed that pale samples, small kernels, shrivelled grains, are fit only for cattle feed. As a natter of fact, excellent flour can be and is produced from such wheat. Even badly frozen wheat has been found to give good bread making flour. If, indeed, the public was willing to use a darker, but equally nutritive flour, the millers could nake use of pretty nearly all the wheat, though the offal, such as shorts, and what is sometimes known as-feed flour wou'd be in larger quantity. The popularity of whit is called "strong" flour is caused by its qualities of absorbing much moisture, and of giving light bread even when manipulated by inexperienced or careless hands. But it is not the best for most purposes. Flours containing less gluten, and more st rch are mire valuable for household purposes. As a matter of civntific fact, the less attractive looking and lower graded O tario wheat produ es a more valuable flour analytically considered, than Manitoba No. 1 Red Fife. If the darker flours from what is styled inferior grain, could be kept under proper conditions for a few years, they would improve in appearance and commercial value. It would be well if the public could learn that the dark leaf is quite as good as the white one, and that encouragement could be given to the millers to get flour from what are styled commercially, low grade wheats. There is more expense, perhaps less profit, in the milling but the country is suffering loss every year by the selling of what is styled day aged grain for cattle feeding purposes. It might pay some of the smaller millers to set about saving the flour from such wheat for human consumption. At present prices there should be a profit in it.

Mcanawhile there is profit in buying the so-called frozen whea: for stock feeding purposes, at the price quoted for maize. For hogs, cattle and fowls, it is valuable, since it produces bone and muscle, as well as the fat which comes from feeding with maize. We may be sure at the same time that it will not be very long before the millers will find it pay to extrat flour from all ripened wheat.

#### BRITISH SUGAR REFINERS TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES.

Correspondence respecting the Additional Act to the Brussels Sugar Convention of March 5, 1902, has been issued as Commerc'al Paper, No. 10 (1907). It records the various steps by which, in accordance with the desire of the British Government laid before the Permanent Commission at its sitting of July 27th last, a fresh agreement was drawn up and received the consent of all the States interested relieving Great Br ta'n from the obligation to enforce the penal provisions of the Convention against bounty-fed sugar. In exchange Great Britain undertakes to issue certificates with all sugar refined in the United Kéngdom and thence exported to other countries that nene of his sugar comes from a country granting bounties for the production or exportation of sugar.

It would seem that the only considerable hesitation to sign the Additional Act was shown by Germany, which wanted to learn the intentions of the "Russian Government respecting their entry into the International Union before giving its adhesion to the act. Subsequently, however, Germany waived her objection, and on August 28 the plenipotentiaries of the several governments signed the Additional Act, together with the accompanying declarations.

The report on Barbadoes for 1906-7 shows that the revenues of the colony amounted to \$1,023,520, the expenditure \$930,080, the imports to \$5,961,640, and the exports to \$3,146,595. The chief imports are cotton, silk and woollen goods, as well as manures and fertilizers. Sugar (muscovado) and molasses were, of course, the most important articles of export; yet from a table at the end of the report we are unable to discover that the Brussels Convention had any appreciable effect on the sugar industry of the colony Canada was in 1906-7 the chief, market for Barbadoes sugar; next came the United States, and then followed the United Kingdom.

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#### NATIVE TOBACCOS.

It ought not to be impossible to grow a really superior brand -of tobacco in Canada. No reflection is intended upon the -sweetness, and smoking qualities of the odoriferous Tabac Canadien, which in "twists," or "hands," finds a constant place in the stores of retail merchantst in the country, and also finds ready sale in corner groceries and else where in cities. But with imports of raw tobacco for manufacturing purposes running up last year to 14.519.658 lbs. valued at \$2,710.093, beside other tobac-o imports agregating \$715,329 in value, there are evidently wonderful possibilities for the industry, if the right varieties could be furnished.

There is a pretty widespread notion that for eigars, which appear to be outyying the pipes in popularity, the wrappers, and a certain part of the filling ought to be imported, even if some of the domestic tobacco is introduced into the interiors. Havana Seed, Constock Spanish, and a Cuban large leaf, are the sorts commonly used for these purposes. Dealers are usually careful to explain that the so-called domestic eigars contain a small, if any, portion of native grown feaf, being made in Canada of imported materials. From experiments unado by the Department of Agriculture, both on the experimental farms, and by seed distribution, it appears that the varieties mentioned above, can be grown with striking success in the Dominio 1. An average of 1,400 to 1,800 lbs, per acre has been gathered under the most favourable conditions upon heavily manured lands, carefully tended: and being carefully cured, obtained a good price from manufacturers.

An expert. Mr. Felx Charlan, with European experience, is in charge of the tobacco growing and curing experiments for the Canadian Government, and he is of the opinion that the country can and now does produce the thin leaves necessary for smoking, and eight uses, yielding a smoke not too strong, without bitterness. He has found fermentation to be generally necessary in the curing, and is recommending care in sorting the leaves for the buyers, in order to obtain the highest prices. In Ontario by using the Burley seed, good popular chewing brands have been manufactured, and largely used for some years. If Quebee growers will take pains to grow the rapidly ripening "Connecticut" or Havana Seed, or some other carefully selected kinds. will carefully follow instructions regarding culture and curing, the value of their yield will rapidly increase in value, and we shall import less of United States grown leaves.

It is rather startling to learn that even now, it will not pay to look for a share of the export trade in raw leaf tobacco, since all that can be cured sells for a higher price locally than it could be sold for abroad.

#### INDIA'S COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING.

A Consul report from Calendta, says that the increase and decrease in the output of cotton spinning and wearing mills in India during the years from 1905 to 1907 is fairly indicated by the figures showing the increase during the corresponding period of four months for each of these years, which is given below:

Ap	ril	to	-July	v	Yarn spun. Pounds,	Woven goods. Yards.
1905					 231.943.813	191,638,040
1906					 227,672,394	231,798,292
1907					 213.057,534	254,248,745

There was a falling off in the amount of yarn spin in 1907, as compared with 1905 and 1906, while there was an increase in the amount of woven goods. The increase of the output of 1907 over that of 1905 was 62.610,705 yards, and over that of 1906 of 22.450.453 yards.

There can be no doubt that during the last two years great advancement has been made in the use of the hand loom in India, not only in the increase of the number of looms employed but also in the quality of the piece goods produced. The principal cause of this is the "swadeshi" movement, which has not only stimulated the hand-loom industry by an appeal to sentiment, but by furnishing capital for the purchase of new and better class of looms, to buy material and to keep the busines, going. It is within bounds to say that more than 500,-000 bales of cotton are consumed by the hand looms of India annually.

Mr. E. B. Hovel, who has long been an advocate of handloom work, has recently stated that "the revival of the great hand-loom industry would be the soundest basis available for the industrial regeneration of India"

#### MONTREAL CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

The (ustoms collections at Montreal for the ten months ending October 31, 1907, show an increase of \$2,747.264 over the collections for the corresponding period last year, the duties on imports for the former period totalling \$14,295,763, and, for the latter, \$11,548,499. The following table shows the collections by months:---

	1906.	1907
January.	\$1,074,988	\$1.237,005
February.	1,01 5.81 1	1,280,752
March	1,126,448	
April	1,003,37.5	1,277.112
May	1,214,046	1.558,075
June	1.133,133	1,545,678
July	1,188,013	1.646,512
August	1,302.704	1,512,180
September	1,163,454	1,345,999
October	1,326.522	1,458,420
	\$11.548.499	\$14,295,763

# A VOICE FROM JAPAN.

According to estimates made by the Japan Credit Mobilier, Limited, taking the average price of commodities in Japan, England, and the States. in 1897, at the unit of 100, the rate in the US, this year is 146, that of Japan 140, and that of England 132. If these calculations be correct, the advance in Japan and the States, with their rising tariffs, in the past 11 years has been 8 and 14 per cent. higher than in free-trade England; and there is still a tendency towards a further advance in Japan. In the opinion of the Japanese Bank, "the price of commodities usually rises in sympathy with the rate of interest on money, so that it is necessary for economic circles-more especially for bankers-to take note of the present tendency of commodities to advance in price; and take measures to guard against the diminution of the purchasing power of money."-"It is a pity," adds the Economist. "that a banker who issues advice to the fraternity should have so little acquaintance with the rudiments of mometary science."

#### THE LATE JAMES COOPER

A well known figure is removed from our midst by the death of Mr. James Cooper, formerly partner in the old-established wholesade shoe manufactory of Linton and Cooper, Montreal, from which he retired in the 70%. The deceased, who had a long business experience in this city, was for some years latterly identified with the liquidation of the Colonial Building So-Crety, the shareholders of which were paid in full. Mr. Cooper was in his 90th year; he died respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He is survived by his widow who, with his grandchildren, can look back with respect to the memory of him who was one of Nature's Noblemen.

-The October statement of British Trade shows increases of \$15,125,000 in imports and \$25,426,000 in exports. The principal increase in imports was \$15,000,000 in grain and flour and the increase in exports were coal \$5,000,000 and manufactured goods \$18,750,000, of which \$5,000,000 was cotton fabrics.

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#### BANK OF MONTREAL.

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, issued on Tuesday, shows profits, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, at \$1,980,138.04, out of which \$1,440,000 was paid in four quarterly dividends.

The profits of the year represent 13.70 per cent. on the outstanding capital of \$14,400,000.

With the the balance brought forward from 1906 of \$159. 831 84, there was a sum of \$2,139,969.88 available for distri-After dividend payments there was left \$699,369.88 bution. at the credit of profit and loss.

The general statement as at October 31, 1907, is as follows:

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FIRE RECORD.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of October aggregate \$13,350.250, or about half a million less than was charged against the same month last year. The total losses by fire the first ten months of 1907 reach the sum of \$180,765,300, as compared with \$421,460.200 for the same period in 1906, but of that sum San Francisco was responsible for \$280,000,000. There were during October 256 fires where the loss reached or, exceeded \$10,000 in each in-A detailed list of these fires in Canada follow:-Stance Hamilton, Ont., sand sucker, \$12,000: St. Martins, N.B., saw and grist mill, \$10,000; Deer Lake, N.B. sawmill and lumber. \$15,000; Winnipeg, Man., paint and glass warehouse. \$275,000; Amherst, N.S., dry goods store and other. \$14.000; Edmundston, N.B. hotel and stores, \$25,000; Carberry, Man., grain elevator. \$20,000: Yorkton, Sask , stables, \$12,000; Quebec. store, \$60,-

000; Montreal, customs warehouse, \$75,000 ; Hamilton, Ont., cooperative store, \$1 .,000; Brandon, Man., business block, \$10,000; Sedgwick, Alb., warehouses and other. \$20,000; Cote St. Paul, Que, clurch, \$75.000; Bayswater, Ont., barns, \$10; 000: Toronto Ont., planing mill, \$20,000; Vanessa. Ont., church and mill, \$10,000; Wostok, Alta., church. \$10,000; Campbellton, N.B., freight sheds \$30,000.

The furniture store of P N. Howard, at Hastings, Ont., was destroyed by fire Nov. 7.

The parish church at Longue Pointe was destroyed by fire Nov. 7. The adjoining presbytery was also badly damaged. Loss \$50,000. with \$11,000 insurance.

Fire destroyed the tannery of E. Julien, at Limoilou, Que, Friday last. Loss \$15,000.

Geo. Sheppard's furniture store, at Norwood, was burnt Saturday. Loss \$20.000, with \$4,000 insurance.

Fire destroyed, Nov. 6, the cheese and butter factory at Salisbury, N.B., owned by A. E. Brown. An unoccupied house in connection was also burned. The factory had been closed for a couple of weeks.

Renaud's Hotel, Ottawa, was damaged by fire Nov. 8 to extent of \$3,000. The fire was confined to the top story and is covered by insurance

The Imperial Hotel barns on Cork Street, Guelph, were burnt Nov. 9.

The village of Casselnian\_Out., was the scene of a disastrous fire Sunday. It started in the general store of II. V. Landry, the building and stock being destroyed, entailing a loss of \$10,-000, with \$4,900 insurance. Hotels on each side of the store were damaged. The sample room and stables of Roberts' were also destroyed.

Three houses at 228, 230 and 232 Markham Street, Toronto, were damaged by fire Nov. 8 to extent of \$1,500.

The grand stand at the Montreal Ball Park was destroyed by fire Sunday, Loss \$8,000, insured for \$2,000.

Fire completely gutted the building, 76 Bay Street, Toronto, Saturday, and about \$87,000 damage was done. The sufferers and losses are:—Anderson, MacBeth and Co., hits and furs, loss over \$30,000, insured; Phillips and Wrinch, smallwares, loss about \$22,000, insured: Edwin W. Fisher, manufacturers' agent, floor completely guited, loss not ascertained; John Fisher, Son and Co., woollens, loss \$10,000, insured; J. Howard Stowe, manufacturers' agent, loss \$8.000, about half covered by insurance in Lloyds, the Royal and one other company. Building owned by the Joseph Estate; loss, \$12,000; covered by insurance.

Fire did \$2000 damage Monday to the pickle factory of A. L. David, Montreal.

The big bearding house at Little Current, operated by the Welverine Cedar and Lumber Co., was burned Nov. 11. G.T.R. station, a grain elevator, many thousand feet of lum-

ber and a coal pile were burned at Caledonia, Ont., Wednesday. 1 088 \$15.000; insured for \$5.000.

The G.T.R. depot and freight sheds at Londeboro. Ont., were cestroyed by fire Monday.

Fire broke out Monday in a factory at 19 Alice Street, To-1 onto, owred and partially occupied by Hungerford and Smith Co. manufacturing chemists. The fire originated in the fourth floor of the five storey luilding, was confined to the one story, occupied by J B Silkstone, tailor, and his will be the only loss by fire, but Hungerford and Smith. Lockwood and Smith, tarors, and the Canada Time Recording Co., will suffer considerable damage through water and smoke.

-Canadi's exports to Britain for month of October are as follow:-12704 cattle, value \$1.043 340; 13 horses, \$3.300; 898 sheep and lambs, \$8,500; 1,585,400 cwt. of wheat, \$3,460,395; 165,700 cwt. of meil and flour, \$455,090; 9.850 cwt. of peas, \$22, 080; 95.765 ewt of bacon. \$1,285.360; 26,537 ewt. hams. \$379,150; 2.702 cwt. butter, \$69,105; 272. 002 cwt. cheese, \$3,920,510 and 26,146 great hundreds of eggs, \$57.255.

--The Grand Trunk Railway freight department has decided to reduce the freight rates to all points west from Montreal to Fort Willim The new tariff will be brought into effect at the end of this worth.

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#### BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

Graham and Hope, a firm doing business at Valetta, Ont., have assigned to Mr. Osler Wade. The liabilities amount to \$4.040.

Joseph G. Duvert and Henri Clavet, carrying on business in this city as moving picture exhibitors, under the style of "Vitoscope," are in liquidation. The assets consist of a hall, moving picture machinery and accessories, with a \$1,100 claim against the Dominion Fire hysurance, in which the firm was insured. The principal creditors are: Gauvreau and Larose, \$050; Kenitograph Co. of New York, \$125; Vaillancourt and Hardy, \$100; Montreal Light. Heat and Power Co.. \$100. The total liabilities are \$1,100.

The Raven Lake Portland Cement Co., Victoria Road, Ont., is insolvent, and the Trusts and Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto, has been nimed liquidator. The company's liabilities are estimated at \$180,000, against assets valued at in the neighbourhood of \$500,000.

Commercial failures this week in the United States, as reported by Dun and Co., are 239, against 273 last week, 252 the preceding week and 172 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 19, against 20 last week, 32 the preceding week and 31 last year. Of failures this week in the United States, 90 were in the East, 60 South, 61 West, and 28 in the Pacific States, and 76 report liabilities of \$5,000 or more against 93 last week. Insolvencies in the Dominion of Canada during the month of October were 126 in number and \$1,422,387 in amount of liabilities, which compares with 92 defaults in the same month last year, when liabilities were only \$656,137. The increase is much smaller when companison is made with the same month in earlier years, as the Canadian report for October, 1906, was unusually favourable. Manufa turing losses this year numbered 53 with liabilities of \$785,582, against only 17 similar defaults last year when the amount involved was \$133,770. Much of this increase occurred in two large suspensions in pulp manufacturing contracting. Trading fullures numbered 67 for \$594,909, against 73 last year. when the amount was \$514367. Six other commercial failures supplied liabilities of \$41,896 against only two last year for \$8,000

Recent assignments in Ontario include C. W. Black, failor, Fort William: We'sh and Bredin, grocers, Owen Sound ; M. J. Schivan, Humber, Saruia; A. Bornstein, cigars, Toronto; Federal Securities, Ltd., Toronto; H. C. Frymire, grocer, Toronto, Juncton; Graham and Hope, traders, Valetta; L. R. Williams, stationery, Parry Sound; Jones and Son, general store, Poit Perry, T. A. Armstrong, grocer, Toronto Junction

Minor assignments in this Province are as follows: -Stowe and Truax, general store, Dankin: Lapointe and frere, meat dealers, city; Wilfrid Hardy, grocer. Quebec: Jos. Luttrell and Co., biscults, city; Edmond Roy, trader, Capacins; J. E. Amyot and fils, smallwares, Quebec; J. E. Collin, publisher, Quebec; Lusien Gosselin, grocer, Quebec

A petition for a winding-up order has been granted against Drysalters Ltd., mirs, sonp, city. The concern was recently prohabited from marketing a certain brand of sonp widely advetused. The habilities are probably \$12,000.

Bligh and Prince, implements, Truro, N.S., have given a chattel montgage for \$25000 and are asking a general extension. Dickson and Co., proceeds, and F. G. Spelcer, gracer, Glace Bay, have assigned. The sheriff is in possession of the assets of Miller Br 8., pianos, Halifax. F. C. Hachey, trader, Regersville, has assigned. The stocks of H. J. E. Martin, store keeper, Dalhousie and T. S. Richard, grover, Moneton, have been seized.

The Canada Radiator Co., Ltd., incorporated at the outset inder Ontario laws with a capital of \$150,000 and works at Lachine, is embarrassed and a winding-up order has been issued on the demand of Warden King, Ltd. A meeting for the appendment of a liquidator is called for the 22ad inst. A number of actions has been issued against the company of late in favour of La Banque National, the Quebee Bank and others. The factory at Lachine was completed a short time ago, but heighting developed with the contractors, which delayed matters for a time. The company valued the real estate and buildings at about \$108,000, and machinery stock, etc., at over \$100, 000 more. F. J. Trivers is the president and Thus, Long secretary. Mr. Travers was formerly a barrister in Toronto. The Hon. Robt. Mackay was at one time connected with the company, but withdrew, and secured the repayment of a special lean of \$20,000. Prior to this the concern had secured a Dominon charter, and its authorized capital was increased to \$1,000,000. The success of the enterprise has been considered doubtful for some time, and the estimate of assets and profits excessive.

Shareholders of the A. L. Wright Lumber Co., operating near Salisbury, N.B., passed an informal resolution Wednesday in havour of liquidation. The money and lumber market conditions have caused embarrassment and the Royal Bank, it was announced, had declined further advances and decided to take action to recover the money due them. The bank holds the company's bonds issue. The liabilities, including capital stock, are placed at \$170,000; assets nominally about the same.

With total liabilities estimated at \$24,069 and assets at \$13,-804, the Sovereign Laundry Co., Ltd., Montreal, was placed in liquidation at its own request on Wednesday last by windingup order issued by the Practice Court. In its patition for winding-up order, the company stated that at a meeting of the directors on the 11th instant a report was submitted showing that it was inscirvent, and that a resolution was passed, recommending that steps be taken for the rincing of the company in liquidation. Following are the liabilities:—Bills payable, \$1,-062; accounts psyable, \$2,976; capital stock (200 shares), \$20,-000. The assets are as follows:—Machinery and plant, \$8,029; relling stock and horses, \$2,540; office fixtures, \$182; laundry supplies, \$100; assets receivable, \$2,953.

The Home and Colonial Stores, Limited, Toronto, which ran establishments on Queen Street, East, and Queen West, has assigned to N. L. Martin. The concern had been in business only a short time. Lumbilities will be between \$3,000 and \$4000

#### THE WINDSOR HOTEL.

The annual meeting of the Windsor Hotel, which was held last Tuesday, was more than usually interesting owing to the appreaching completion of the immense addition which has been in the contractors' hands for some time. Montreal has required such a hotel for some years past, many a visitor to the city being obliged to content themselves with Lodgings, or their private cars, through lack of sufficient hotel accommodation, and many persons passed on to other places for the same reason .- Mr. Wm. C. McIntyre, the president, was chairman at the meeting, and moved the adoption of the Annual Report, which was considered quite satisfactory, and, with the faveurable financial showing was unanimously adopted. The business was seen to be steadily increasing under the tactical management of Mr. Weldon. Ten per cent. dividends have become the rule. The following were re-elected on the Board for the ensuing year :- Messrs, W. C. McIntyre, president; Hy. Joseph, vice-president; Selkirk Cross, Norman J. Dawes, F. L. Wanklyn, and W. S. Weldon. Mr. A. E. Shaw was appointed secretary treasurer of the company, in place of Mr. Weldon, who becomes managing director.

-At Sydney, BU, a company has been formed of Chivamen who are to erect extensive kilns, etc., and engage in manufacturing operations, under the name of the Sydney Brick and Tile Co. It is not certain that any foreign money will go into the enterprise.

-For the first nine months of the present year ending September 30, the total immigration to Canada was 236.008, an increase of 54.736 as compared with the corresponding nine menths of 1906.

--The Acting British Consul at Chungkiang, China, has sent to the Board of Trade a sample of vegetable asbestos which is stated to be bullet-proof.

-The jewellery business conducted by William B. Shakespeare at Victoria, B.C, has been purchased by W. H. Wilkerson, who will in future conduct it.

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#### Miscellaneous:

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW.

#### Montreal, Thursday, p.m., Nov. 14th, 1907.

Dullness may still be said to reign supreme over the Stock Exchanges in our larger Canadian cities. We are in position like to that of a man whose neighbour's house is partly on fire. We sympathetinally watch or promote the brave efforts to stop the progress of the flames Thus every eye is strained toward New York, or rather to the whole of the United States, whither the uneasy feeling appears to have spread, seeking out the weak spots wherever they may be, and impuiring credit far and near. The drastic remedies employed in New York would seem to have considerably relieved the situation there, and the resulting confidence is expected to restore matters to something approaching a normal condition ere long. Pessinusts everywhere are naturally of opinion that the troubles are too deepset to allow of a resumption of normal trade conditions without some further examples of disaster being experiesced along the great business belt of the northern and middle States

Canada has been remarkably free from such vicissitudes in any degree, owing dorbtless to the sagacity of our bankers and our excellent banking system. The money seasonably provided by our banks all along the line to help move the crops has not been drawn upon to the full degree antispited, and would consequently be available thus far in case of the approach of anything kindred to the troubles in the States, which we have so fortunately escaped. Had any approximates been felt in the matter they must have been dispelled by the fine statement for the year just issued by the Bank of Montreal.

The disagreeable state of affairs among our enterprising neighbours has been and is intensified by the general withdrawal of peoples' deposits, and the hoarding of them, as of yore, when financial Trusts had not been thought of, and Savings Pauks in New York, Cincinnati and Chicago had as yet no historical incidents in their careers. But these will return as soon as confidence is restored, earning interest again and furpushing banks and their customers the wherewithal for their business, to the want of which is largely due the demand of gold from London—now no longer looked upon in New York as having abdicated her right to be acknowledged as the financial centre of the world.

In these circumstances any change in quoted values would not be surprising, and as the Bank of England rate was on Thursday last 2 to 3 per cent, lower yet than during former  $e^{118es}$ , a further advance may be resolved upon, that is if 7 per cent, is not sufficient to stop the drain of gold.

The N.W. Land Co. reports great profits for the season. The N.W. Land Co. report great profits for the season. In New York, money on call 5 to 12 per cent.; last loan 5 per cent.; time loans 60 and 90 days 12 to 15 per cent.; 6 the aths 8 to 10 per cent. Mercantile paper 7 to 10 per cent. Storing exchange irregular at 4.86 to 4.86.25 for demand and at nominal for 60-day bills. Bar silver 58½, Mexican dollars <sup>1614</sup>. U.S. Steel, com, 24; pfd., 83½. At London bar silver Stady. 27d per ounce. Money 4¾ to 5 per cent. Discount fields: —Short bills and three months' bills, 6½ to 6½ per cent. <sup>Cold</sup> prensions are quoted as follow:—Madrid, 15.20; Lisbon, <sup>24,5</sup>. Taxis exchange on London, 25 france 23½ centimes. <sup>36,4</sup>.

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The following is a comparative table of stock prices for the week ending November 14th, 1907, as compiled by Messrs. Meredith and Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:—

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Banks:	Sales.	est.	est.	Sale.	ago.
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Commerce	16	162	161	161	182
Melsons	27	191	190	190	219
Lastern Townships	3	155	15434	154%	
Mer. hants	77	155	1.543/	1543/4	171
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Shawinigan.	250	54	531/2	531/2	
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co	38	55	52	52	801/2
Mont. Light, H. & Power	1101	84	82	82	97
Lean and Mortgage	124	131	1301/4	131	
N.S. Steel and Coal	265	55	53	53	70
Do. Pref.	40	110	110	110	
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Bell Telep. Co	45	117	117	117	145
La rentide Paper.	10	82	82	82	891/2
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Ogilvie, pfd.	22	114	114	114	124
Textile, com.	8	45	45	45	
Textile, pfd	20	80	80	80	100
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Lake of Woods, pfd	113	103	103	103	113
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#### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

#### Montreal, Thursday, Nov. 14th, 1907.

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Reports to hand indicate a fair volume of business with but slight change in values, buyers securing the advantage, as a rule, owing to the condition of the money market. The winter rates of freight will go into effect on the 15th, the last day of the summer tariff being the 14th inst. Navigation may not close for some weeks, but the rush of fall freight has filled up available space on the boats, and the railways now control the situation. The general-advance on heavy freight will be 20 to 25 per cent. In the United States the financial stringency has caused thousands of workmen to be discharged, and wages are being reduced in an effort to offset the high cost of production, especially in the iron and steel industries. In other ways efforts are being made to curtail operations and reach a more solid basis, including in some cases the cancellation of orders.

APPLES.—Shipments for the week, 71,421 brls, and 5244 boxes. Same week last year, 36,200 brls. Total since season opened, 457,887 brls. Increase over 1906, corresponding period, 130,748; increase over 1905, corresponding period. 8,382; increase over 1904, corresponding period, 154,101. Apple shipments to date are far in advance of corresponding periods for many years. Our records only go back four years. Cunadian apples, especially Kings, are fetching better prices in England than American, as inspection is more strict.

ASHES.—Market quiet, with first sorts quoted at \$6.10 to \$625; seconds at \$5.50 and first pearls at \$675 to \$7.00 per 100 lbs.

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The Best CIGARS that money, skill and nearly half a century's experience can produce.
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m B. Shakes<sup>.</sup> V. H. Wilker<sup>.</sup> BACON.—The Lordon market for Canadian bacon has been weaker and prices are lower at 56s to 58s. In Bristol, Canadian b con has declined to 58s to 59s. A weaker feeling has prevailed in the Liverpool market, and prices are lower at 57s to 58s.

BEANS -Fair jobbing demand at higher prices. We quote \$1.95 to \$2.05 for small and car lots.

BI TTER—The tone is somewhat easier. The depression in the money narkets caused quite a drop in Chicago and New York. Lut this is not followed here, seriously, owing to the smallness of supplies. At St. Hyacinthe only 410 boxes were offered, but sellers would not close at the bid price of 26c. The local butter market was easy, with holders asking  $27 \frac{1}{2}$ c to 28c for finest Townships creamery. The receipts for the week were 8,063 packages, as against 4,685 packages last week and 7,002 packages for the corresponding week of last year. The total receipts since May 1 were 372,841 packages, as compared with 567,662 for the corresponding period of last year.

CANNED GOODS.—Business fair in the new pack. Leading jobbers' prices for the best class of goods are as follows: Tomatoes.  $\$127\frac{1}{2}$ ; corn.  $97\frac{1}{2}$ ; pcas,  $92\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\$1.37\frac{1}{2}$ ; string beaus,  $92\frac{1}{2}$ ; peaches,  $\$3.62\frac{1}{2}$  for three's and  $\$2.37\frac{1}{2}$  for two's pears,  $\$2.62\frac{1}{2}$  for three's and  $\$2.12\frac{1}{2}$  for two's. Strawberries and raspberries,  $\$2.27\frac{1}{2}$  Gall(n apples,  $\$3.27\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 lb., \$1.20. Evaporated apples. 10c.

(HEESE.—The country markets were easier, and at Brockville close on 3,000 boxes were sold at 11½c. Belleville offerings were moderate: white sold at 12 1-16c, and coloured at 12c. At Picton, coloured sold at 12c, and at London white and coloured went at 12¼c. In St Hyacinthe, 11½c was officied, but no business resulted. The local market was quiet and prices were fairly steady. Early fall makes of westerns were quoted at 13c to 13¼c, late makes at 12½c to 12¾c; Townships at 12¼c, and Quebecs at 12c to 12¼c. The receipts for the week were 39,806 boxes, as against 41.764 boxes last week and 58,857 boxes for the corresponding week of last year. The total receipts since May 1 were 1.972,577 boxes, as compared with 2.229,325 boxes for the corresponding period of last year.

COAL.—Business fair at steady values Grate is quoted by dealers at \$7.00 net and egg. stove and chestnut at \$7.25. less 25c discount. Best American steam coal, \$4.75 gross, duty paid on track.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Market steady. Sales of turkeys, dressed, were made at 14c to 15c, chickens at 10c to 12c; geese at 10c to 11c; ducks at 12c to 13c.

DRY GOODS-Business has been fair, and without much change. Sales of print cloths at Fall River during the week amounted to 35,000 pieces, of which 20,000 were regulars bought at 51/4e a yard. They are for delivery in December and January. In Burlaps. Importers quote no lower prices for spot g ods, but between second hands prices in New York are from 3 to 4 per cent. off. With the jobbers, the trade in linens showed improvement during the week, but at first hands the matket is quiet. Stocks in warehouses are large. There have been sevial attempts made to cancel orders on dress goods within the past week at New York, but they have not been successful in many instances. Agents have taken the ground that retailers must show a worse financial condition than slow collections to warrant the acceptance of any such cancellations as those desired. The carpet openings will take place this week, and agents are prepared for a light initial house business. But they think the road trade later on will be an shally large. Cotton, mid. uplands, spot. N.Y., 10 S0c; print cloths, 28-inch, standard, 51/4c; print cloths, 28-inch, 64x 60, 43/4e to 47/8e; gray goods, 381/2-inch. standard, 61/2e; gray goods, 39-inch. 69x72. 71/2e: brown sheetings. South., standard 734c; brown sheetings, 3 yards, 634c to 7c. Advices from Manchester, England, state that the week's business in the cloth

market was only moderate owing to the unsettled condition of the cotton market and the rise in the discount rate of the Bank of England. Indian offers generally came below the manufacturers' ideas and some contracts are said to have been cancelled, but on the other hand sales were reported for Singapore and Bombay at the late rates. China took a few light cloths, but in other directions business was quiet.

EGGS.—Receipts from May first to date were 163,543 cases, as against 210,251 for the corresponding period in 1906, showing a decrease of 46,708. There is no change in the condition of the market to note, prices being firm under a good demand. Sales of selected stock were made at 26c to 27c; No. 1 at 22c to 23c; seconds at  $16V_{2}c$  to 17c.

FLOUR.—Strong at the recent advance in price. We quote:—Choice spring wheat patents \$6.10; seconds \$5.50; winter wheat patents \$5.75; straight rollers. \$5.50; do, in bags, \$2.60 to \$2.65; extra \$2.05 to \$2.10.

FISH .- There is a continued firm enquiry at steady to firm prices. Fresh-Market cod per lb., 5 to 6c; haddock, 7 to  $7\frac{1}{2}c$ ; steak cod, heads off, 8 to 9c; lake trout, 9 to 10c; whitetish, 10c; pike hendless and dressed, Sc; pickerel or dore, 11 to 12c; weakfish, 10c; focunders, 10; dressed Lullheads, 10c; B.C. salmon, 16 to 18c; halibut, 10c; mackerel, 15c. Smoked and prepared -Haddies. new, 15 lb., boxes, 81/2 to 9c; kipp red herring per Lex, \$1.10 to \$1.25; Yarmouth bloaters, per box, \$125; smoked herring, in small boxes, 14c; boneless cod, 1 and 2 lb. bricks. assorted "Favorite" brand, 20 lb. boxes, per lb., 7c: boneless fish, 20 lb. boxes, per lb., 6c; boneless fish, 25 lb boxes, loose. 5c; shredded cod. 1/2 lb. cartons, 2 dozen cartons in box. per box, \$1.80; skinless cod. new, 100 lb. cases, \$5.50; B.C. salmon, new, per lb., 12c; whitefish, small, per lb., 7c; No 1 smelts, per lb. 8c; mackerel, per lb., 10c; No. 1 Labrador herrings, brls., \$5.50 to \$6; half brls., \$3 to \$3.25; No. 1 N.S herring, half brls, \$2.75 to \$3; No. 1 mackerel, in pails, \$2; No. 1 sea trout, 100 lb. kegs. \$5.75; 200 lb. brls., \$1050; No 1 green cod, per 200 lbs, \$7.50; large green cod, per 200 lbs., \$8; No. 1 green haddock, per 200 lbs, 6; Labrador salmon, new, barrels, \$14; half brls., \$7.50; salt sardines per brl., \$5. A leading and influential merchant from Yarmouth, N.S., who has been visiting westward lately, reports the catch of the season in lobsters and deep-sea fish as having been quite bountiful, aggregating in all upwards of half a million dollars.

GRAIN-Owing to higher prices on this side, sellers were not able to accept bids which came over the cable for wheat, and business was quiet. The London public cable received here reported sales of parcels of No. 1 northern, which had arrived at 40s 6d, and for November-December shipment at 40s 9d, and December January at 40s 9d. There was no change in the local market for oats, prices being fully maintained under a stealy dep and for car lots, and sales of Manitoba No. 2 white were made at 60c; Ontario and Quebec No. 2 at 59c to 591/2; No. 3 at 58c to 581/2c, and No. 4 at 561/2c to 57c per bushel. ex store. Cash wheat was strong in Winnipeg, and sold four cents a bushel higher. No. 3 northern was delivered on November option last week at 10c under No. 1 northern Tt. sold this week at from 7 to 8c under Amen Brooks, of Duluth; Crane and Baird, of Montreal, and James Carruthers and Co., of Montreal, all bought wheat. Winnipeg was four cents a bushel higher on wheat. At Chicago, there was more confidence in the financial situation, and all the cereals had more friends than in some time past. The Armour Grain Company have secured \$100,000 of imported gold, and are arranging for more to pay for cash grain in the country. They have notified the banks operating at their stations that if they will cash the pay ticket issued by the Armour Grain Company at their country elevators, the currency will be remitted to them. This is expected to increase the movement of grain, as on account of the lack of currency which the country banks were unable to get from the reserve centres, a number of them have refused throughout the western country to cash pay tickets issued by grain firms to farmers. The world's shipments of wheat for the week were 11,416,000 bushels and the amount on ccean passage increased 1.024.000 bushels. North-Western wheat receipts, 832 cars against 672 a week ago and 750 cars

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GREEN FRUITS, ETC. keepers, "Villalabos" pac \$5 50; good sound stock Tokays, \$3.—Lemons: V/ Oranges: Jamaica orange Apples: Hand picked Fan 2, \$3.50; Spies, Baldwins, stock, \$3.75; Colverts, Je herries: Nova Scotia, Ion large cases, best quality. I Ibs., per Ib., 21/ac.—Sweet per bbl., \$3.75 to \$4.—Bana

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GREEN FRUITS, ETC.—Almeria grapes: Extra fancy long keepers, "Villalabos" pack, \$650; fancy, \$6; extra choice, \$550; good sound stock for immediate use, \$4.75; California Tokays, \$3.—Lemons: Verdellıs, fancy stock, 300 size, \$4.— Oranges: Jamaica oranges, finest quulity, per barrel, \$5.— Apples: Hand picked Fameuse and McIntosh Reds, \$4.50; No. 2, \$3.50; Spies, Baldwins, Greenings, etc., XXX stock, \$5; XX stock, \$3.75; Colverts, Jennetings, etc., \$3.25 to \$3.50.—Cranherries: Nova Scotia, long keepers', \$10 50.—Onions: Spanish, large cases, best quality, \$2; crates, 6c; red, in bags about 75 lbs., per lb., 2½c.—Sweet potatoes: Fancy Vineland potatoes, per bbl., \$3.75 to \$4.—Bananas: Jamaicas, fine fruit, \$2 to \$2.25.

GEOCERIES.-There has been a fair distribution in all lines and most of the fall goods are now in the market. D. Ratray and Sons' cable on the London beet market reads: "Steady with light offerings; November, 9s 334d; December, 9s 41/2d; Jan.-Mar., 98 61/4d; May, 98 81/4d; August, 98 101/4d." Vew York sugar, raw, nominal; fair refining, \$3.30; centrifugal, 96 test, \$3.80; molasses sugar, \$2.95; refined, quiet. Fine new , were quoted on the Montreal market at 6c. Peanuts, date "Bon-Ton." reasted, 15c; "Coon" brand. roasted, 91/2c. Dates, Persian 1 lb. packages, 30 packages to box, per pkge, 7c. Extra fancy evaporated 30-40 prunes, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; 40.50, 9c; 50-60. 81/2c. Almonds, Tarragona, soft shell, per lb., 15c; walnuts, 14c; Brazils, 16c; pecans Jumbos, 20c; filberts Sicily, 12c; shelled almonds, 31c; shelled walnuts, 25c. Figs, 3 Crown Camel Brand, 8½c; 4 Crown Camel Brand, 9c; 5 Crown amel Brand, 10e; 6 Crown Camel Brand. 30 lb. boxes, 121/2e. In connection with figs, a prominent importer says:-"Layers are meeting with a continued steady demand. The total shipments from Smyrna to the States this year are considerably les than those of last season, and with this fact in view we must look for a continued firm market and the probability that the curry-over of this season will be only triffing. The demand has been principally for the lower grades, and higher grades have been a little neglected." Reviewing the situation in imported raisins, the Hills Bros Co., say: "Layer Valencias have had an unquestionably heavy sale this fall owing to the fine quality and moderate prices. Stocks are moderate. Shipments of Malagas this year will not be heavy and prices are offering on a moderate scale. Stocks of sultanas are limited, G crown grade being fully cleared." It is estimated that the 1907 corn pack is several million cases short of the average for the past three years, which was 11,000,000 cases.

PAY-Good demand from local and foreign buyers. No. 1, at \$16.50 to \$17.50; No. 2, at \$15 to \$16; mixed, at \$14 to \$74.50; and clover at \$13.50 to \$14 per ton, in car lots.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Business unchanged and values sterdy. No. 1 hides. 9c; No. 2 hides. 8c; No. 3 hides. 7c; No. 1 calfskins, per Ib., 10c; No. 2 calfskins. per Ib, 8c; lambskins, 60e to 70e; No. 1 horsehides. each \$2; No. 2 horsehides, each \$1.50; tallow, rendered, per Ib., 51/2e to 61/2e; tallow. rough, per Ib., 11/2e to 3c.

HONEY.—Market dull and prices firm. White clover, comb, lin: buckwheat, 131/2c and extracted, 10c to 11c; extracted white clover comb, 11c to 13c per lb.

HOPS.—The New York market is easy:, state, common to finite. 1907. 16c to 18c; 1906. 7c to 11c. Pacific coast, 1907, is to 12c; 1906, 5c to 9c.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—A moderate movement in the benal goods required at this season is reported. The curtaiibent of consumption as well as of production of iron, which began in the United States the latter part of October, has been cuite severe during the first week in November, and with refunchment in all manufacturing lines, as well as among the railroads, the outlook is for further contraction during the next two months. At New York the price of copper was cut another ¼ of a cent per pound on the Metal Exchange. Lake Copper was quoted at 13½ to 13¾c; electrolytic, 12¼ to 12½c,

and castings, 13 to 131/4c. The market was weak. The fore gn operators in tin apparently have recognized finally the severe financial strain under which business interests are labouring and the result has been a drop of £11 10s since the first of November, although there has been a recovery of £2 15s from the lowest point. On call at the New York Exchange regular warrants, cash, were at \$16,00 bid. November and December offered at \$18.50, with \$16.00 bid, and January to March inclusive offered at \$19.00. Standard foundry warrants \$16.00 bid cash, November and December offered at \$19.00, with \$16.00 bid, and January to March, inclusive, offered at \$19.50. Bar iron-The demand has been reduced to the jobbing trade and a weaker tone prevails; specifications on contracts have been small. Current siles are made at 1.60c base Pittsburg, or 1.76c tidewater, base half extras, but some shading is occasionally reported. The jobbing trade is nominal at 134c hase full extras from store British cables reported as follows :- Lead, soft Spanish has declined 10s during the week, closing at £17 10s, against £18 on the preceding Friday and against £19 7s 6d at the corresponding time last year. St. Louis has been dull and weak for refined spelter, with offerings of small lots at 5.15c spot. London has declined 12s 6d during the week. G.M.B. closed at £21 7s 6d, against £22 on the preceding Friday, and against £27 10s on the corresponding day last year. In London, standurd, copper, spot and futures closed at £59 5s. Tin spot £137 15s; futures £139 5s.

LIVE STOCK.--There was a fair local business at good prices, as supplies were light. Choice beeves, \$4.50 to \$4.60; mediums, 2 to 3½ c per lb.; poorer quality, of which there was a considerable stock, sold at a cent. per lb. Sheep, best quality, sold at 4c per lb.; lambs, 5% c, light weight. Calves sold all the way from \$3 to \$12. Hogs, selects, sold at \$6 to \$6.25, weighed off cars.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.-Trade quiet. No chang s. Syrup 51/20 per lb. in wood; 61/2c in tins; maple sugar, 9c per lb.

MEAL.-Steady trade for rolled oats at \$3.30 per bag. Commeal, \$1.75 to \$1.85.

MILL FEED.—Trade active at easier prices. Manitoba bran, bags, \$22.00; shorts \$24.00 per ton: Ontario bran. in bags, \$23.00; middlings, \$27 to \$29; milled mouillie, \$28 to \$32 per ton; straight grain, \$35 to \$37.

NAVAL STORES — Business good at firm prices. Pine pitch, \$4 to \$4.50 brl.; pine tar \$9 to \$9.50; oakum. 4c to 7c lb.; coal tar, \$4 brl.; roofing pitch. \$1 per 100 lbs.; cotton waste, col-



oured, 5c to 7c per lb; white, 8c to 11c; rope: Slsal 7-16 and and upwards.  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c;  $\frac{3}{6}$ , 11c; 3-16,  $11\frac{1}{2}$ c; Manilla, 7-16 and larger, 15c;  $\frac{3}{6}$ ,  $15\frac{1}{2}$ c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 5-16. 16c; Lath yarn, 10 to  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.

OILS, ROSINS. TURPENTINE, ETC .- Turpentine is selling at 71c to 73c. Linseed oil is quoted at 64c to 66c for boiled, while raw is worth 3c less. Opium was still slow of sale. Quinine quiet. Liverpool, turpentine spirits, easy, 36s 3d; resin, common. steady, 10s 41/2d; petroleum, refined, firm, 71/2d; lins od oil, quiet, 25s 9d; cotton seed oil, dull; refined, December and April. A New York report says :-- While the turpentime market was nominally unchanged for spot at 50 cents, there was no improvement in demoralized conditions incidental to the break in Savannah. Buyers are naturally unwilling to purchase on a declining market, believing that a lower level will be ica hed before the independents' holdings are dislodged by the combine On the other hand, local sellers fear to offer their stock, which already shows them a loss, because such action would only accentuate the disposition to hold off. Near arrivals are nominally quoted at 48c to 48%c.

OYSTERS.—Fine oysters in the shell from Prince Edward Island have been held at \$9 to \$12 per brl. Standards, bulk, per gallon, \$1.50; do., bulk, qt., tin. scaled, 40c; paper pails, per 100 it, size, \$1.10; paper pails, per 100, qt. size, \$1.50. Cysters just arrivel on incoming boats are held at \$10 a bbl. Consignees not ready to pay down will have to pay for cold storage. Another gargo is due to arrive by the "Campagnia," and will be open for inspection on Monday. PETROLEUM. --There is a good demand at firm prices, as given in our prices current. Astral is held at 20c. Benzine, per gal., 20c; gasoline, 23c.

POTATOES.—Business fair. Prices are steady at 75c to 80c per bag, and in car lots at 65c to 70c, ex-track.

PROVISIONS.—Lard is stronger, and prices are up  $\frac{1}{4}$ c to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. There was a good demand for abattoir fresh killed hogs at  $\frac{59}{2}$ 00 per 100 lbs. Heavy Canada short cut mess pork in ticrees.  $\frac{33.50}{2}$  to  $\frac{334.00}{2}$  brls,  $\frac{322.50}{2}$  to  $\frac{323.00}{2}$  heavy Canada short cut mess pork in  $\frac{1}{2}$  brls,  $\frac{311.50}{2}$  to  $\frac{311.75}{2}$ . Lard, compound in ticrees, of  $\frac{375}{2}$  lbs, 10c; parchment lined boxes, 50 lbs,  $10\frac{1}{4}c$ ; tubs, 50 lbs. net,  $10\frac{3}{4}c$ . Pure lard, tierces,  $\frac{375}{2}$  lbs,  $12\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4}c$ : Green bacon, boneless 12c; green bacon, flunks, bone in, 11c; long clear bacon, bes., 12c. Haus, 25 lbs. and upwards,  $12\frac{1}{2}4c$  to 14c; 18 to 25 lbs., 13c to  $14\frac{1}{2}c$ ; do., 12 to 18 lbs., 14e to  $15\frac{1}{2}e$ ; do., 8 to 12 lbs,  $14\frac{1}{2}e$  to 16c; do., large hams, bone out rolled,  $14\frac{1}{2}c$ ; do., small,  $15\frac{1}{2}e$ ; Windsor bacon, backs, 14e to 13c; spiced rolled bacon, boneless, short. 12c; do., long,  $12\frac{1}{2}e$  to 13c; Wiltshire bacon, 50 lbs, sides, 15c.

WOOL.—Business moderate. Canada fleece tub washed. 26c to 28c; Canada fleece, in the grease, 18c to 20c; Canada pulled, brushed. 30c; Canada, pulled, unbrushed. 27c to 29c; pulled lambs brushed. :Cc to 32c; pulled lambs, unbrushed, 30c; N. W merinos, 18c to 20c.

# CITY OF MONTREAL.—Canada. Tenders for GAS and ELECTRICITY.

#### (SEALED TENDERS, ENDORSED).

1. "Tender for the supply of electrical energy for lighting, heating and industrial purposes," will be received by the Fire and Light Committee of the City of Montreal up to noon, Monday, the 16th day of December next (1907), at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, for:—

#### ELECTRICITY.

(A) The public lighting, by electricity, of the streets, parks, squares and other real estate belonging to or under the control of the City, from the expiry of the contracts now existing.

(B) The supply of electrical energy for lighting, heating and industrial purposes for the citizens,

#### GAS.

2. "Tender for the supply of gas for lighting, heating and industrial purposes," will be received by the Fire and Light Committee of the City of Montreal up to noon, Morday, the 16th day of December next (1907), at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, for:—

(A) The supply of gas, by burners, for the lighting of the streets, parks, squares and other real estate belonging to or under the control of the City, and the expiry of the contracts now existing.

(B) The supply of gas to citizens for lighting, heating and industrial purposes, per 1,000 cubic feet from the expiry of the contracts now existing. The Fire and Light Committee will not supply any specifications or form of tender; but it will give to the interested parties all information they may require.

The tenders shall be made separately for electricity and gas.

Each tender shall be accompanied by an accepted cheque, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,-000), payable to the City of Montreal; such cheques shall be retained by the City as a guarantee of the good faith of the tenderers until the contract has been signed. The contract shall provide for the deposit of such sum as may be deemed sufficient by the Council to ensure the due fulfilment thereof.

The tenders will be opened by the City Clerk, in the presence of the interested parties, at the first meeting of the Fire and Light Committee following the date of the expiry of the delay fixed for submitting such tenders.

The City Council reserves the right to reject all or any of the tenders and to accept, in whole or in part, any tender, as it may deem advisable in the interest of the City and of the citizens.

L. O. DAVID,

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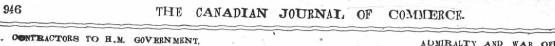
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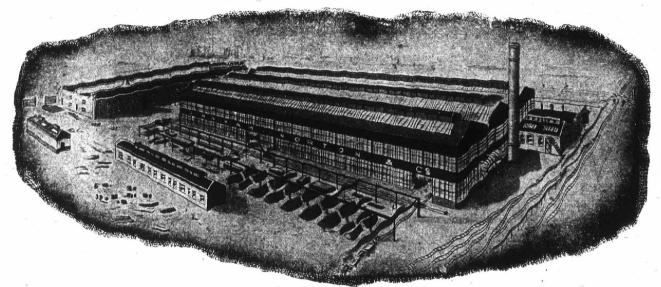
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e price, per keg	2 80	large constituent of the so-called water- white copal varnishes, and much diluted	do do No. 15	<b>B</b> 75 <b>B</b> 95 <b>4</b> 50 <b>4</b> 15 <b>4</b> 30 <b>4</b> 40	Ena melled Cow, per Pebble Grain
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