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Pirates. Many people will confess to a sneaking regard for the picturesque ruffian made familiar to lovers of comic opera in that production of Gilbert & Sullivan, known as "The Pirates of Penzance." The robber on the high seas who makes it his business to cruise for plunder is a much more desirable acquaintance than one who publishes the writings of other men without permission. We feel impelled to express our preference for the former kind of a pirate, because we have of late been annoyed by much petty pilfering from our poor pages.

One of the most recent utterances of the Colonial Secretary on the subject of Old Age Pensions, has

begotten doubts of his earnestness upon the vital question of improving the condition of the aged and deserving poor.

No less than seven bills have been introduced at this session of the British House of Commons, by private members of parliament, dealing with the difficult problem of pensions, or making provision for insuring the old and helpless poor. However, when the matter became the subject of debate in the House on the 24th ult., Mr. Chamberlain's speech had so little of the ring of interest in the bills introduced as to inspire a poetical representative of the Old Aged Peasant to serenade the Colonial Secretary with the following touching lines:—

Joe Chamberlain, my Joe John, When we were first acquaint, Your voice was like a turtle dove, Your troth without a taint.

But now you're getting old, Joe, And getting cunning too, Yet still in all the world, Joe, There's nobody like you!

Joe Chamberlain, my Joe John, When you to me "proposed," I took it for a promise then, And on your trust reposed.

But now I see it all, Joe,
As it is only fit,
And all you told me then, Joe,
You did not mean a bit.

The Banks and It seems singular that the season of the Burglars. spring should be chosen as the one when, to be Gilbertian, "the enterprising burglar is a-burgling, or maturing his felonious little It, therefore, behooves bank-Yet so it is. ers to enquire into the state of their defences against the unwelcome visitor. It becomes a matter of the most serious nature if the profits of a branch bank for twelve months can be carried away in such summary fashion as that adopted by the modern burglar. The suggestion that the banks will be warranted in refusing to establish branches in any towns or districts not affording them proper protection is unworthy of seri-It is not likely that any community ous attention. will provide special protection, or increase its police force, for the mere sake of guarding a bank. defence and the remedy must be found by the bankers themselves, and, since it seems that the modern safe yields too readily to new explosives and clever cracksmen, it may be necessary to place reliance upon an armed guard selected from the staffs of the endangered institutions. The bank clerk of the period is usually alert, active and fond of adventure, and if he can add to his frequently much too slender salary by exposing himself to a meeting with a burglar, he will not be found wanting in the courage necessary to his somewhat unpleasant duty of guarding the bank. Some of the larger banks still adhere to the old custom of having one of the staff "on guard," and he proceeds to his post with all the regularity of the soldiers detailed to protect the Bank of England. The record of one large Canadian institution shows that the money expended on this special service has provided the bank with a much better system of protection than the mechanism of a new lock, or the perfunctory visits at very irregular periods of a patriarchal night watchman and a diminutive dog.

If the bankers desire to have the duty of guarding their treasures well performed, they must do it themselves. They have the right kind of men for such service, and money wherewith to pay them. "American Assurunder this startling heading, the "Insurance Observer" of London, refers to the effort being made by

a policy-holder in the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, to obtain a pro rata share in the company's entire surplus. The "Observer" complains that the finding of the Court has been cabled to England in such a badly abbreviated form that editorial reference to the matter will be withheld pending the receipt of fuller particulars. However, as the Equitable has appealed to higher tribunals against the first decision given in this important case, the end is yet a long way off. The enormous reserves accumulated by the great life companies are bound to excite the cupidity of policy-holders, and will have to be jealously guarded, yet fairly distributed.

Canada's Good Kindly, thoughtful Lord Aberdeen, our former Governor-General, has Friend. evidently not forgotten Canada. During his term of office, he evinced great interest in this country's prosperity, and many of the best institutions in the Dominion owe a big debt of gratitude to Lord Aberdeen and his estimable wife. Their regime was distinguished by public and private usefulness, and their departure was the occasion for deep and earnest regret. He has recently had an opportunity to redeem his promise to remain the friend of Canada, and across the wide Atlantic comes the pleasing intelligence that in discussing the subject of the proposed Pacific cable, the former Governor-General of Canada maintained that the conditions imposed by the Imperial Government were unduly stringent, and he pleaded for greater generosity in dealing with the colonies of the British Empire. Good wishes followed Lord Aberdeen on his departure from our shores, and, at this recent proof of his regard for us, Canadians will, with one voice, express gratitude:

"My lord, for your many courtesies, we thank you."

The Mint in The discussion by Parliament of the pro-Parliament, posal to establish a Canadian mint enabled the Minister of Finance to parade the attractiveness of the scheme, and then to denounce it as dangerous, expensive and useless. The revival of this "long-felt want" seems to be entirely owing to the recent gold discoveries in the Kootenay, Klondyke, and elsewhere in the Dominion, and it was fitting that the resolution for the establishment of a national mint should be moved by the member for Vancouver, and he certainly presented his views upon the question in a very attractive form. But he failed to demolish " a mint of reasons" advanced by bankers and others for considering a Canadian coin factory unnecessary and undesirable, and his proposition that a mint could be established, maintained and operated without being any loss to the exchequer, and as a source of profit, is not likely to be submitted for re-consideration, at least for many years to come. As stated in our issue of the 5th inst., public opinion

seems to favour the present paper currency, and, as stated by the Minister of Finance, in closing his objections to the resolution moved by Mr. McInnes, the people of Canada do not want gold, the note system being, in their opinion, a "much more convenient form of currency."

Very few will be found to regret that this attempt to establish a national mint has failed. Its authors are doubtless sincere believers in the project. But the Minister of Finance has probably convinced them that a change is not necessary, and it must be pleasing to the president of the Canadian Bankers' Association and his collegues, to find the Hon. Mr. Fielding fully endorses their opinion that the coinage of gold would introduce an element of uncertainty and disturbance in the currency system, prejudicial to the commercial and industrial interests of the Dominion.

Much has been written in memory of the late president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, but it has remained for the president of another great company to pay the most touching tribute to the memory of Henry Baldwin Hyde.

The following extracts from a circular issued by the New York Life do honour to the heart and head of one who is peculiarly fitted to judge of the genius and intellect of the great insurance leader. Of the deceased president of the Equitable, Mr. John A. McCall writes:—

He builded not for his life, however, but for all time, and the great trust he leaves, embellished by his name and personality, enriched by his devotion and integrity, will be secure in the hands of those who were his friends as well as his associates, and who, honoring him in life, will perpetuate, unsullied, his memory in death. For his epitaph we may adopt the words applied to another, centuries ago, and fittingly repeated here with the homage of our profound sorrow: "He has completed a monument more lasting than brass, and more sublime than the regal elevation of pyramids, which neither the wasting shower, the unavailing north wind, nor an innumerable succession of years, and the flight of seasons, shall be able to demolish."

In acknowledging the loss sustained by the insurance profession, Mr. McCall refers to his friend thus:

"By the standards used in judging men in this life, he was without a peer in the profession which he bonored by his unsurpassed ability. But he may not be measured by the standards that we apply to the average business man, because of his unquestioned superiority. He was rapid in thought and action, brilliant in conception of plans, and masterly in carrying them to successful completion. The great loss to the insurance profession of a genius, like this great chieftain, may not find proper expression here."

But this dominant spirit had "quieter moods when restfulness held sway and gentler thoughts found voice in generous and impartial tributes to friend and foe alike, indicating the manliness of one who was a giant, both in intellect and in action."

THE BANK OF MONTREAL

The statements issued by the Bank of Montreal are of absorbing interest, not only to the shareholders who are favored with copies of the same, but to Canadians all over the world. It is, therefore, right and proper that the condition of the Dominion's largest and leading bank should be widely circulated through the medium of the daily papers, and especially in the financial journals of the country. Shareholders study the annual balance sheets received by them for the purpose of ascertaining the profits of the year; but the large army of depositors, although, like the policyholders in a life assurance society, having the greatest financial interest in the progress of the institution entrusted with their savings, are, in the majority of cases, restricted for information to the figures as recorded in the papers. Therefore, we venture to assert that the banks are only performing a duty to the public in freely publishing a full account of the result of each year's business, and in making known to the people the liabilities and assets of institutions chartered by the Government to transact the business of the

We publish, in this issue, the general statement of the Bank of Montreal for the year terminated on the 30th ultimo. The work of the reviewer of its figures is made pleasant and easy by the evidence with which it bristles of ever-increasing strength and solidity. As an indication of the prosperity of Canada, the statement cannot but prove satisfactory, and, as a medium for assuring depositors that the millions of money lodged with the great Bank of Montreal are safely invested and almost immediately available, if at any time required, the latest statement of the great institution In all the features that is indeed an excellent one. combine to arouse the pardonable pride of a general manager and his chiefs of staff, and to instill confidence in its position and management among stockholders and depositors, the statement under review is remarkable.

Although it is difficult to conceive of any such conditions ever arising, if the holders of Bank of Montreal notes appeared in a body requiring the bank to redeem its entire circulation, the specie and Government paper in hand at the close of last month would have almost sufficed to satisfy the demand; and even the enormous amount of deposits shown in the statement (now exceeding forty-six millions of dollars) could have been returned to the owners within a very brief period.

But the statement not only stifles the slightest fear which any timid note-holder or depositor might in a season of panic exhibit. Upon careful and closer analysis of the figures presented, we find an almost equally satisfactory outlook for the stockholders, and one which fully accounts for the high market value placed upon its stock by the investor therein. The opinion of the latter is best illustrated by noting the present price of the stock, 251 per cent., an advance of 15 points since the corresponding date of last year.

However, it is in scrutiny of some of the items composing the 71 1.2 millions of assets that those most interested in the big bank will take pleasure, as affording conclusive proof of the very conservative policy pursued by the directorate and executive in their estimate of values. Those who know of the numerous splendid buildings erected all over the Dominion, as banking rooms and managerial residences by this truly national institution, must be surprised to note that these Bank Premises are shown in the statement at the low figure of \$600,000. If aught else were needed to make the balance sheet present a clean, clear and commendable appearance, it is to be found in its freedom from overdue debts, the amount thereof for a bank having current loans of forty-three millions of dollars being absolutely insignificant, and almost, when the number of branches is taken into consideration, reaching the vanishing point.

The profits for the year, after deducting all charges of management and providing for any leeway in the collection of doubtful debts, amounted to \$1,350,582.65. Adding thereto the balance of Profit and Loss account, carried forward from 1898, placed \$2,302,792.72 at the disposition of the directors. Of this amount, \$600,000 has already been paid to shareholders, and an equal sum will be distributed among them on the 1st of June, making a total of \$1,200,000, or ten per cent. as the dividend for the year. To complete this very favorable statement of a year's business, the balance of profit and loss now carried forward exceeds the figures of 1898 by \$150,000, the undivided profits being no less a sum than \$1,102,792.72.

Mr. Clouston, General Manager, when explaining the items of last year's statement to the shareholders present at the annual meeting, said: "Generally speaking, business is good, and the outlook promising. exact knowledge and ripe judgment of the banker has been confirmed by the expansion in the trade and commerce of the country since Mr. Clouston's pronunciation on the outlook of twelve months ago. The discounts of the Bank of Montreal have increased since April, 1898, by some 3 1-2 millions of dollars, presumably owing to the expansion of business and the demands of the bank's customers. The deposits bearing interest have, during the period covered by the statement, increased by no less an amount than seven millions of dollars, a fact, despite the division of opinion existing on this subject among politicians, surely indicating much prosperity throughout the wide Dominion. The greatest attention should always be given to the statements issued by the chartered banks of Canada. The country at large is interested in the publication of proofs of their prosperity, and when, at the approaching revision of the Bank Act, the records of our financial institutions are studied by the Government of the day, it is to be hoped the majority of them may be found to have flourished equally with the greatest under the present favorable banking law of the Dominion of Canada.

A UNIFORM CONTRACT OF FIRE INSURANCE FOR CANADA.

In the May number of "The Canadian Law Times," Mr. E. R. Cameron, the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, has a carefully written article entitled: "A Plea for a Uniform Contract of Fire Insurance in Canada." He commences by stating that probably in no department of commercial activity has a more marked development taken place in Canada during recent years than in that of fire insurance. After quoting figures from Government reports to show the growth and magnitude of the business, he remarks that this steady growth in the volume of business has been accomplished by new departures in the methods of transacting fire insurance business, and by a greater complexity in the nature and character of the risks undertaken, while more intricate problems of insurance are presented to companies for consideration than were dreamed of twenty years ago.

This being so, he is not surprised to find that in the United States, more perhaps than elsewhere, there has been a very marked progress in insurance legislation. A move was commenced in 1886 by the Legislature of the State of New York which led to the adoption of a standard fire insurance policy, and it was provided that, after May, 1887, no form of contract should be used other than the standard form. So valuable was this legislation deemed in the interests of the public that other states proceeded at once along the same line, and within eight years Pennsylvania. Michigan, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota and Rhode Island adopted the New York standard form, while Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Iowa introduced uniform policies, but in some respects differing from the New York standard form.

He points out that the New York standard form was adopted to obviate the difficulty in adjusting losses, which arose from the lack of uniformity in the various policies used, and not from any unfairness or hardship in the conditions imposed upon the assured, He also observes that Mr. Butler, an eminent lawyer on the other side of the line, and who had to do with settling the legal form of the standard policy, good humouredly remarked that it was the worst work he ever did, as the standard policy pretty nearly abolished fire insurance litigation.

In Ontario, it was in 1874, that the legislature was moved to appoint a commission of Judges to settle conditions for a uniform fire insurance policy. This action was caused by the great hardships to which insured persons were subjected by the unconscionable nature of the conditions attached to policies of different companies, and many strong remarks had fallen from the Judges in fire insurance cases. The commission was instructed to determine what conditions were just and reasonable, to be inserted in fire insurance policies. The report of the committee was soon followed by the Ontario Uniform Conditions' Act, embodying the conditions suggested, and these have

since been known as the Ontario Statutory Conditions. Subsequently, these were adopted by the legislatures of Manitoba and British Columbia.

Mr. Cameron, without giving his reasons, is of opinion that the New York standard policy forms a marked advance upon the policy in force in the Province of Ontario, and he proceeds:

If a uniform policy framed upon fair principles in the interest of both insurer and insured is desirable in any one province, every reason which has been adduced by the courts in support of such legislation is equally applicable to a uniform policy for the other provinces of Canada in which no statutory conditions are in force, and this applies to all the provinces and territories, except Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. In addition to this the benefit to companies doing business all over Canada, of having uniform and consistent legislation enforcible in every province, can scarcely be over-estimated.

It remains therefore to be determined whether the Parliament of Canada has jurisdiction to legislate on the subject of uniform conditions of fire insurance contracts.

After reviewing at length the British North America Act, and the decisions of the Supreme Court and the Privy Council, which interpret its construction, Mr. Cameron reaches the following conclusions, which indicate that our Dominion Legislature may, if it choose, enact that there shall be but one standard fire insurance policy used in Canada.

Both the Parliament of Canada and the Provincial Legislatures have authority to legislate respecting contracts of fire insurance, the former dealing with matters of trade and commerce, the latter as affecting property and civil rights.

 In the absence of Federal legislation, Provincial legislation on the subject is intra vires and binding upon all insurance corporations carrying on business within the province.

 Upon the Federal Government legislating on the subject for the whole Dominion, such legislation will supersede the Provincial legislation when they come in conflict.

WANT HIGHER RATES.—The feeling is gaining ground in local underwriting circles that the present tariff rates of the New York Fire Insurance Exchange are inadequate. The heavy losses of late, including the Windsor Hotel fire, have exhausted a large amount of premiums, and a number of managers would like to see a more liberal income over their counters now. They do not like a procrastinating policy and think the public would take the advance better now than later, when the fires are forgotten. Their view is that an increase is necessary and must come, and they would like to see it soon. The cutting off of the thirty per cent. and ten per cent. reductions has been talked of as the most feasible way of bettering local premium incomes.-New York "Commercial Bulletin."

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Prudent underwriting and financial skill, when combined with executive ability, can hardly fail to bring a great measure of success to such a company as the one whose thirty-seventh annual statement is presented on another page of this issue of The Chronicle. The commercial Union fully deserves the confidence reposed in it, and its large and prosperous business in Canada is in keeping with the reputation the company enjoys in Great Britain and her Colonies as a first-class institution. The pleasant character of the proceedings at the yearly meeting is easily imagined.

The Fire Fund of the company at the close of 1898 amounted to \$6,015,890. The Life Fund amounted to \$1,0294,245. The Marine Fund amounted to \$1,057,230. The profit and loss account was closed with a balance at the disposal of the directors amounting to \$735,611. Payment of a dividend for the year amounting to 30 per cent, absorbed \$250,000; provision for an interim dividend on account of the present year required \$156,250, and a balance of \$329,361 was carried forward. Such a record well warrants directors in stating they have much pleasure in submitting their report to the shareholders.

The net premiums received by the fire department for the twelve months under review amounted to \$5,464.110, an increase of \$90.380 over the preceding year, and the losses reached \$3,088.995 or 56.53 per cent. of the premium income. The new business in the life department consisted of 810 policies assuring \$3.325.425, and the new premiums from the same source included in the account amounted in gross to \$142,900. The claims by death were \$645.655, and were within the amount expected. The net premiums from the marine department were \$1,214,855, and the net losses paid and outstanding amounted to \$826,585.

Altogether, the condition of the company's affairs disarms criticism, and can only make the fortunate shareholders rejoice in the evidence of its continued growth and prosperity.

The company occupies an enviable position in the insurance world, and its splendid achievements, (especially in the fire and marine departments, in a year of admittedly unfavorable conditions) warrant the bestowal of the highest praise upon the officers and staff for the discrimination and skill exhibited in their underwriting, and in the general management of the business operations of the company.

To be the manager for Canada of the Commercial Union Assurance Company is to occupy a very high and honorable position among the fire insurance underwriters of the Dominion, where the company controls a large business, and its important interests are not likely to suffer or its operations diminish under the able management of such a popular representative as Mr. James McGregor.

BANKRUPTCY LAW

In view of the revival of interest in the Insolvency Bill introduced by Mr. Fortin during the last session of parliament, it is perhaps well that we should ascertain what our neighbours in the United States have to say of their experience with a new bankruptcy law. When Senator Hoar, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Incendiary, in July last, was asked for a statement apropos of the Senator's acceptance of the conference report upon the measure of relief promised by the bill in question, he said:—

"The present bill is a compromise. It will undoubtedly be found that in getting it through we have been obliged to leave in it some crudities and imperfections which mush be remedied by subsequent legislation. It is quite likely that the fees of clerks, refcress and trustees will be found to be too low. One of the great objections was that under the old law the estates were eaten up by costs and that the creditors got little or nothing. So we have pared to the quick in that particular. Instead of the long list of crimes there are only two for which a bankrupt is to be punished. One, that of willfully making a false answer in the bankruptcy proceedings; the other, the embezzlement of the property of the estate. terms of discharge, too, are exceedingly liberal, and it is provided that farmers and wage earners will not be the subject of involuntary bankruptcy, which extends in general to merchants, manufacturers, bankers, printers and publishers, etc. There are some possible cases of fraud which the law will not prevent. But the objection to a stricter one was so great that it was not thought best to risk the success of this bill, which, as it was, has been saved as by fire by standing out for a perfect rule to be applied to cases which would not occur once in a thousand times.

"The bill seems to me a great deal better than that known as the Torrey bill in two particulars—one, that the settlement cannot be delayed by appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States except in two cases; first, where a federal question is involved, and, second, where a decision of the Supreme Court is needed for uniformity of construction throughout the country—and, next, in the provision for a summary application to a court of appeals in an interlocutory way to correct mistakes as the proceedings go on instead of waiting until the final determination in the court below and then keeping the whole estate tied up until after a final decision in the higher court.

"The bill will enable from 150,000 to 200,000 bankrupts to get on their feet again. It will enable manufecturers and merchants to get a fair division of their debtors' property, and will prevent a great deal of fraud, embezzlement and wasteful dealing with property."

After nearly a year's experience of the bank-ruptcy law, its evils are pointed out by the New York "Journal of Commerce." But, in spite of many admitted defects, it seems to be clearly recognized that the law is an improvement over the state of things existing previous to its enactment. The "Journal" says that the current discharges of bank-rupts, now occasioning so much complaint, are almost entirely of old insolvents who were virtually bankrupt before the National Law went into opera-

tion, and they were thus able to put their property out of the reach of creditors. It add:-

"The daily record of petitions in bankruptcy, the great majority of which show virtually no assets, is the cause of much dissatisfaction among merchants and the source of much criticism of the National Bankruptcy law. The National Association of Credit Men and the New York Board of Trade and Transportation are making an investigation of the operation of the new law, with a view of preparing amendments, to be introduced at the next session of Congress, and, while the current law was not advocated by either organization, both are in favor of national control on the subject, and it is believed that the law, even with its many acknowledged defects, will, when amended, proved a decided improvement over the divergent conditions formerly existing under the various State

"Mr. Morris S. Wise, referee in bankruptcy, in the course of a conversation with a representative of this journal on Saturday, took the ground that the people who are taking advantage of the law are old insolvents and represent accounts that have not been of value for years.

"The people who are getting their discharges so easily," said Mr. Wise, "are, as a rule, people who failed some years ago. They were not paying their debts, and creditors simply had the satisfaction of having judgments, ninety per cent, of which they could not collect. Practically, therefore, the creditors have not lost anything by the new law, as they have not been deprived of any substance they had before. Debtors are getting through so easily because they had disposed of their property before the passage of the Bankruptcy Law; the law cannot be retroactive, so that they are not amenable to the same provisions of the law as what may be termed 'live' cases-those who have gone into bankruptcy since March 1, 1898, when the Bankruptcy Law went into operation. after all these old cases shall have been cleared, that in the new cases which occurred after the enactment of the law the creditors will find they will fare better even under this law, imperfect as it is, than they fared under the various State laws. Let me illustrate: Before the passage of the Bankruptcy Law a debtor could sell out his entire stock, transfer his entire body of accounts and dispose of all his estate in favor of one or two creditors, usually relatives, and the entire body of creditors would be out in the cold and not get one cent In this way the provision of the State Assignment Law, which I helped pass at Albany, preventing the making of preferences by insolvent debtors to any extent larger than one-third of the actual value of the estate on hand, was evaded. Under the present Bankruptcy Law all these preferences were rendered impossible, and fraud of this kind is now punished, where previously there was no punishment provided by the State laws for any mercantile fraud or dishonesty.

"'So that, to sum up the situation, the larger number of creditors, and especially the old houses, who have

carried a great many dead accounts on their books, have been finding bankruptcy notices pouring in from all parts of the country, and they find their debtors are being discharged without paying one cent. This, of course, seems to them to be a legal jail delivery, and they finally get to believe they are being very much abused, as just so much money has apparently been taken out of their books by operation of law.

"But this feeling is only theoretical and has no foundation in fact, because they would not have received any dividends on any of these claims, nor were the prospects of collection rendered any less brilliant by reason of the passage of the Bankruptcy Law, and in truth and in fact the chances are that they never would even in the absence of the bankruptcy law have collected one per cent, of these old debts."

The bankruptcy law of the United States may have developed some unexpected evils; but it is admitted that creditors are in a somewhat better position than previous to the passage of the bill. In dealing with those who anticipated the law, and, being bankrupt, disposed of their property, creditors may still fail to obtain satisfaction. But it seems to be the general opinion that the new Bankruptcy Law of the United States will, in course of time, prove a blessing to the commercial community, if only by reason of the fact that it has prevented preferences and provides punishment for mercantile dishonesty and business fraud.

In view of the experience of our neighbours with a national bankruptcy law, the merchants of Montreal, Toronto, and other Canadian cities, have reason to regret the rumoured withdrawal of the Fortin insolvency bill from the field of parliamentary discussion.

MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK.

The 52nd annual report of this Institution is presented in this issue of The Chronicle.

The net profits of the year ending December 31st, 1898, were \$104,190.47, showing the very satisfactory increase of \$22,000 over the preceding twelve months. The balance at the credit of Profit and Loss at the close of 1897 (\$193,189.11), when added to the net earnings of last year placed \$297,379.58 at the disposal of the directorate. After payment of two dividends, \$100,000 was transferred to the Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$500,000, and the profit and loss account to \$117,379.58.

The amount due depositors has increased over half a million of dollars during the past year, and now exceeds ten millions. The average amount due to each depositor has also increased, and the number of open accounts shows some 1,600 new depositors. Of the assets of the City and District over one-half is represented by cash and municipal, provincial and dominion debentures.

Altogether, the report to the shareholders, like the statement accompanying same, forms cheering and creditable reading, and it is not surprising that, with such a splendid increase in earnings to announce, the President, Sir W. H. Hingston, should feel impelled to announce that money during 1898 was in good demand, and the interest obtained on loans "fairly remunerative."

The condition of the City and District, as revealed by its latest statement, reflects credit upon the judgment and care displayed by an excellent board of directors; and the much-respected manager, Mr. Henri Barbeau, must have derived much satisfaction from the preparation of such an eminently satisfactory balance sheet.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

The satisfactory progress made by the London and Lancashire Life during the last decennium cannot be otherwise than satisfactory to the directorate, and proportionately pleasing to the policy-holders, to whom the report of the year ending December 31, 1898, conveys the cheering intelligence of an increase in their share of the divisible surplus of the company. The new policies issued during the year under review were 2.732 against 1,564 in 1888; and the new premiums amounted to \$175,240.64 against about \$108,000 in 1888. The net premium income for the past year amounted to \$1,204,583.56; an increase of \$500,000 during the decade. The total annual income for 1898, including interest, amounted to \$1,455,046.65.

The claims by death, with bonus additions thereto, amounted to \$556,470.90, and under matured policies to \$129,658.02, making a total payment for claims of \$686,128.92. An increase to the funds of \$337,988.04, bringing the total funds of the company to \$6.532,237.89, serves to accentuate the features of a very prosperous year's business.

In conforming to the almost universal custom of giving the policy-holders nine-tenths of the profits, the London and Lancashire is placing itself abreast of the most enlightened and progressive offices, and we prodict that the adoption of this policy will add greatly to the popularity of the company, and it is likely much benefit will result from increase of business.

The expansion of the business of the London and Lancashire and its increasing financial strength testifies to the ability with which the affairs of the company are conducted by Mr. Clirchugh, the Manager and Actuary, and the marked extension of the company's operations in Canada may safely be attributed to the zeal and energy displayed by Mr. B. Hal Brown in advancing the interests of the company he so ably represents in the Dominion of Canada. Supported, as he is, by a local board of directors, consisting of some of the leading financiers and business men of the country, and admirably situated in a new and handsome building located in the very centre of the Canadian metropolis, of exceedingly attractive appearance, and calculated to add not a little to the revenue of the company, there would seem to be every reason for believing that the record of the London and Lancashire in Canada, as elsewhere, will continue to show progress and prosperity.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. K. McCutcheon, Superintendent of Agencies of the Federal Life Assurance, has been in Montreal recently, in connection with the business of his Company. He expects to visit the Lower Provinces in a few days.

Messrs. Evans & Johnson, who have recently joined forces as Fire Insurance Agents in Montreal, representing several leading Companies, expect to move into their new and handsome offices, corner of Notre Dame and St. Francois Xavier streets, in a week's time.

Mr. David Burke, General Manager Royal-Victoria Life Insurance, has left for the Maritime Provinces to visit the agencies of his Company.

Wanted.—The National Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents, for its Committee on Legislation, is anxious to obtain copies of recent insurance legislation affecting fire insurance in the various States throughout the United States; also the cause for introducing such legislation, and any other information in connection with the same which will be of general interest to the Insurance Agents of the United States; and you are invited to send such information to the Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, Nicholas R. Wall, St. Louis, Mo.

Correspondence.

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LONDON LETTER.

4th May, 1899.

FINANCE.

Whether the British public will come and hold the baby that the copper ring dandles so persuasively remains to be seen. The artful way in which the manipulators of the now all-absorbing "corner" have worked out their scheme, is universally agreed to. Commencing probably about a year and a half ago, when the metal was down to \$240 per ton, invisible operators now command the whole or practically the whole of the extant stocks besides owning enormous blocks of copper shares. The paper profit at date is said to be a hundred million dollars, and colossal fortunes are reported to be at the disposal of the clique. brass trade of the Midlands is being brought to a standstill through the tremendously enhanced price of copper, usual purchasers holding back, of course, as much as they possibly can, awaiting the time when the ring is compelled or will find it convenient to break up the market.

Indications are not wanting that other metals are in for a boom, as well. Silver, for instance. The market in this commodity has been strengthened during the past week or two, and price is advancing. Sales are not being effected very largely nor supplies offered. Holders of the metal are apparently holding off on a strongly speculative bent.

The foreign-railways market is in an extremely buoyant state, numerous rises being registered in such securities as Central Argentine Ordinary and Mexican First Prefs. Solid confidence is felt in the future of these stocks. Mexico, in the opinion of operators here, has a Government that reckoning by Hispano-American standards is strong and honest. Mexican Railway Ordinary stock is an investment which is being greatly patronized at its present low price. Some time back this stock performed such quick changes as to jump rapidly from 22 to over 50.

New companies born of the past few weeks, and placed in London for public subscription, are none of them of such a character as to merit very cordial commendation. The Anglo-Carrara Marble Company, Ltd., formed to work some of the principal quarries at Massa-Carrara (the part of Italy where the fatal strike riots occurred a few years ago), asks for a subscription of \$3,000,000. The West Au tralian Collieries, Ltd., to exploit concessions and pecial facilities over 7,200 acres of coal and fire-clay ground in Westralia, more modestly requires only \$7,50,000. And so on with half-a-dozen others.

Cecil Rhodes succeeded in achieving the sensation that was expected of him at the meeting of the British South African Company. The evening papers went into hysterical placards, and the African dictator was the hero of the hour. His marvellous and magnetic personality renders it unlikely that the huge sums of money asked will not be forthcoming.

Holders of cable and other telegraphic company shares are now recovering from the Marconi shock, and no longer have visions of an immediate valuelessness of their properties. The quotations have recovered from their fall, and now are about normal. The news that the Government is going to subsidise the new British Pacific cable has helped the improvement.

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INSURANCE.

The Lancashire Insurance Company has declared a dividend at the rate of 7 1-2 per cent. per annum, carried forward to the next account \$90,000, and appointed D. Cunningham, a well-known Liverpudlian, to a seat on the head office Board.

The London and Lancashire is making excellent business under Manager Rutter, although he is still young in the post. The report of the office for 1898 shows this to be one of the best of its kind in fire insurance organisations. A policy of consolidation has its good points just as a policy of expansion has and the London & Lancashire is making them clear. The reserves are rapidly approaching the five millions figure and the substantial trading profit of \$175,000 is available for distribution and saving.

The New York Mutual Life is installed in temporary lodgings until the builders have finished with the Cornhill edifice. Extra ground has been taken there, and a fine pile of buildings will rise as the months go by. D. C. Haldemar has only recently completed the arrangements for the reconstruction.

At Lloyds last week, there was so much depressing news that there was quite a revulsion of joy when it became known that the "Conway," a vessel which was rising in price in the overdue market, had arrived safely at Lyttleton. Other ships such as the "Red Rock" are considered lost. One shipping firm alone has in the last week or two lost a couple of fine boats, both insured in London.

From a summary of the revenue accounts of the ordinary insurance companies, published by the Government, and referring to the condition of things at the end of 1897, it appears that there were 1.698,043 contracts in force assuring nearly three thousand million dollars! The larger proportion were, of course, whole life policies, but endowment-assurances registered a big increase, taking up 20 per cent. of the total amount, as compared with only 6 per cent ten years before.

The Economic Life Assurance Society falls into line by making its recent valuation upon a basis of in terest at 3 per cent. instead of the previous 3 1-2 per cent.

Sir John Mowbray, the late doyen of the House of Commons, whose death is so much regreted, was for many years chairman of the Clerical Medical and General Insurance Offices.

RECENT LEGAL DECISIONS.

LIFE INSURANCE MONEY AND CREDITORS.—A testator assigned two policies of insurance on his own life to his niece, and gave notice of the assignments to the insurance companies. He shortly afterwards died insolvent, and the insurance moneys were received on behalf of the niece by her brother, and were invested by him on mortgage for her, with other moneys of her. In an action by creditors, who impeached the validity of the assignments, a motion was made which asked that the insurance moneys should be paid into Court before trial. It was held by Mr. Justice Sterling that, having regard to the rights of the creditors, and although the fund no longer existed in specie, yet inasmuch as it was still in the hands or under the control of the assignee, the Court had jurisdiction to secure it for the benefit of the creditors till the trial of the action. The Court accordingly required the niece to undertake till the trial not to receive the moneys secured by the mortgage so far as they represented the insurance moneys, and not to deal with the mortgage without notice to the creditors and the leave of the Court. Weekly Notes, 1899, p. 37.

Compensation to Lawyers.—An agreement by a solicitor to prosecute a claim to judgment at his own expense, in consideration of his receiving one-fourth of the amount which should be recovered, is champerteus and void. The Ontario Court of Appeal has thus decided, in an action of O'Connor against Gemmill, which was commenced for the recovery of a balance of money in the hands of a firm of solicitors, recovered by them for the client in the Exchequer Court of Canada from the Dominion Government. The solicitors set up as a defence payment in full, after deducting their fees, charges and disbursements and a release under seal. This release was subsequently waived, and the solicitors set up a written agreement which stipulated for a commission of twentyfive per cent, to be retained by the solicitors out of the moneys to be recovered as remuneration for their services in carrying on the proceedings in addition to their disbursements to witnesses and any costs which might be recovered from Her Majesty. 26 Ont.

ONTARIO COMPANIES' ACT.—A list of the share-holders of the Hiawatha Gold Mining and Milling company transmitted to the Provincial Secretary, showed a certain person as holding one thousand dollars' worth of stock, while on the list posted up in the head office of the company such share holder's name was deleted. In proceedings instituted against the company by one Towner, it has been held by chancel-for Boyd that the two lists were not duplicates within the meaning of the Ontario Companies' Act, and that hability for the penalty of twenty dollars for every day during which default continued had been incurred by the company. 19 C. L. T. 171.

THE MEANING OF THE WORD EITHER.—The ordinary meaning to be attached to the word "either" is one of two, and not both. This was the conclusion arrived at by the English Court of Appeal in an action where the construction of a will was in question. In the course of his judgment Mr. Justice Williams gave the following discourse on philology: I only wish to say one word about the meaning of the word either. I do not myself quite accept the proposition, however high authority, there may be for it, that the word either in its original meaning was a conjunctive word, or was a word which imported both. I think that, if you have any doubt about the matter, you have only to look at other languages, whether ancient or modern, to satisfy yourself that the meaning of the word "either" when used as "both" in the phrase "on either side of the river" is an unimportant and subsidiary meaning, and not the primary meaning of the word. But I am going to assume, for what I am about to say that the word "either" will equally bear either interpretation. I think it is a tolerably safe proposition to say that, when you have a clause which is introduced by the word "either" followed by a dependent clause, which treats one of the two which are referred to separately from the other, you will find it is very difficult, if not impossible, to discover a single example in which the word "either" has ever been used to import "both." I do not wish to say any more upon this subject, because it is a question rather of grammar than of law, but merely to point, as an illustration of what I mean to say, to the well-known passage from the "Beggar's Opera:"

> How happy could I be with either Were t'other dear charmer away; But now you two tease me together; To neither a word will I say.

However impossible it might be, if you left out the last three lines to treat "either" as meaning "both" in that sentence is not only the obvious meaning of Captain Macheath when he used the word, but because it comes within the rule that I have stated, that you find in the predicate which is applied to this subject, that the two are treated in opposition and separ-

ately. When that is so, you ought not in the subject part of the sentence to treat the word "either" as dealing with both events conjointly and following in the same category. 80 Law Times 212.

STOCK EXCHANGE NOTES.

Wednesday, p.m., 17th May, 1899

The market had hardly begun to lift its drooping head after the decline referred to last week, when the sensational news of the sudden death of ex-Governor R. P. Flower, the leading bull operator in Wall street, was announced, and instantaneously on the opening in New York on Saturday forenoon prices broke heavily, and something of the nature of a panic ensued. The local market was, of course, affected somewhat, but not to as great an extent as might have been expected, the most noticeable result being the almost complete stagnation which set in. been a gradual improvement since Saturday, and today's close gives evidence of a return of confidence. Money continues hard, and many orders are still being refused, because of the difficulty experienced by brokers in financing.

When this condition of affairs will be mollified, is not easy to foretell, but if a change does not come within the next three or four weeks, it is not likely to come at all this year, and the outlook seemingly points to an inactive summer's business on the stock exchange. Rates in London and New York continue to work easier, but, strange to say, this fact does not appear to influence the local money market any.

There is little change in the quotation for Canadian Pacific, except that London is relatively stronger than a week ago, as compared with Montreal.

In the former market, the price has advanced 3.4 per cent. to 101 1.4, while in Montreal the advance has been only 3.8 p.c. to 98.3.8 The feeling about the stock is as bullish as ever, and much higher figures are talked of.

The earnings for the week ending 14th inst. were \$557,000, being an increase of \$36,000 as compared with the same week last year.

The fear that the demand of the Belt Line people for entrance into the city, would, in some measure, affect the earnings of the Montreal Street Railway, was principally responsible for quite a drop in the company's stock during the week. On Wednesday, toth inst., sales were made at 329 1-2, but on the Friday following 900 shares changed hands at 319. At the close to-day, however, 326 was bid, a recovery of 7 points from the lowest of the week. The earnings for the week ending Sunday 14th inst., show an increase of \$3,900.

Toronto Railway closed to day with 118 18 bid a gain during the week of 3.4 per cent. The earnings for the week ending 13th inst., show an increase of \$2,227.54.

Twin City earnings for the first week in May show an increase of \$2,857. This is not as satisfactory a gain as in former weeks, but the comparison is with a week in which the earnings were exceptionally heavy, owing to the travel to the military camp-

The stock sold as low as 67 1-2 on Monday afternoon, in sympathy with New York, but the closing sale to-day was at 70.

It is rumoured that a dividend on the common stock will be paid in August.

Royal Electric is strong again, and sold this afternoon at 188 1-2, a record price for this year, and a gain of 3 points over a week ago. Much higher figures are talked of for this stock.

Richelieu has also improved 2 points, to-day's closing bid being 113 3-4. Arrangements have been made with the Folger Company, by which all opposition from that quarter will be withdrawn. The stock will doubtless see higher figures.

Gas and Dominion Cotton are practically unchanged, but Bell Telephone and Dominion Coal have advanced, the former 2 points to 181, and the latter 2 1-4 to 57.

The annual report of the People's Heat & Light Company has just come to hand showing a net loss in the year's operations of \$6,705.37.

This is much more favorable than was anticipated, owing to the fact that the changes in the construction of the Company's plant were not completed until September last, so that operations under the present favorable conditions have been conducted only for seven months of the year ending on 31st March last.

Comparison is only available with 8 months of 1898, but the relative increase in the consumption of illuminating gas for the past year has been 1.733,100 cubic feet, and of full gas 5,368,200 cubic feet.

Assurances have been received that large sales of coke will be made in Cuba and elsewhere, outside the Province of Nova Scotia this year, and the Directors state that they consider the prospects very re-assuring. A large sum was expended last year in enriching the gas, but this outlay will be rendered altogether unnecessary in future, and the expenses of management in other respects are being reduced.

The results of the experiments made with the view of introducing coke, as a locomotive fuel, have been most satisfactory, and there seems no doubt that this will shortly be accomplished.

Call money in Montreal	5 1	p.c.
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Call money in New York	2 1-2 1	o.c.
Bank of England rate		p.c.
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MINING MATTERS.

Shipments from the mines of the Rossland camp
for the week ending 13th May, were as follows :-
Le Roi
War Eagle
Iron Mask 126 "

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4,344 tons.

Shipments from the War Eagle are expected to increase in volume considerably almost immediately. A station is being cut at the 750 foot level preparatory to sinking the shaft deeper. The recent strike continues to develop satisfactorily, and six samples taken from the 12 foot ledge give values of from \$20 to \$60. The stock continues very strong, and is so firmly held that the purchase of a few thousand shares would force the price up several points. An instance of this was given to-day when only 1,500 shares came out between 370 and 375.

The closing sale a week ago was at 370, but this afternoon 375 was bid in Montreal, and 377 1-4 in Toronto. It looks as if the \$4 mark would soon be reached.

The directors of the Montreal-London Company, at their meeting to-day, declared a dividend for the month of May of 1 1-2 per cent., payable on 15th June, and it is proposed to continue paying monthly dividends at the same rate in future.

The stock advanced 6 1-2 points during the week, and closing sales to-day were at 70. An investment demand for the shares is now likely to spring up, in view of the monthly dividend.

The Manager of the Dufferin mine reports that the lead in No. 2 East drift improves every day, and promises to be a very valuable addition to the mine. A roll test of this ore will shortly be made, and from appearances it promises to be very rich.

Mr. Bernard Macdonald, the Company's Engineer, telegraphs from British Columbia as follows, regarding the Slocan Sovereign:—

"Sovereign deep tunnel is driving through strong "vein, containing bunches of high grade ore."

The stock of the Republic mine sold as low as 128 on Monday, but closed to-day with 132 1-2 bid. The May dividend at the rate of 1c. per share has been declared, making a total of \$190,000 paid to shareholders.

The Payne Mining Co. has also declared a dividend of the rate of 1c. per share. This stock closed to-day at \$3.91 bid, a decline of 1 point from a week ago.

The stock of the Mountain Lion Co. sold yesterday at \$1.50 per share, an advance of 50c within two weeks.

The number of shareholders in the Le Roi Co. is 7.417. There is now nearly 20,000 tons of ore at the Northport smelter awaiting treatment.

Work on the Deer Park has recommenced, and work on the White Bear is to begin to-day.

The Manager of the Rambler-Cariboo states that the present development has disclosed sufficient ore to pay monthly dividends for the next two years.

On the strength of this the stock has advanced to

Toronto and Western stock has recently advanced from \$1.25 to over \$2 per share, and \$2.10 is now asked. The Co. owns the Sirdar mine which adjoins the Mikado.

The following is from the New York "Tribune:"—
"Despite its load of fraudulent claims and wildcat schemes, the mining industry has paid more money in dividends compared with other industries started in the last 30 years than any business known. Compare the profits in mining with the profits on the 150,000 odd miles of railroad, then you will see which pays the most. Under the wing of mining there exists some of the safest and most profitable of all business.

"Of late it has come about that if a mining man presents an enterprise to conservative capital he is looked upon with suspicion and no assistance is rendered him. The investor fails to realize that the very sinews of commerce came from the mines, and that they are the root of half the successful industries of this country. Last year, notwithstanding the fact that capital gave very little assistance to the mining industry, there was a steady, healthy increase of prosperity. Of the many millions produced from the mines the amount was divided so that all avenues of industry profited. Over 10 per cent, went to railroad corporations, 37 per cent, to mine owners, fully 15 per cent, to smelting works, while the residue, 38 per cent, was circulated among the laboring element."

The mines included in the Amalgamated Copper Co. have a value of about \$220,000,000. They are as follows: Anaconda, \$80,000,000; Boston and Montana, \$60,000,000; Butte and Boston, \$20,000,000; Parrott, \$20,000,000; Colorado Smelting Co., \$6,000,000; Utah Consolidated, \$15,000,000; Isle Royale, \$10,000,000; Arcadian, \$10,000,000.

The great mine of all these great ones is the Anaconda, of which Marcus Daly, President of the Amalgamated Co., is the general manager. The Anaconda produced last year more fine copper than the entire Lake Superior district, and nearly one-third of the product of the United States. At the present price of copper alone, it is earning more than 10 per cent. on \$100,000,000.

The Manitoba "Free Press" makes the statement that the slope in the Mikado mine in which the rich ore had been found has been abandoned, and the pumps pulled from that particular shaft. Various solutions have been offered, but the truth seems to

have been that the limits of the Mikado concession had been reached, and that no more of the ore could be taken without danger of trespass, on what is now known as the Bullion property. As the diamond drill borings made by order of Mr. Rogers, of the latter mine, have cut the same vein just where it was expected it would be found, and as the core brought up is liberally peppered with visible gold, it would appear that the Mikado had some extraordinary rich ores on which stoping was being carried on in December, but that the bulk of the prize has fallen to the lot of the adjoining mine.

Mr. Rogers reports a splendid outlook for the Bullion. The stock should now easily be worth par.

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June	7	466,000					17	22,742			
	21	462,000					25	23,276	27,559		
	30	602,000					31	21,436	24,308		
T 1	7	473,000	0 -			Nov.	8	29,606			
July	14	477,000					15	26,293			
	21	489,000	. 0	• • • • • • • • •			21	22,002			
	31	667,000					30	32,957			
		487,000				Dec.	6	20,759			
Aug.	7	499,000					13	24,933			
	21	505,000					19	25,472			
	31	684,000					27	34,601			
C		492,000	518,000				31	16,290			
Sept.	14	485,000					3				
		538,000				Tota	11	\$1,379,38	\$1,526,457		
	21	764,000					ending.		1898.	1899.	Inc. 1899.
	30	668,000	634,000						26,104	\$29,856	
Oct.		644,000	607,000			Jan.	7		24,627	27,421	\$3,752
	14	619,000	593,000				14		24,808	28,245	2,794
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	31	627,000	567,000			E-L	31		34,376 25,093	28,293	5,250
Nov.	7	632,000	556,000			Feb.	7		26,465		3,200
	14		576,000		•••••		14		25,181	28,319 28,719	1,854
	21	553,000			•••••		21		25,887		3,538
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Dec.		534,000		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Mar.	7		26,098	28,782	2,684
	14	545,000	550,000				14		29,709 26,668	32,035	2,326
	21	444,000					21			27,500	832
	31	797,000	931,000	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			31		35,859	39,390	3,441
		Ca. 842 000	£25 505 000			April	7		25,044	30,738	5,694
10	otal	\$23,022,000	\$25,795,000	• • • • • • • • • •	•••••		14		26,425	29,211	2,786
	C. P. R.	NET TRA	AFFIC EARNINGS	S.			21		26,189	29,923	3,734
M	onth.	1897.	1898.	1899.	Inc. 1899.		30		32,962	40,534	7,572
		-				May	7		26,282	32,272	5,989
	ary	\$373,343	\$515,627	\$617,534	\$101,907		14		26,737	31,390	4,653
	uary	384,823	423,667	599,701	176,034				STREET RAIL		
	ch	520,212	753,233	828,896	75,653			1897.	1898.	1899.	Inc. 1899
	1	627,117	717,090	•••••		Januar	у	\$74,546	\$86,562	\$95,690	\$9,128
		875,569	926,662	• • • • • •		Febru	ary	69,744	82,402	91,860	9,458
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	886,127	817,395			March		78,891	92,318	103,234	10,916
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	ust	1,004,407	1 003,020	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••••	May.		82,461	92,670		
	ember	1,059,891	1,092,513	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		June .		91,534	94,120		
	ber	1,414,738	1,255,845			July		101,501	103,893		
	ember	1,189,732	1,080,508	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Aug.	7	21,033	21,977		
Dece	ember	1,053 454	1,279,111				15	23,164	28,417		
Tr-	4	10 202 555	\$10.475.371 \$	2 046 121	\$252.004		22	20,628	24,041		
10	otals \$	10,303,775	\$10,475,371 \$	2,040,131	\$353,004		28	21,675	24,823		
	Dutt	TH SOUTH	SHORE & ATI	ANTIC.			31	11,030	12,976		
***					crease 189	Sept.	7	37,756	47,713		
Wee	ek ending	1898.	1899				12	24,641	28,365	• • • • • •	
Jan.	7	\$24,235	\$26,984		\$2,749		9	18,918	23,748		
	14	25,797	39,944		14,147		26	18,963	23,812		
	21	27,604	36,146		8,542		30	11,968	13,972		
	31	36,492	48,982		12,490	Oct.	3	7,871	9,362		
Feby	y. 7	24,889	31,690		6,801		10	19,068	22,269		
	14	25,644	31,879		6,235		15	15,046	18,134		
	21	24,630	34,802		7,172		23	21,278	24,602		
	28	30,290	36,456		6,166	l	30	16,384	18,377		
Mar		30,859	38,011		7,152	Nov.	7	23,285	24,935		
	14	30,470	32,733	gas.	2,263		13	17,198	19,923	••••	
	21	31,090	25,894	Dec	. 5,196	1	20	21,102	23,943		
	31	43,648	64,269		20,621	l	30	29,537	32,964		
Apr	il 7	30,063	41,216		11,153	Dec.	5	14,212	14,663		
	14	31,404	43,641		12,237		13	24,308	26,327		
	21	31,766	38,348		6,582	1	16	10,783	11,377		
	28	49,788	47,500	Dec	. 2,258	1	24	24.394	28,272		
		-		_		1	31	21,598	23,766	• • • • • •	
		\$501,669	\$618,495	\$	116,876	1				-	
						Tot	al	\$1,048,273	\$1,187,622		
	M	ONTREAL S	TREET RAILW	AY.		1			1898.	1899.	Inc. 1899
		1897.	1898.	1899.	Increase.	Jan.	7		\$20,394	\$22,154	\$1,760
Innu	ar y	\$99,621	\$109,915	\$125,148	15,233	3	14		19,96	21,305	1,338
To A		89,952	102,626	113,838	11,212		21		19,528	22,066	2,538
	FHARV	04.44			9,276		31		26,673	30.165	3,492
	ruary		114 677	123,954		Feb.	4		19,734	22,315	2,581
Mar	ch	99,442	114,678				4				1,751
Apr	ch	99,442 103,046	110,819	•••••		1	11		20.831		
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HALIFAX STREET RAILWAY.		TWIN CIT	Y RAPID TRA	ANSIT COMP	ANY.	
For week ending	Earnings 1899.	Week ending.	1898.	180	· ·	Increase.
January 22	\$1988 25	Jan. 7	\$37,512 0			\$5,882 35
29	1896 55	14	36,933 0			5,263 65
Feb'y. 5	1883 85	21	36,701 3			6,441 8
12	1953 00	31	52,516 1			6,086 1
19	1827 75	Feb. 7	37,460 7			5,030 5
26	1855 75	14	37,496 5			4,425 40
Mar. 5	1887 45	21	37,394 3			6,643 9
12	2029 35	28	38,404 4			4,257 8
19	1907 25	Mar. 7	38,323 5		8 90	4,445 3
26	1873 60	14	37,268 5			Dec 353 40
April 2	2075 70	21	38,844 7		8 65	5,133 9
9	1900 55	31	54,471 3			10,826 5
16	1981 25	April 7	38,195 3		4 90	8,679 6
23		14	38,061 5		4 25	5,782 7
30	2001 75	21	37,478 0			4,586 3
May 7	1941 90	2	3/14/			
Decrease over previous week	\$ 59.80	Twin City	RAPID TRA	NSIT COMPA	NY.	
Totals :- January, February.	March.		1898.	1899.	Incre	ase 1899.
					•	6 .
	Pass. Earnings.	January		\$189,009		3,760
	0,388 \$8,601 65	February		178,829		7,003
1898 159,646 8,103 50 131,592 6,568 87 16	1,50! 8,073 92	March	. 170,334	192,614		2,28,
Increase 29,468 \$794 70 20,850 \$406 83 2	8,886 \$527 73	Totals	. \$487.410	\$560,452	\$:	3.033

INSURANCE & FINANCE CHRONICLE.

MINING STOCK LIST

Reported for The Chronicle by R. Wilson-Smith, Meldrum & Co., 151 St. James St., Montreal.

Corrected to May 19th, 1899, P.M.

the state of the s		Corrected		Par	Mar	ket e of		Divided.	Revenue	
NAME.	LOCATION	Nature of Proposition.	Capital.	of one share.	one S	hare.	Divi- dend.	when payable.	present prices	REMARKS.
altimore	Trail Creek, B.C	Gold, Copper			\$ c.	\$ c. 7 221			р. с.	
randon and Golden Crown Julion Juriey	Lake of Woods, Ont Lake of Woods, Ont	Gold	1,007,000	1 00	30 65 18 11	iò				4 +4A=1 (274 -5A=2-14
anadian Gold Fields	Rossland, B C	Gold Gold Gold	1,000,000 5,000,000 800,000 50,000	.10 1 00 1 00 1 00	1 48 1 40 10	1 42 1 35 37 90	le.	Monthly	8 39	S Van Keler J. Call Call V. Section
Dardanelles Decca Deer Park	Seine River, Ont Trail Creek, B.C.	Silver, Lead		1 00 1 00 1 00	43 00 15 27 5	143 25 43				
mpress vening Star ern oley	Rossland, B.C Slocan, B.C	Gold	1,500,000 200,000 1,250,000	1 00	12½ 50	111 	5 0/0		2.50	One Dividend paid
iold Hills loic en Star I ammond Reef	Upper Seine, Ont		1,000,000	1 00	53 40 40	52 38	16.	Monthly	18.70	
lawatha lomestake ron Colt ron Horse	Trail Creek, B.C Trail Creek, B.C Trail Creek, B.C	Gold	1,000,000 1,000,000	1 00 1 00 1 00	13 15 674	11 13				
nob Hill	Seine River, Ont Trail Creek, B.C		700,000 500,000	1 00	8) 30 94					
e Roi	Rossland, B.C		1.000,00	1 00	£ 5	24	1			
Iontreal-London Koble Five Kovelty	N.S., Slocan, B.C., etc Slocan, B.C Rossland, B.C	Silver and Lead	1,200,00 1,000,00	0 1 00	70 28 4	69 27 3 1 07	::::::			
ld Ironsides live ero di Noro King ayne	Camp McKinney, B.C. Sandon, B.C.	Gold Gold Silver, Lead	1,000,00 1,000,00 2,500,00	0 1 (0 0 1 00 0 2 50	90 14 4 00	3 91	1 p.c.	Monthly.	7.50	
ay Ore	Camp McKinney, B. C. Slocan, B.C. Eureka District, Wash	Gold.	2,500,00 2,500,00 1,000.00 3,500.00	0 1 00 0 1 00 0 1 00 0 1 00	14 7 42 1 88		1 p.e.	Monthly	9.00	
E. Lee swbill entinel locan Sovereign	Trail Creek, B.C Upper Seine, Ont Seine River, Ont Slocan, B.C	Gold	2,000,00 125,00 259,00 1,500,00	0 1 00 0 1 00 0 1 00	40 19 27	38 16 24	•			The Healing
an Anda	Seine River, Ont	Gold	1,000,00	0 1 00 0 1 00 0 1 00	6 7 8	5		1		Turn set like
ictory Triumph irginia irtue	Baker City, Ore	Gold	1,250,00 1,000,00	0 100	26 73 10	70				
Nar Eagle	Rossland, B.C. Fairview Camp, B.C. Trail Creek, B.C.	Gold and Copper	250.00	0 .25	3 80 15 5	1		Monthly.		

STOCK LIST

Reported for THE CHRONICLE by R. Wilson-Smith, Meldrum & Co., 151 St. James Street, Montreal. Corrected to May 17th, 1899, P.M.

BANKS.	Capital subscribed	Capital paid up.	Rest or	Per centage of Rest to paid up Capital	value	Market value of one share.	for last balf year.	Revenue per cent, on investment at present prices.	on pa	es ent. ir.)	When Dividend payable.
	3 000	2,920,000	\$ 486.666	16.66	97,34	109 50	Per cent.	Per cent,	Asked. 1124	107 J	anuary July
British Columbia	2,920,000 4,866,666	4,866,666	1,387,000	28:50	213	311 04	3	3 90 4 58	128	126 A	une Dec.
anadian Pank of Commerce, A D.]	500,000	6,000,000 349,172	90,000	16:67 28:56	50 40	75-50 46-00	3	5 22	116	111 N	lar 1 Aug. 24
	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	100.00	50	135 00	3•	4 44 4 52	155	265 F	eb, May Aug, Nov anuary July
ominion astern Townships Exchange Bank of Yarmouth	1,500,000 280,000	1,500,000 255,332	30,000	55.67 11.76	50 70	77 50 74 00	31 21 31	4 72	106	105 F	ebruary Aug.
Exchange Bank of Yarmouth	500,000	500,000	375,000	75.00	20	31 30	31	5 43 4 17	156		Tebruary Aug, June Dec.
lamilton	1,484,000	1,467,270 1,232,600	911,468 450,000	62.12 44.62	100	191 00 150 00	3	4 67		150	une Dec.
tochelaga	1,241,900 2,000,000	2,000,000	1,200,000	60.00	100	217 00	4 & 11	4 15 5 50	217		June Dec. June Dec.
mperial	500,000	1,200,000	250,000 100,000	50-00 8.33	25 30	27103 28 80	3 3	6 25	96	7	May Nov.
a Banque Nationale	1,200,000 200,020	200,020	65,000	32-47	32 44	45 42		5 71 4 2)			January July June Dec.
derchants Bank of Canada, A D	6,000,000 1,500,000	6,000,000 1,500,000	2,600,000 1,250,000	43,34 83.83	100 100	167 00 180 00	3	3 89	1 ::::	180	February Aug.
Merchants Bank of Halifax	2.000,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	75.00	50	195 00	4 & 1+	4 61 3 90	260		April Oct. June Dec.
Molsons, Montreal, X D	12,000 000 500,000	12,000,000 500,000	6,000,000	50.00 120.00	200 100	520 00 300 00	6	4 00		300	January July
New Brunswick	1,560,800	1,529,700	1,790,120	117:00	100	225 00 135 00		3 55	225 135	220 124	June Dec.
Ontario	1,000,000 1,500,000	1,000,000	85,000 1,170,000	8·50 78·00	100	210 00	4 & 1†	4 28	210	200	June Dec.
Ottawa. People's Bank of Halifax	700,000	700,000	230,000	32.86	20 150	23 00 250 00		5 22 5 33	115	111	January July
People's Bank of N B	180,000 2,500,000	180,000 2,500,000	140,000 650,000	77.78 26.00	100	130 90	3	4 62	130	125	June Dec.
Quebec	1,000,000	1,000,000	600,000	60:00 22:50	50 100	100 00		4 21 5 00	1 ::::	190	April Oct.
Standard	200,000 504,600	200,000 314,140	45,000 75,000	23.87	100	100 00	3	6 00		100	February Aug
St. Hyacinthe	500,200	261,499	10,000	3.82 37.00			5 34		1 ::::	::::	
St. John	48,666 2,000,000	48,666 2,000,000	18,000 1,800,000	90.00	100	260 00	5	3 85	260		June Dec. June Dec.
Toronto Traders Union Bank of Halifax	700,000	700,000	50,000 250,000	7·14 50:00	10 ₀	118 75 74 00		6 05 4 73	1183	146	Feb. 28 Aug. 31
Union Bank of Halifax Union Bank of Canada	2,000,000	500,000 1,941,755	350,000	18.02	100	120 00	3	5 00 6 00	100	120 90	February Aug. June Dec
Ville Marie	500,000		10,000 118,000	2.08 30.43	100	100 00	3	6 00		117	June Dec
Western	500,000 300,000		30,000	10.00	100 75	90 0		4 16	120	117	Feb. 1 Aug. 1
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		1	200 200	05.05	100	190 0	0 20	4 25	190	181	Jan. Apl. Jul Oct
Bell Telephone	3,168,000 2,700,000	2,700,000	800,000	25.25	100	85 0	0 2	4 90	85	79	
Canadian Pacific	65,000,000	65,000,000			1.00	98 0		4 08 8 39	140	135	Monthly
Cariboo McKinney Gold Mines	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,608,329	26.08	100	186 5	0 13.8 1	4 30	186	185	Jan.Apl.JulyOct.
Commercial Cable Dominion Coal Prefer ed do Common	2,000,000	2,000,000	175,029		100	118 0 58 0	00 4	6 78	118	57	Jan. July
do Common Dominion Cotton Mills	15,000,000 3,033,60	3,033,60			100	116 (ne 130	5 24	116	3 110	Mar Jun Sep Dec
Puluth S.S. & Atlantic	12,000,00 10,000,00	0 12,000,000	3		100			::::	12	12	
Duluth S.S. & Atlantic. do Pref Guarantee Co., of N.A	668,60	0 304,600			50		. 3	4 35	114	110	Jan. Apl. JulyOct
Halifax Tramway Co Intercolonial Coal Codo Preferred	800,00 500,00				100	40 (00		40	20	
Intercolonial Coal Co	250,00	0 250,000	0		100	60 (4 92	162	1 150	I Fab Aug
Merchants Cotton Co	. 600,00		0	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	100	160	00 2*	5 0)	160	153	Mar.Jun, Sep. Dec
Montreal Cotton Co	2,997,91	6 2,997.91	6 301,429		40			4 93 6 17	203	35 202	Monthly Oct.
Monteaul London	432,00	0)				163	00 21	3 01	326	3 325	Feb. MayAg. Nov.
Montreal Street Railway,	1,000,00	0 3 4,700,00		1		1.40		3 06 4 44	180		
Montreal Telegraph		1,467,68	1		20	3	75	••••		. 15	
North-West Land, Com	5,642,93	25 5,642,92		:		50		7 53	\$3,	95 \$2.8	5 Monthly.
Payne Mining	700,00	0 700.00	0		10	0 24	00	5 25	11	4 20 4 113	May Nov
Payne Mining People's Heat & Light of Halifax. Richelieu & Ont. Nav. Co., X D	1,350,00 1,500,00		0 223,92 0 245,92					4 22	18	84 188	May Nov. Jan. Apl. July.
Republic Consolidated Gold Mining	3,500,0	00			. 10	0 1	32 11	9 00	13	39 132	Monthly,
St. John Street Railway	0,000	00 500,00		6 11.9	5 10			3 49	11	8; 118	Jan.Apr.JulyOct
Toronto Street Railway Twin City Rapid Transit Co	15,000,90	15,00,00	00		. 10	0 70	10	5 00	14	0 68	H
	1,722,20 1,750,0	00 1,722,20 00 1,750,00	00		. 1.0	0 3	80 141	4 74	38	0 37	Monthly
War Eagle Gold Mines Windsor Hotel		600,0	00			0 110	00 6	5 45	11	0 103	December.
BONDS.	Rate of interest per annum.	Amount outstanding.	When Int	erest	Where I	nterest	payable.	Date Reden		Latest Quota tion.	REMARKS.
		1 -	(1 Jan	1 Apl			on.	11.100	9307	104	
Can Colored Cotton Co.	:: 3	\$16,000,000	1 July	1 Oct.	ew York	or Lond	on or London	1 Jan.,		110	Redeemable at 110
Canadian Pacific Land Grant	. 5	3,423,000 2,000,000	I Apl.	2 Oct. Ba	nk of Mor	treal, M	Iontreal	2 Apl.		1013	at 110
Canada Paper Co	5	200,000	2 Apl. 1 May	1 Nov. Me	rehants F	Bank of C	an., Monti Iontreal	real 1 May 1 Apl.	1917	115	
Bell Telephone Co	0	940,000 2,935,000	1 Apl. 1 Meh.	1 Sep. Me	rehants B	k. of C	an., Montr	eal. 1 Mch.	, 1913	110	Redeemable at 110
Dominion Coal Co		£ 308,200	1 Jan.	1 July	•••••			1 Jan.		95	Redeemable at 110 after 1st Jan., 1900
Halifax Tramway Co	5	\$ 600,000		1 July Bk	of N. Sc	otia., Ha	d. or Mont	real 1 Jan.	, 1916 , 1918	1071	Redeemable at 105
Intercolonial Coal Co	5	350,000 900,000	1 Apl. 1 Jan.	1 Oct 1 July Con	mpany's	Office, M	fontreal	I July	, 1921	102	
Montreal Gas Co	5	€ 60,000	1 Meh.	1 Sep. 1 p			London, F	ng 1 Mch	., 1908	107 115	
Seed a Heat & Light Co	49	£ 140,000	1 Feb.	Aug.				1			
Peoples Heat & Light Co	6	\$ 700,000	1 Apl.	1 Oct. 1 M	derchante	Bank or Mor	of Hali	fax, 1 Apl.	, 1917	83	Redeemable at 11
First Mortgage	5	100,000 523,167	1 Mch.	1 Sep. Mo	intreal an	d Londe	on	1 Meh	., 1915	100	Redeemable at 11
Royal Electric Co	***	£ 130,900	1 Apl.	1 Oct. Bk	. of Monti	real. Mo	nt'l or Lon st. John, N	B. I May	1914 .	105	Redeemable at 11
nojai enecute co											
St. John Railway Toronto Railway	D	\$ 475,000 600,000 2,399,953	1 Jan.				London		1914	108	yearly after 190

[·] Quarterly. † Bonus of 1 per cent. ‡ Monthly. ¶ Price per Share.

Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company was held on Wednesday, May 3rd, at the company's offices, 24 to 26 Cornhill, London, Eng. The following report was taken as read:—

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders their Thirty-seventh Annual Report.

Fire Department.—The net Premiums for 1898 amounted to £1,092,822, being an increase of £18,076 as compared with the year 1897, and the losses paid and outstanding to £617,799, or 56.53 per cent. of the Premium Income. From the Profits of this Department the sum of £80,000 has been carried to Profit and Loss, and after providing for outstanding Losses the Fire Fund stands at £1,203,178, as against £1,136,460 at the same time last year.

Life Department.—The New Business of the year consisted of 810 Policies assuring £665,685, while the New Premiums included in the Account amounted in gross to £28,580. The claims by death, £129,131, were within the amount expected. Notwithstanding the quinquennial payment of £98,285 in respect of profits to Shareholders and Policyholders, the Life Fund at the end of the year showed an increase of £28,370, and stood at £2,058,849.

Marine Department.—The Net Premiums received were £242,971, and the Net Losses, paid and outstanding, amounted to £165,317. From the I rofits of this Department the sum of £30,000 has been carried to Profit and Loss, and after providing for outstanding Losses the Marine Fund stands at £331,446.

Profit and Loss .- This account has been

closed with a balance of £147,122 19 3

Out of that amount the Directors recommend:

(a) The payment of a Dividend of Twenty Shillings per Share (free of Income Tax), making, with the Interim Dividend of Ten Shillings paid in November last, 30 per cent. for the year 1898. This will absorb.

(b) The provision for an Interim Dividend on account of the year 1899 of Twelye Shillings and the state of the year 1899 of Twelye Shillings and the state of the year 1899 of Twelye Shillings and the state of the year 1899 of Twelye Shillings and the year 1899 of Twelye Shillings are year.

(a) The provision for an interim Dividend on account of the year 1899 of Twelve Shillings and Sixpence per Share to be paid on the 3rd November next...

Leaving a balance to be carried forward of ...

31,250 0 0 65,872 19 3

50,000 0 0

£147,122 19 3

The Directors report with deep regret the death of their late valued colleagues—Sir Henry W. Peek, Bart., and Mr. Henry Trower—two of the original Directors, and the first Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Company. Throughout the Company's existence both devoted their energies to the promotion of its best interests. To fill the vacancies thus created the Board has elected as Directors Mr. Walter Murray Guthrie (of the firm of Chalmers, Guthrie & Co.) and Mr. Percy Bonce Trower (of the firm of Trower & Son).

The following Directors retire this year by rotation:—Messrs. Colman, Dawes, Harris, Larkworthy, Sim and Right Hon. Leonard H. Courtney, M.P., and, being eligible, they offer themselves for reelection.

Messrs. Mackenzie, Moore, F.C.A., and Fairbairn, C.A., again offer their services as Auditors.

By Order of the Board, HENRY MANN, Secretary.

£2,265,552 5 2

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	£	s.	d.
By Losses paid and outstanding after deduction of re insururances	617,799	9	0
Commission and Brokerage	155,904	1	9
Contributions to Fire Brigades State Charges—Foreign	7,226		
Expenses of Management	17,916 183,194		6
Bad Debts	331		4
Amount to profit and Loss	80,000	0	0
Amount of Fire Fund at the end of the year	1,203,178	13	10

£2,265,552 5 2

BALANCE SHEET OF THE COMPANY, 31st DECEMBER, 1898.

DR.	LIABILIT	TES.					
SHAREHOLDERS' CAPITAL							
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscribed-50,000 Sha	ires		-	-			
of £50 each		2,500,000	0	- ()		
Paid-up					250,000	0	0
"West of England" 4%	Ferm. Deb	Stock			300,000	0	0
General Reserve Fund	term. Deb	. Drock , .	•••	• •	200,000	0	0
Investment Reserve Fund				••	11,769	7	3
Goarantee and Pension Fur				• •	26,087	5	1
					1,203,178	13	10
Fire Fund						9	
Life Account, as per separ					2,132,182	-	. 8
Marine Fund					331,446	. 2	10
Profit and Loss Account					147,122	19	3
Bills Payable				••	432	0	0
Unclaimed Dividends and					793	2	0
Perpetual Premiums and F	ire Deposit	s			17,042	4	2
Survey Fees					36	15	0
Interest received in advance	e of due di	ates			572	12	5
Suspense Account					2,193	11	5
Outstanding Fire Losses.	£	110.485	0	0	2,		
Outstanding Marine Losses		12,927	0	ö			
Amounts due to other C	ompanies	,					
for Re-insurances		88,438	3				
io re-insurances		00, 100	.3	•	211 850	-	

Part of the Assets are, under local laws or by contract, specifically deposited in various Colonies and Foreign Countries, as security to holders of Policies there issued.

	Production of the Contract of	the same of the same of	e de la compansión de l	PRIVATE IN
١	PANY, 31st DECEMBER, 1898.			
	ASSETS.	C	R.	
		£	s.	d.
	Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom	54,881	4	3
	" out of " "	54,653	19	0
	" Kates raised under Acts of Parliament	20,066		0
	Loans upon Life Interests and Reversions	3,600	0	6
	Loans upon personal security	10,164		10
	Life Investments and Outstanding Accounts, as per	10,104	0	10
	separate Balance Sheet	2,132,182	0	8
	INVESTMENTS-	2,102,102	9	0
	British Government Securities	121,050	15	7
	Indian and Colonial Government Securities	192,791	14	
	Colonial Municipal Securities	62,286	2	3
	Foreign Government Securities	122,603		3
	United States Government Securities	85,921	8	8
	Do. Railway Securities	306,633	9	5
	Do, Municipal Securities	42,818	12	0
	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture	42,010	14	U
	Stocks	171,729	10	8
	Railway and other Stocks and Shares	193,424		2
	Freehold Premises at Home and Abroad, partly	133,424	*	4
	occupied as Offices of the Company, and partly			
	producing revenue	521,810	6	
	Leasehold Premises ditto ditto	19,251		5
1	Branch and Agency Balances	227,843	16	2
1	Amounts due by other Companies for Re-insurances	221,040	10	4
1	and Losses	66,025	10	2
1	Contribution of Expenses due by "West of England	00,020	10	-
1	Life Fund"	3,310	10	2
1	Outstanding Marine Premiums			4
1	" Fire "	30,357	8	
1	" Juterest	5,779	2	5
1	CASH—On Deposit£152,061 6 6	2,846	2	8
1	With Bankers and in hand 197,668 6 10			
1	131,005 6 10	240 700		
1	Bills Receivable	349,729		
1	Stamps in hand	26,386		
1	Amount due from the Life Department	769		10
1	and the tale Department	5,787	11	1

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BANK OF MONTREAL,

MONTREAL, 30th April, 1899.

BANK OF MONTREAL

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended 30th April, 1899.

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th April, 1898		8	952,210.07
Profits for the year ended 30th April, 1899, after deducting charges of and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	management		1,350,582.65
Dividend 5 per cent., paid 1st December, 1898 Dividend 5 per cent., payable 1st June, 1899	\$ 600,000.00 600,000.00		2,302,792.72
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward			$\substack{1,200,000.00\\1,102,792.72}$

Note.—Market Frice of Bank of Mentreal Stock, 30th April, 1899,—251% (equal to \$502 per share) (same date last year, 235%.)

GENERAL STATEMENT.

30th April, 1899.

LIABILITIES.

Rest	00,000,00
Balance of Profits carried forward 1,102,792.72	
Unclaimed Dividends	
Trail yearly Dividend, payable 1st june, 1000	704,974.73
	704,974.73
Notes of the Bank in circulation \$ 5,446,507.00 Deposits not bearing interest 10,927,004.29 Deposits bearing interest 35,486,834.66 Balances due to other Banks in Canada 28,246,83	
Datatices due to other Danks in Canada	888,592.78
511,	593,567.51
ASSETS.	
Gold and Silver Coin Current	
Dominion and 2 forment dovernment occurred to	
8 28,	054,376.11 $600,000.00$
Current Loans and Discounts (rebate interest reserved) and other Securities and Assets	•••,•••
Debts Secured by mortgage or otherwise	
Overdue debts not specially secured (loss provided for) 44,205.38	
42.	,939,191,40
8(1)	593,567.51
and Provincial Government Securities	,939,191.40

E. S. CLOUSTON,

General Manager.

Montreal City and District Savings Bank.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN.

The Directors have pleasure in presenting to the Shareholders the F fty-Second Annual Report of the affairs of the Bank, and of the result of its business for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The net profits of the past year were \$104,190.47, which, added to the balance at the credit of the Profit & Loss account of last year (\$193,189.11), bring the latter to \$297,379.58. From this, two dividends have been paid, and \$100,000 have been placed to the Reserve Fund, making it \$500,000. The amount at the credit of Profit & Loss is now \$117,379.58.

Money, during the past year, has been in good demand, and the interest obtained on loans has been fairly remunerative.

The volume of business transacted during the year amounted to seventy eight million dollars.

The increase over last year in the amount due Depositors is \$554,387.09.

The number of open accounts on 31st December last was 51,526 or 1,638 greater than in the previous year.

The average amount due each depositor is \$195 98, as against \$188.44 for 1897.

Your Directors have to record their sense of the loss sustained by the death of their colleague, Hon. Sir J. A. Chap'eau, who, for many years, took a deep interest in the prosperity of the Bank. The vacancy on the board has been filled by the election of Mr. Charles P. Hêbert.

As usual, frequent and thorough inspections of the books were made during the year.

The report of the Auditors and the balance sheet accompany this report.

You are invited to elect Directors and Auditors for the current year.

WM. H. HINGSTON, President.

BALANCE SHEET ON THE 31st DECEMBER 1898.

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Amount	due	nebositors	102,000		
		Receiver-General	93,341	86	
**	"	Charity Donation			
		Fund	180,000		
46	16	Op n accounts	71,076	86	
**		Profit & Loss acc.	117,379	58	
**		Reserve Fund	500,000		
"		Stock	600,000		,
				\$11,000,070 U	•

ASSETS.

Canada Dominion Government Stock and accrued interest Provincial Government, Catv of Montreal and other Municipal	\$1,526,250	00	
Debentures	3,471,008	92	
Loans secured by Collaterals	4,836,351		
its four Branches	400,000	00	
in municipal securities, ap-			
Other assets	299,809	56	
Banks	950,458	69	59
	Bank premises, Head Office and its four Branches. Charity Donation Fund, invested in municipal securities, ap- proved by the Dominion Govt. Other assets	Bank premises, Head Office and its four Branches	Bank premises, Head Office and its four Branches

51,526

Average amount due to each depositor, 31st December 1898.....

\$195,98

H. Barbeau, Manager.

Audited and found correct.

JAS. TASKER,
G. N. MONCEL,

Auditors.

Number of accounts open

London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company.

The Annual Report of this Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1898, was submitted to the Shareholders in London on 26th April.

The following figures extracted from the Report will show that the year 1898 has been a most prosperous one.

NEW BUSINESS.

The total number of proposals received during

the year amounted to 3,105 for. \$5,362,810 oo And after deducting for declined and not

The Net Premium Income amounted to \$1,204,583.56, an increase of \$45,830.04 over the previous year.

The total Annual Income, including \$250,137.82 for Interest amounted to \$1,455,046.65. The average rate of interest on the invested and uninvested Funds being in excess of 4%.

The Claims by death, with Bonus Additions,

The increase to the Funds, after all payments have been provided for, amounts to \$337,988.04, and the total Funds of the Con pany now stand t \$6,532,237.89.

The Directors take pleasure in announcing their decision to increase the Policyholders' share of the Divissible Surplus from 4/5ths as heretofore to 9/10ths, making the same applicable to policies effected subsequent to 31st December, 1897.

Issued by order of the Board.

B. HAL BROWN,

MONTREAL, May 10th, 1899.

Manager for Canada.

Annexed will be found the balance sheet of the Company for the year-

London and Lancashire Life Assurance Co.

BALANCE-SHEET on the 31st December, 1898.

LIABILITIES.	- 1
Capital fully subscribed \$ 500,000 00	!
Original amount, paid up \$ 50,000 00 Proprietors' Share of Profits added 50,000 00	
Proprietors' Fund— Balance thereof at 31st Dec., 1897\$ 986 97 Addition to Fund—	1
Result of Actuarial Valuation, 1897 62,500 00	
less Amount of Bonus \$63,486 97 distributable annually for 5 years amongst Proprietors out of the amount added as above \$12,500 00 50,986 97	
150,986 97 Assurance Fund	
Total Funds (as per First Schedule) \$ 6,53	2,237 88
Claims admitted, but not paid	79,486 65
OTHER SUMS OWING BY THE COMPANY-	
Interest and Bonus to Shareholders Half-year to 31st December, 1898	8,750 00
	4

ASSETS.	
Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdon— On Real and Lease	
hold Property \$ 58,319 12 " Life Literests and Re-	
versions	
Mortgages on Freehold Property in Canada, India and Australia 690,752 38	
	809,464 82 620,532 65
INVESTMENTS in British Government Securities. \$ 20,425 25	
Corporation Stocks, United King- dom	
Indian and Colonial Government Securities and Special Deposit	
with the Canadian Government. 699,387 25	
Indian Railway Stocks and Shares 109,787 31	
Foreign Government Securities 133,920 77 Railway and other Debentures and	
Debenture Stocks 2,503,668 19	
Railway Shares, Preference and Ordinary 654,171 20	
Ordinary 654.171 20 Other Shares (Preference) 40,524 34	
House Property in United King-	
dom and Canada	
Rent 66,780 39	
Reversions	
	64,618,047 29
Loans on Personal Security in connection with Life	27,112 50
Policies Branch Offices' and Agents Balances. \$ 96,816 70	21,112 00
December Premiums on which the days of grace are current 206,615 07	202 421 77
Outstanding Interest, viz :	303,431 77
1.010.10	
Overdue 4,910 16	62,509 16
Outstanding Rents	750 00
Amounts placed on Deposit for Fixed Periods	27,780 06
CASH—	21,100
On Current Account at Head	
Office and Branches \$ 108,083 98	
On Deposit Account 15,000 00	
Bills Receivable	123,497 31
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT-	
Temporary Balance	10,213 06
OTHER ASSETS — Furniture and Fittings	
at Head Office and	
Branches \$ 18.991 29	
Less Amount written	
off for Depreciation	
this year 1,899 13	
Policy Stamps in hand \$ 17,092 16	
Policy Stamps in hand 43 75	17,135 91
-	86,204.74 53

\$6,620,474 53

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DIVIDEND NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Share-holders of this Company that a monthly dividend at the rate of one and one-half per cent upon the paid-up Capital Stock has this day been declared.

The property of May will be due to the company of the month of May will be due to the company of the compa

By order of the Board of Directors, T. JAMES CLAXTON

Secretary

Montreal May 17, 1899

NOTES AND ITEMS.

THE LITIGIOUS ACT.—Perhaps no Act of Parliament ever belied one of its leading intentions more completely than the Workmen's Compensation Act. No litigation was to be necessary or possible. "You lose your life," Mr. Chamberlain said in effect; "we do the rest." Yet there never was an Act more full of litigation. The evidence accumulates every day, a recent contribution coming from the Northumberland Miners' Association. The executive of that body gives particulars about the working of the Act, and goes on to say:-"It may be thought by some that managers and employers are manifesting an unnecessary reluctance to pay compensation. It must be remembered, however, that the Act is a difficult one to administer. So long as the serious and wilful misconduct clause remains a portion of the Act, so long will it continue to be the most litigious Act on the statute book of the country."-The "Scottish Critic."

THE LESSON OF TWO FIRES.—The two fires recently in the Western part of the city-Eanes & Hargrave and the Southside Manufacturing Companyby which at least four hundred hands are deprived of employment, convey an impressive lesson as to the consequences of official carelessness and indifference to great and important interests. In this part of the city the large and valuable manufacturing establishments which give employment and support to hundreds of families, and it looks almost like tempting fate to leave these great interests destitute of protection against fire, as they are now. Our Council appropriates large sums of money for fancy pavements on streets already substantially paved, but that body cannot find the means or will not see the expediency of putting an engine and an engine house at the head of High street and making other indispensable provisions for the protection of that part of town against fire and for the security of the means by which these poor people earn bread for themselves and children. O shame, where is thy blush? Think of it! Money expended to remove cobble-stone pavement from Sycamore street and put down fancy vitrified brick pave-







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ment, while four hundred or more men, women and children are forced into idleness and are on the verge of destitution because the Common Council failed to listen to the appeal of the Chief Engineer and place a fire engine where it was sorely needed. poor people get hungry and ask for bread the city can give them a vitrified brick. Everything must be subordinated to the Council's whim for vitrified brick. Our harbor may be neglected, our manufactories may burn down, our people may walk the streets in idleness, and the streets in the suburbs may be impassable either from mud or dust. Every other consideration must wait on the paramount consideration of paving Sycamore street with vitrified brick. We are losing the substance by grabbing at the shadow. We hope to fool strangers into believing that we are prosperous and progressive because we put down vitrified brick on our principal thoroughfare, while we are losing a valuable lumber trade through the condition of our harbor, and our manufactures, on which we must rely for the city's real importance and prosperity, go to feed the flames because we are too poor or too stingy to protect them. But we are not too poor to put down vitrified brick on impracticable grades .-Petersburg, (Va)., "Daily Index Appeal."

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New Policies issued for	1898, 2732,	84.468.380
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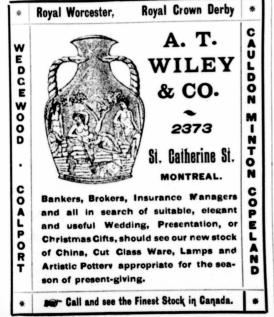
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