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Government Control of Railroads. **P**<sup>RESIDENT</sup> Roosevelt last week indulged in another of the speaking tours with which from time to time he varies the even tenor of Washington routine. In his De-

coration Day address at Indianapolis, and also in the lesser speeches that punctuated the homeward journey, the President urged the citizens of the republic to "combine sanity with courage" in combatting "the abuses of great individuals and especially of great corporate wealth." It is noteworthy that a somewhat greater emphasis has been given of late in the Rooseveltian creed to the desirability of "courage" being directed by "sanity" in its endeavours towards bettering economic conditions by legislative enactment. As to railroads, the Indianapolis speech brought no surprises in its statement of the presidential attitude. It gave recognition to the great services rendered by railroads, and to the need for their continuing extension and improvement. The support of capital being essential to such growth, there must be no chance of any reckless law-making that will prevent money thus invested from earning its due rewards. But he wants railway funds devoted only to railway purposes. While he would not prevent railway companies from controlling the stock of subsidiary lines, he deems it contrary to public policy to allow them to control parallel or competing lines. He grants, however, that subject to Government supervision, even competing railways should be allowed to make traffic agreements when they will be in the interest of the public as well as the railways. The President contends for "just and reasonable regulation of rates," but recognizes that any arbitrary and unthinking movement to cut them down may be equivalent to putting a complete stop to the effort to provide better transportation.

As to the general principle of federal regulation of common carriers, the conviction is expressed that the movement embodying it has come to stay. "There can be no swerving from the course that has been mapped out in the legislation actually enacted and in the messages in which I have asked for further legislation. There must be vested in the Federal Government a full power of supervision and control over the railroads doing interstate business; a power in many respects analogous to and as complete as that the Government exercises over the national banks. It must possess the power to exercise supervision over the future issuance of stocks and bonds."

That no ultra-revolutionary ideas regarding capitalization were advocated in the speech is evident from its acknowledgement that "there has been much wild talk as to the extent of the overcapitalization of railroads. In the consensus of opinion of investors the total value of stocks and bonds is greater than their total face value, notwithstanding the 'water' that has been injected in particular places." While its determination is favoured, it is recognized that "physical valuation is no panacea; it is no sufficient measurement of a rate; but it will be ultimately needed as an essential instrument in administrative supervision." Nor will "the effect of such valuation and supervision of securities be retroactive. But the public interest requires guaranty against improper multiplication of securities in the future." The hope is expressed that one of the chief means for betterment of existing conditions will be the securing of as complete publicity in the affairs of railroads as now obtains with regard to national banks. In conclusion the President stated with emphasis that "there need be no fear on the part of investors that this movement for national supervision and control over railways will be for their detriment."

#### An Adequate Currency for Australia.

THE United States is not alone in having to meet certain of the problems of currency reform dealt with in THE CHRONICLE'S review, last week, of solutions offered

by Dr. Fairchild, of Yale University. Bankers and publicists in Australia are concerning themselves earnestly with the formulating of a system of paper currency likely to be best adapted to the conditions of the Commonwealth. Owing to its distance from the world's great money centres, Australia has banking conditions peculiar to itself. Their contrast to Canadian conditions was brought out some time since in an address before the Institute of Bankers of New South Wales, by Mr. A. P. Stewart, chief inspector of The Australian Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

"The conditions which made the Canadian system at all possible in Canada are unknown to us, because we have no New York or London within a few hours or a few days of us in which to invest surplus cash on short terms or at call as the Canadians have. The banks in Australia usually have on hand-and as a matter of expediency must hold from  $\pounds 6$  to  $\pounds 7$  in coin for every pound they issue in notes-say, six sovereigns in hand for every note in the bush. This ratio is not necessary to secure and provide for the redemption of the bank-notes; but it is absolutely indispensable in order to provide for the daily-recurring exigencies of the business of the banks, and it is held by them at a cost of between £400,000 and £500,000 a year; while the Canadian banks can and do afford to run so closely to the wind that they usually issue about £4 in notes for every pound they hold in coin, and that without having to pay a heavy stamp tax to the Government for the privilege of issuing their own notes. The Canadians are in a position to take advantage of every opportunity, and many present themselves, to make their coin revenue-producing. This is a different state of things from what prevails with us, on account of our isolated position on the map of the world, and because of the difference in our environments we cannot afford to hold less coin than we do for general purposes."

The view is further expressed that "the time will never come in Australia when either the banks or the Government can safely issue a paper currency without having pound for pound behind it in coin."

That this apparently extreme opinion has prevailed largely in financial circles in Australia seems evident from the circumstance that a conference of bankers held in Melbourne some five years ago passed favourably upon the proposal that note-issues should be limited to the amount of coin and bullion held by each bank. Mr. Stewart's address makes evident, however, that there

is a strong tendency in some quarters to experiment along currency lines similar to, though not identical with those of Canada. Some evidence of the direct interest now being taken in the question is afforded by the recent holding of a fifty-guinea essay competition by the Bankers' Institute of New South Wales-the subject being "A Paper Currency for Australia." A number of the most eminent bankers throughout the commonwealth are now judging the essays submitted some weeks ago by the various contestants. It is expected that papers of practical value as well as of theoretical interest will be published as a result of the competition.

### M. L. H. & P. Report.

The sixth annual report of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company, covering the year ended April 30, 1907, shows gross earnings for

the twelve months to have amounted to \$3,453,490. Net profits, after providing for fixed charges, interest, etc., are stated at \$1,440,582. The gross increase for the year was, therefore, \$267,387, while the net advance was \$162,005. In view of continued increased cost of material and labour, this showing is to be considered most satisfactory. Four quarterly dividends of 1¼ p.c. were declared out of the net profits, each amounting to \$850,000, and there then remained a balance of \$590,582.

| Gross earnings<br>Expenses     | •<br>•    |     |       |      |              | \$3,453,490.34<br>1,529,270.10 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----|-------|------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Net earning<br>Interest on bo  | s<br>nds: | and | loans | s    | ::::::       | \$1,924,220.24<br>483,638,18   |
| Net profits .<br>Dividends pai | d         | • • |       |      | \$637,500.00 | \$1,440,582.06                 |
| Dividend paya                  | ıble      | May | 15,   | 1907 | 212,500.00   |                                |
| Surplus                        |           |     | •• •• |      | '            | \$590,582.06                   |

Adding to the year's surplus the \$901,158 brought forward from the preceding year, gave a total of \$1,491,740, out of which there were made appropriations amounting to \$386,892 for depreciations, renewals, insurance fund, contingent account and suspense account, leaving a balance to carry forward of \$1,104,848

## The Progress of Montreal.

We publish in this issue a detailed statistical table which shows at a glance the growth of Montreal since confederation down to 31st

December, 1006. There are many points dealt with in the special article accompanying the table which will well repay perusal, the writer having taken particular interest in Montreal affairs for many years.

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#### THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

A month ago, in THE CHRONICLE, attention was first directed to the fact that since last September the Canadian banks had drawn home a very large part of their investments abroad for use in the Dominion. As the article in question was widely noticed and as one gratifying feature of the April bank statement was a substantial increase in the foreign bank balances due to Canada, it will not be out of place to examine in detail a few of the changes shown in the April statement so as to find out how the improvement was effected and to see whether the movement homewards of our banks' resources still continues.

Comparing first the balances due to and due by outside banks at the ends of April and March the following result is obtained :

|  | 1907                      |                           |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| United Kingdom,                        | 31 Mch                    | 30 April.                 |  |  |  |
| Due to banks in United Kingdom<br>by " | \$13,460,111<br>2,433,654 | \$13,826,507<br>6,344,209 |  |  |  |
| Net amount due to U. K                 | \$11,026,457              | \$7,482,298               |  |  |  |
| Elsewhere.                             |                           |                           |  |  |  |
| Due by banks elsewhere                 | \$15,039,232              | \$17,789,601              |  |  |  |
| Due to " "                             | 2,963,304                 | 4,422,944                 |  |  |  |
| Net amount due by banks                |                           |                           |  |  |  |
| elsewhere                              | \$12,075,928              | \$13,366,657              |  |  |  |
| Summary.                               |                           |                           |  |  |  |
| Net due by elsewhere                   | \$12,075,928              | \$13,366,657              |  |  |  |
| Net due to U. K                        | 11,026,457                | 7,482,298                 |  |  |  |
| Net foreign balances                   | \$1,049,471               | \$5,884 359               |  |  |  |

It should be observed that the "balances due to banks elsewhere" are not, strictly speaking, overdrafts owing by our banks. Without a doubt a considerable part of them consist of deposits made in the central branches of our banks by American banks in the border cities.

A glance at the above figures shows that the overdrafts in London did not decrease during April. On the contrary a slight increase, some \$366,000, is shown. The improvement in the old country situation is due to the increase of nearly \$4,000,000 in the balances due by United Kingdom

banks. For that increase and for the increase of over \$2,500,000 shown in the balances due by banks elsewhere one institution, the Bank of Montreal, is chiefly responsible as the following figures show :

| Bank of Montreal.<br>Due by banks in U. K   | 31 Meh.<br>\$877,375<br>nil | 30 Apr.<br>\$4,215,105<br>nil                      |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Net due by U. K   | \$877,375                   | \$4,215,105  |
| Due by banks elsewhere  | \$2,483,833<br>nil          | \$4,836,264<br>nil                                 |
| Net due by banks elsewhere  | \$2,483,833                 | \$4,836,264  |
| Taking the general statement  | it is seen                  | that the   |
| banks changed their condition a   | s follows                   |  |
| Specie and legals increased<br>Notes and cheques other banks incre<br>Foreign bank balances increased<br>Current loans Canada increased | ased                        | \$2,600,000<br>1,700,000<br>4,800,000<br>7,100,000 |
| Note circulation decreased  |                             | \$16,200,000<br>3,500,000                          |
| The necessary funds were fou  | nd as fol                   | \$19,700.000<br>lows :                             |
| New capital and additions to rest<br>New deposits received  |                             | \$ 400,000<br>9,400,000<br>2,300,000               |
| Call loans, elsewhere decreased<br>Current loans, elsewhere decreased .   |                             | 2,900,000  |
| Securities decreased  |                             | 4,400,000  |

\$20,000,000

Proceeding to the matter of the net investment abroad the change in that is shown in the next table :

| Assets abroad.<br>Net foreign bank balances<br>Call loans elsewhere<br>Current loans elsewhere | 51 340 792                 | 30 April.<br>\$ 5,884,359<br>48,430,477<br>28,933,174 |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Less Deposits elsewhere  | \$85,695,451<br>63,133,226 | \$83,248,010<br>64,830,757                            |
| Net investment abroad  | \$22,562,225               | \$18,417,253  |

Thus it is apparent that the process of drawing home our banking capital was going on through the month of April. Though the banks did, to be sure, replenish their bank balances in London and New York to a certain extent, they did so by liquidating other kinds of foreign investments, notably the call and current loans.

Under these circumstances it is hardly surprising that money market conditions should show little or no improvement in April. The signs of a coming relaxation could be expected more reasonably in May. Another point to be remembered is that as a considerable portion of the overdrafts in London were undertaken because of the large produce shipments about to be forwarded to Europe upon the opening of the navigation season at Montreal Port, so there could not very well have been shown a reduction in the obligations due by our banks to London banks until the stuff started to go freely out; and that did not happen, as everybody knows, till well on in May.

Unless all signs fail, June should witness some moderating of the tight money troubles. But, at the same time, it is doubtful if conditions will get really easy, as the banks are still facing the fundamental causes that produced the stringencythe great demand or money from commercial, industrial, and munic pal sources. It is quite likely, owing to the rather peculiar state of affairs, that many of the banks will wish to run strong in cash during the summer and early autumn. The crop outlook is uncertain, taking the most optimistic view of it; the frequent recurrence of weak spells in the New York security markets is not exactly reassuring. And taken altogether, the attitude of the more cautious of the bankers who are advising their borrowing customers not to be reckless in assuming responsibilities has much to justify it.

#### LIFE INSURANCE AND STATE CONTROL.

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During the past year and more, the course of life insurance events in the United States has naturally been followed with interest throughout the civilized world. The Dominion's Insurance Commission is not alone in taking cognizance of recent legislative enactments by our neighbours to the south-though it is alone in its practical acceptance of their radical doctrines as to State paternalism in insurance matters. Possibly the recent remodelling of the French law relating to life insurance may have been affected somewhat by American events, but nowhere in Anglo-Saxondom, outside of Canada, does there seem to be a disposition to follow the lead of the United States in modifying existing conditions.

Insurance business in Australia is so live an issue that expert opinion there seems to have concerned itself closely as to United States "revelations and recommendations," with a view to determining whether in passing the contemplated Commonwealth Act there should be any radical modifying of present general conditions-modelled chiefly upon the English Act of 1870. The gist of the conclusions arrived at can be pretty well gathered from the report of a careful discussion following a paper on "The Function of the State in Relation to Life Assurance" delivered recently before the Insurance Institute of New South Wales, by Mr. A. M. Laughton. The key-note of general opinion seems given in the following sentences reported by The Review of Sydney: "The function of Government in general is to require the companies to give a tolerably accurate estimate of their financial condition. I think at the present stage of financial information and in view of the care that is bestowed on insurance and other financial matters by newspaper people, that if all the Medica-the less often the better-preferring nor-

publicity that is given under the Act now were still given, with the assistance of a few more particulars, public opinion as to the solvency of a life office would be established without the interference of the Government. State supervision is a failure in America, not perhaps because State supervision is wrong, but because Americans do not care to abide by the law." And again: "After all is said and done, the whole thing must be public opinion right through. If we are going to have a Commonwealth Act, let the statements required be as full as possible, so that outsiders may get a full idea of how companies stand." Reference is made with disapproval, to New York legislative interference in business details, and the question is asked: "It is all very well to compel the division of profits annually, but in what way would they deal with a company which charges very little in advance of non-profit rates, but which by careful management, and by tying up the profit for twenty years or more, makes a very successful business?"

Taken all in all, the opinions agree in this: that it is a natural evolution along British rather than American lines by which the Australian Commonwealth is to secure the best results in insurance matters. In advocating a valuation standard, Mr. Laughton goes a step further than his confreres -most of whom see no necessity for any legal minimum valuation basis. He is considered heretical, too, by some of them for advocating Government supervision of any sort. But his proposal is not for any undue interference with the affairs of a life company. The supervisor would be empowered only to call for an enquiry when he had reason to believe that a company's condition was such that it would be unsafe in the interests of its policy-holders to allow it to solicit new business. In defending his views against those who think that publicity alone is sufficient without any Government supervision, Mr. Laughton says: "So long as a company is doing a large business, the interests of its policy-holders will be sufficiently protected by publicity, because the agents of rival offices will not be slow to draw attention to its defects; but who is to look after the interests of the assured in a company after it has ceased to be regarded as a force to be reckoned with in competition? The press may be apathetic, and the policy-holders may not be impelled to take action themselves until the company has drifted into a position of hopeless insolvency." By which it will be seen that Mr. Laughton, like the members of the Royal Canadian Commission on Insurance, believes in Government authority. The difference is that the Australian would invoke Governmental interference as the wise physician does his Materia mal diet and exercise to drastic remedies. The American method, closely followed by the Commissioners, appears rather to depend upon the theory that legislative interference is a cure-all to be administered in large and somewhat indiscriminate doses, at any and all times. Which treatment is Canada to have?

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#### A GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE REPORT.

Part I. of the fourth annual report of the Department of Insurance of the District of has recently come to hand. Columbia It covers the business of all life and casualty insurance companies and assessment associations licensed to do business in the district. Fire and marine companies are included in Part II. The report of Superintendent Drake deals in detail with the financial condition of the companies at December 31, 1905, and gives a summary of their entire receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1006, together with statements of important current events pertaining to insurance up to that time. To those who are accustomed to grumble that the annual reports of the Dominion Insurance Department are tardy in appearing, it may be interesting to note that Superintendent Drake dates the preface of his report (covering the year 1905), Washington, November 10, 1906, and congratulates himself that "the work of the department, although we are still shorthanded, is fairly well brought up to date"-in proof of which it affords him "pleasure to state that this report (Part I.), will be ready for publication several months earlier than the preceding one, covering the business of 1004." However, the personal ability of Superintendent Drake is generally recognized; so that there can be no doubt as to "short handedness" in his department being the chief cause of delay.

While the statistics given in the report are scarcely up to date enough to warrant detailed attention, there are paragraphs in the Superintendent's prefatory remarks that are of marked interest and value—notably those regarding preliminary term valuations. There is an unbiased summary, too, of the course of events leading up to and following the New York and other state investigations of life companies. Regarding the outcome Superintendent Drake says:

The extraordinary test of solvency, to which life insurance companies were everywhere subjected on account of sensations that were caused by the investigation and that were heralded by telegraph and otherwise throughout the civilized world, stands alone in the history of financial institutions. The result furnished convincing proof of the absolute safety of the foundation upon which the old-line legal reserve system of life insurance is

based; and while, in some instances, unjustifiable extravagances were revealed, it is nevertheless gratifying to view the evidence in other cases where the companies had practiced the greatest economy, skill, and fidelity from the beginning. Both the new and the old business of many of the life insurance companies have suffered on account of the sensational heralding of the scandal through some unscrupulous newspapers of the country, but the effect of this is already passing away

#### COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.

To have met almost \$4,000,000 of San Francisco losses, out of the fire revenue account without recourse either to general reserve fund or profit and loss account is a record which speaks volumes for the strength of the Commercial Union Assurance Company. The comparatively slight effect of last year's unusual fire losses upon the cop pany's finances is attributable to the policy pursued in the past of adding to resources rather than dividing profits too freely-a policy not disadvantageous in the long run to shareholders, and certainly of great importance to policy-holders. Fire losses during 1906 amounted in all to over \$9,300,-000 or 78.8 p.c. of the premium income; but, as already mentioned, well as to \$4,000,000 of this, or 33.7 p.c. of the premium income, was due to the San Francisco Conflagration. Had it not, therefore, been for that disaster, the ratio would have been about 45 p.c., and the books would have shown a gratifying profit instead of a trading loss for the year. After providing for all losses of last year, the fire department of the Commercial Union exhibits resources consisting of the fire fund of \$10,002,305, a profit and loss balance of \$794,o85 (subject to dividend) and \$1,000,000 of general reserves-the total being practically equal to one year's premium income.

That growth and strength have advanced pari passu in the case of the Commercial Union is evident from the record of the past few years. The premium income of 1906 was \$11,805,255, an increase of \$1,431,305 over that for 1905. The total of annual increases in the six years of this century has been \$4,745,000, or nearly \$50,000 more than the company's aggregate fire premiums so recently as 1800. That continued growth-aside altogether from amalgamation results-and increasing strength are to characterize the company's future there is every reason to believe. As stated at the recent annual meeting by the Chairman, Mr. P Bence Tower, the directors "are determined to add to the reserves even more than in the past, so that the company's future may be assured beyond all question." The General Manager, Mr. E. Roger Owen, voiced the same resolve in touching upon the trying experiences of the year 1006. It would be the object of the management, he said, to make the best use of such experiences in guarding against and providing for future conflagration losses. Mr. Roger Owen in closing his remarks referred with marked appreciation "to the absolute loyalty and devotion of the branch managers throughout the world." Judged by the business energy and ability of the Manager for Canada, Mr. James McGregor, of Montreal, the general manager's encomiums were not undeserved.

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### THE SHIPPING OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The importance of Great Britain's shipping services to the world was referred to in THE CHRON-ICLE of May 3, in commenting upon that country's excess of imports over exports. As there pointed out, its exports are in the long run practically balancing its imports-otherwise the country would be constantly running into debt for the latter. The apparent anomaly is explained by the "invisible exports" of Great Britain-chief among which are the important services rendered in the carrying of foreign goods in British built and British owned ships. Some conception of the magnitude and economic value of the work thus done for the world's commerce may be formed from a study of the accompanying table published in the List of Shipping blue book recently to hand from the Dominion Department of Marine and Fisheries. The compilation, unfortunately, does not give information as to the part contributed by Colonial shipping to the Imperial aggregate. That this is not inconsiderable is evident from the fact that the total net tonnage registered for the Dominion-including inland and marine-is 654,179 tons, made up of 2,810 steamers and 4,702 sailing vessels. But a deduction of all colonial shipping would still leave Great Britain vastly ahead of its nearest-but distant-competitors the United States and Germany. And when it is remembered that a considerable proportion of United States shipping, for instance, is confined to domestic trade along that country's own extended coasts, it becomes evident that the international carrying services of British vessels are much greater than indicated by a tabulated statement of comparative tonnages. There would seem to be no exaggeration in the estimate made by Hon. R. F. Sutherland, speaking in New York recently, when he stated that Britain at present controls 55 or 60 p.c. of the oceangoing merchant marine of the world.

Col. A. M. Murray, in his recent book "Imperial Outposts," when referring to the essential importance of conserving shipping interests says: "We maintain our fleet at its present colossal strength not for the purpose of winning glory, but for the defence of our Imperial trade." A new sense of the "far-flung" extent of British shipping comes from a perusal of Col. Murray's treatment of the Empire's strategical and commercial position. The harbour of Hong Kong, for instance—that great shipping port of the world—is entered and cleared in one year by upwards of one hundred thousand ships with 25,000,000 or more tonnage, chiefly British.

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#### SUN INSURANCE OFFICE.

With a profit and loss balance of \$2,318,360 brought forward from 1905, The Sun Insurance Office was strongly equipped for meeting the unprecedented conflagration losses of 1006. San Francisco claims and expenses amounting to \$1.-750,000 were therefore settled during 1006, without in any way impairing the essential strength of the company. So noteworthy a showing is only in accord with the history of the Sun Office during its course of well on to two hundred years. The report of the directors for 1906 shows the company to have received a net premium income of \$7,358,-070, being an increase of \$761,420 over that for 1905. Losses paid and outstanding amounted to \$5,281,975, being at the rate of 71.78 p.c. on the premiums received. As was to be expected, the San Francisco disaster resulted in a net underwriting loss for the year. But the strength of the company was notably evidenced by the fact that an income of nearly \$500,000 from investments far more than outweighed the debit underwriting balance of \$350,000 that existed after fully providing for the usual current reserve of 40 p.c. of premiums.

The profit and loss account, after the strain upon it for conflagration losses, provided amply for the purchase of the Patriotic Assurance Company and for an increase to the company's pension fund, in addition to the payment of stock dividends leaving at the close of the year a credit balance of over \$800,000.

The total funds of the company, after providing for payment of January and July, 1907 dividends, are shown by the report to stand at \$12,126,645, there being a general reserve of \$6,750,000 in addition to the \$2,943,230 covering liabilities under current policies. That so strong a company commands absolute confidence throughout the world is not to be wondered at. In the Dominion its affairs are ably cared for by Mr. H. M. Blackburn, of Toronto.

#### The Tonnage of each of the Maritime States of the World,

Compiled from the Reportoire General for 1906-1907.

| Nationality.          | Ste <b>a</b> mers. | Gross<br>Tonnage of<br>Steamers. | Net<br>Tonnage of<br>Steamers. | Sailing<br>Vessels. | Net Tonnage<br>of Sailing<br>Vessels. | Total Net<br>Tonnage. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| British Empire        | 8,675              | 16,195,383                       | 9,923,944                      | 6,590               | 1 818,728                             | 11,742,672            |
| United States         | 933                | 1,768,119                        | 1,197,459                      | 3.811               | 1,504,234                             | 2,701,693             |
| Jerman                | 1,648              | 3,463,003                        | 2,124,180                      | 1,315               | 534,182                               | 2,648,362             |
| Norwegian.            | 1,097              | 1,168,117                        | 725,894                        | 1.628               | 757,908                               | 1,483,802             |
| French                | 917                | 1,283,712                        | 735,419                        | 1,710               | 529,686                               | 1,265,105             |
| Dussian               | 656                | 772,375                          | 471.093                        | 3,458               | 567,762                               | 1.038.855             |
| talian                | 380                | 777,580                          | 493,693                        | 1,501               | 489,580                               | 983 543               |
| apanese               | 734                | 983.524                          | 623,810                        | 1,325               | 167,010                               | 790,820               |
| wedish                | 805                | 637,203                          | 435,288                        | 1,568               | 265,048                               | 700,336               |
| Dutch                 | 434                | 706,241                          | 443,262                        | 653                 | 83,169                                | 526,431               |
| panish                | 469                | 677,483                          | 423,566                        | 550                 | 84,380                                | 507,946               |
| Danish .              | 469                | 584,883                          | 357,426                        | 981                 | 121,489                               | 478,914               |
| Preek                 | 220                | 355,845                          | 221,946                        | 883                 | 180,113                               | 402,059               |
| Austrian              | 287                | 609,799                          | 380,151                        | 99                  | 16,577                                | 396.728               |
| Austrian .<br>Turkish | 125                | 113 432                          | 70,800                         | 902                 | 186,690                               | 257,490               |
| Brazilian             | 225                | 154,197                          | 95,969                         | 306                 | 65,539                                | 161,508               |
| Belgian               | 146                | 170,315                          | 114,257                        | 8                   | 3,778                                 | 118,03                |
| Argentine             | 180                | 124,021                          | 73,106                         | 163                 | 43,817                                | 116,923               |
| Chilian               | 70                 | 86,336                           | 54,357                         | 91                  | 42,177                                | 96 53                 |
| Portuguese            | 55                 | 59,354                           | 36,652                         | 270                 | 46.744                                | 83,39                 |
| Cuban                 | 46                 | 54,067                           | 34,680                         | 119                 | 11,315                                | 45,99                 |
| Juguavan              | 33                 | 25.877                           | 16 104                         | 65                  | 25,902                                | 42,00                 |
| hinese                | 45                 | 61,802                           | 39.615                         | 8                   | 1,447                                 | 41.06                 |
| eruvian               | 6                  | 8,780                            | 5,687                          | 53                  | 21,943                                | 27,63                 |
| feruvian              | 35                 | 23,312                           | 14 141                         | 48                  | 9,173                                 | 23,31                 |
| dexican               | 27                 | 29,939                           | 15,997                         | 19                  | 3,408                                 | 19,40                 |
| Jonduras              |                    | 16,310                           | 10,400                         | 15                  | 257                                   | 10,65                 |
| londuras              | 21                 | 14,472                           | 8,031                          | 8                   | 2,480                                 | 10,51                 |
| gyptian               | 21                 | 1,753                            | 420                            | 8                   | 4,996                                 | 5,41                  |
| icaraguan             | 2                  | 1,100                            | 420                            | 22                  | 5,077                                 | 5.07                  |
| Iontenegrin           |                    | 3.951                            | 2.096                          | 19                  | 2,819                                 | 4 91                  |
| lenezuelan            |                    | 2,662                            | 1,556                          |                     | 2,056                                 | 3,61                  |
| faitian               | 65                 | 4,328                            | 2,629                          | 11                  | 2,030                                 | 2,73                  |
| Bulgarian             |                    | 3,597                            |                                |                     | 347                                   | 2,60                  |
| arawak                | 4                  | 3,591                            | 2,261                          |                     |                                       | 2,48                  |
| rabian                |                    | 3,359                            | 1.918                          | 33                  |                                       | 2.40                  |
| namese                |                    | 881                              |                                |                     |                                       | 1.84                  |
| olombian              | 1                  | 601                              | 457                            | 5                   |                                       | 1,77                  |
| uatemala              |                    |                                  |                                | 7                   | 1,770                                 | 1,50                  |
| orean                 | 3                  | 2,086                            | 1,561                          |                     |                                       | 1,24                  |
| Dominican             |                    | 1 290                            |                                | 9                   |                                       |                       |
| ersian                | 2                  | 1,328                            | 885                            | 1                   |                                       | 91                    |
| unisian               | 2                  | 581                              | 304                            | 3                   |                                       | 8                     |
| lawaiian              |                    |                                  |                                | 4                   |                                       | 6                     |
| .iberian              |                    |                                  |                                | 2                   | 686                                   | 6                     |
| Bolivian              |                    |                                  |                                | 1                   | 607                                   |                       |
| losta Rican           | 2                  | 528                              | 313                            | 1                   | 233                                   | 54                    |
| anaman                | 1                  | 748                              | 454                            |                     |                                       |                       |
| an Salvador           |                    |                                  |                                | 3                   | 454                                   | 4                     |
| anzibar               |                    | 508                              | 508                            |                     | • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •       | 3                     |
| araguay               | 1                  | 282                              | 232                            |                     |                                       | 2                     |
| longo                 | . 2                | 59 <b>9</b>                      | 200                            |                     |                                       | 2                     |
| Scuador               |                    |                                  |                                | 1 2                 |                                       | 1                     |
| Crete                 |                    |                                  |                                | 1                   | 111                                   | 1                     |
| Servian               | . 1                | 264                              | 102                            |                     |                                       | 1 1                   |
| Gibraltar             |                    |                                  |                                | 1                   |                                       |                       |
| Unknown               |                    | 8,560                            | 5,464                          | 20                  | 6,966                                 | 12,4                  |
|                       |                    | 30,962,939                       | 19,168,357                     | 28,161              | 7,608,250                             | 26.776.6              |

CANADA'S TOTAL APRIL TRADE was \$37,779,170, an increase of \$1,123,771 over April of last year. The imports were \$27,674,865, an increase of \$4,-628,226 over the same month last year. The exports amounted to \$10,104,305, a decrease of \$3,-504,455, owing largely to the lateness of the spring and inadequate transportation facilities. Exports of the mine decreased \$40,445; fisheries, \$76,879; forest, \$442,186; animals and their produce, \$904,-254; agriculture, \$1,302,271, and manufactures, \$650,551. The duty collected during the month was \$4,330,018, an increase of \$470,153. A FUND OF \$1,500,000 to be expended in fighting industrial oppression in the next three years was called for by President James W. Van Cleave, of the National Association of Manufacturers at their New York convention recent<sup>1</sup>y. President Van Cleave appointed a committee of thirty-five manufacturers to find a way to raise the money. Mr. Van Cleave announced his plan at the conclusion of his annual address, in which he declared the principles of the association to maintain the open shop, oppose the boycott, limitation of apprentices, and limitation of output, and to oppose dictation by labor unions.

#### WATER SUPPLY FOR BALTIMORE.

### Fire Chief's Novel Device for Fighting Large Fires.

The passage last month of a million-dollar fire loan opens up for Baltimore the opportunity to place itself in the first rank of fire-protected municipalities. The loan makes it possible to buy land and build additional engine and truck houses and to establish a high pressure pipe line for the business section of the city. Regarding the latter project Fire Chief Horton recommends to the fire board that pipes be laid through the streets which will on ordinary occasions carry the city water at a normal pressure of about 60 pounds. By a special "gate" contrivance this supply could be cut off in the event of a big fire that approached a conflagration in size, and water from the basin at a high pressure could be forced through the pipes by a pumping station. To cut off the city water and get the additional force for the water from the basin would require but a short time, and the department would then be in a position to fight a fire of any size.

He would do away with fire plugs entirely in the business section and, instead, would have surface connection with the mains in the middle of the street by means of openings, covered over with metal plates, like manholes. They would be, according to the plan, close together, say, only thirty feet apart. At each he would have one 412 inch connection, which would fit the fire engines, and two 21/2-inch connections, which would fit the regulation hose of the department. They could be used in case of a fire of not unusual size just as at present, with engines and hose. But in the event of a big fire, a conflagration that threatens whole city blocks, the plan offers opportunity for a device which Chief Horton speaks of as being an idea of his own. To the 412-inch connections could be screwed what are known as monitor nozzles. They are nozzles that would stand up from the ground for two or three feet, and, as they are operated by levers, they can be made to direct their stream in any direction. Once set in place, they will operate in a given direction until some one changes it by means of the lever. With a high-pressure pipe line, the stream could reach to a six-storey window, and the danger to men of being knocked over and perhaps having their legs or ankles broken in trying to handle a hose under high pressure would be entirely obviated.

With a flat-nozzle attachment big spreading fires can be fought. One of the nozzles will throw the stream in a perfect curtain more than 30 feet wide. From the hydrants situated only 30 feet apart could come just as many of these streams as would be needed, making a perfect curtain a block or more than that in length. The curtain could be directed by use of the levers to any reasonable altitude, and the men could then step back out of the danger line, the antomatic nozzles taking care of the fire. According to Chief Horton, danger to life and limb through falling cornices, breaking glass and similar occurrances would be avoided completely and that, too, with a far more adequate protection against the progress of the fire than could be obtained by the use of hose.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

#### The American Lawyer.

President Hadley, of Yale, has recently said that every man should know not only the technology of his profession but its political economy. By this is meant "that he should understand how to use the technical means at his command in such a way as to produce the maximum of public good." Too seldom is this ideal lifted up in our work-aday world, and the greater interest, therefore, attaches to a recent and noteworthy book entitled "The American Lawyer—as he was—as he is—as he can be." The author of this 185-page book is John R. Dos Passos, of the New York bar, and well known as the writer of such works as "The Law of Stock Brokers and Stock Exchanges," "Commercial Trusts," etc. The publishers are The Banks Law Publishing Co., of New York.

#### Federation Journal.

The Journal of the Federation of Insurance Institutes of Great Britain and Ireland, in its ninth volume maintains the interest and value of its articles upon insurance of various branches and aspects. The subjects treated include among others: Developments of Accident Insurance, by J. Corbet McBride; Chocolate and Cocoa Works, by A. F. Tooke; Guarantees and Treaties, by Wm. Blair; Legal Aspects of Life Assurance, by John L. Mounsey; Legal Matters Relating to Fire Insurance, by W. E. Farr; Life Assurance-Some Modern Aspects of Competition, by Wm. R. Mc-Ilvenna, F.F.A.; Motor Car Works, by G. K. Dixon; Portland Cement Works, by Fred. W. Panton; Some modification and Developments in Fire Insurance Business, by Samuel J. Pepkin; Assurance of Under-Average Lives, by Wm. Hughes, F.I.A.; Science of Minimizing Fire Waste, by G. J. Sheppard; The Ethics of Efficiency, by Inc. Loudon; Extra Hazard Involved in Electric Lighting & Electric Power Transmission. An index to the contents of volumes one to eight is a valuable reference feature of the volume. The publishers are C. & E. Layton, London.

#### The Indicator Chart.

The Indicator Chart, now in its 10th year of publication, has come to hand from the F. H. Leavenworth Publishing Co. of Detroit, Mich. In addition to United States legal reserve life companies, it deals with such Canadian companies as do business in the United States. We are in receipt also of the same publishers' Pocket Chart of co-operative life, accident and fraternal associations.

#### Ohio Report.

In a publication of the Ohio Insurance Department, Superintendent A. I. Vorys gives a summary of the standing at December 31, of all companies transacting the business of fire, marine, casualty, fidelity, surety, liability and credit insurance in that State. Fire and tornado risks written by Ohio stock companies aggregated \$54,775,000 with premiums received of \$667,000; losses paid were \$105,000, losses incurred \$201,000. The ratio of losses incurred to premiums received was 30.12 p.c. compared with 30.71 p.c. on the business of 1005. The stock companies of other states wrote \$721,-000,000 of fire and tornado business in Ohio; premiums received \$8,284,000, losses incurred \$3,340,-000; ratio of losses to premiums 40.32 p.c., as compared with 34.74 p.c. in 1005. All stock companies have at risk in Ohio, fire and tornado, a total of over \$1,223,000,000.

#### District of Columbia Report.

Part I. of the fourth annual insurance report of the District of Columbia, dealing with life and accident companies, is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Part II, which has more recently arrived, covers fire and marine companies in detail for the year ending December 31, 1905, with a summary of current events pertaining to the business up to the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1905.

#### The Manual of Statistics.

The Manual of Statistics for 1907, is the twentymuch annual issue of this standard reference publication. It contains in concise form valuable information regarding railroad and industrial corporations of the United States and Canada, government securities mining stocks and grain and cotton stocks. In fact its 1,064 pages give in compact form an invaluable fund of data and statisucs. Its utility is enhanced by an arrangement rendering reference to the contents of any section exceedingly easy. The present edition devotes much attention to the newer mining companies, a class of securities on which full and accurate information is often difficult to obtain. It gives throughout evidence of careful compilation and is a volume which investors cannot afford to be without. It is published by The Manual of Statistics Company, 20 Vesey Street, New York.

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#### PROPER BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

In a recent issue of THE CHRONICLE there appeared the first four recommendations of the new building code prepared by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The remaining six paragraphs cover the following points:

Fitth.-Require all chimneys to be built with brick walls not less than eight inches in thickness, continuously lined on the inside with well burnt clay or terra cotta pipe. Chimneys for high-pressure boilers shall have brick walls not less than twelve inches in thickness, the inside four inches of which shall be fire brick laid in fire mortar for a distance of twenty-five feet in any direction from the source of heat. All smoke flues which are heated to a high temperature by smelting furnaces, steam boilers and similar apparatus, shall be built with double walls of suitable thickness, with an air space between the walls, the inside four inches to be of fire brick laid in fire mortar for a distance of not less than twenty-five feet in any direction from the source of heat.

All pipes for hot air should be at least two inches from woodwork, and all steam pipes should be not less than one inch from wood-work.

Sixth.—Special attention should be given to large area buildings and buildings of excessive height. The necessity of avoiding, as far as possible, vertical openings in such buildings, particularly when occupied for mercantile and manufacturing purposes, is apparent. Experience has shown that these buildings are dangerous as conflagration breeders.

Seventh.—Provide for the proper care and removal of ashes and all rubbish and dirt from buildings, especially from cellars, attics and yards. Authority should be given the Chief of the Fire Department to enforce this regulation and the regulation covering the handling and storage of explosives.

*Eighth.*—Require all electric wiring to be installed in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Electrical Code.

*Ninth.*—Install suitable internal appliances for extinguishing fires, viz. automatic sprinklers, stand-pipe and hose, chemical fire extinguishers and fire pails.

*Tenth.*—Examination of the Fire Department and Public Water Works should be made at fixed intervals by the city authorities. Many of our cities have outgrown their public facilities for extinguishing fires and the authorities should make careful study of this question with a view to extending the fire department and water supply service, including water mains and hydrants of modern types, not only making them adequate for present necessities, but also providing for future demands.

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#### GENERAL ANIMALS INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

The General Animals' Insurance Company of Canada is being organized by special Dominion charter with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000. Subscriptions are being invited for \$100,000, 30 p.c. of which will be called up; 15 p.c. cash on allotment of stock, and 15 p.c. in four months. The object of the company is to protect live stock. There are several companies of a similar character in Europe which seem to transact a profitable business. Canada should offer good prospects for a company of this description

The head office will be in the Guardian building, Montreal. The President of the company is Mr. Albert P. Frigon, Vice-President, Mr. L. A. D'Armour, V.S., purchasing agent for the fire department, Montreal.

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A PETITION OPPOSING the confirmation of the sale of the Toledo Railways & Terminal Company was filed in the United States Circuit Court Tuesday by the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Company. It alleges that J. Pierpont Morgan and his business allies entered into a conspiracy when the Terminal road was sold, and that a committee representing the bondholders bought the road for \$2,000,000. It further charges that the creditors were prevented from bidding on the road by a prearranged plan of Morgan and his atlies.

#### THE CITY OF MONTREAL'S STATISTICS.

#### Exhibit of City's Growth in Thirty-Nine Years from 1868, to December 31, 1906, Inclusive; Valuation, Debt, Population and Exemptions.

The table printed on the opposite page, giving the financial history of the City of Montreal from 1868 to 1906 inclusive—that is, for each year since Confederation—should be of great value to all who are interested in the growth of the commercial capital of the Dominion. The following table will show at a glance the principal increases which have taken place since 1868:

Taxable.

|              |      | Property                  |                                      |                                  | Net Annual                         | Exempted                              |
|--------------|------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1868         | •••• | \$39,174,120 71,302,391   | Debt. P<br>\$5,157,386<br>11,598,744 | opulation.<br>102,150<br>140,830 | Revenue,<br>\$778,288<br>1,533,078 | property.<br>26,017,800<br>14,657,500 |
| 1888<br>1898 |      | 89,634,093<br>142,223,500 | 13,067,956<br>27,878,001             | 198,230<br>252,830               | 2,095,411<br>3,078,839             | 19,131,420<br>36,160,845              |
| 1906         |      | 200,964,594               | 32,454,620                           | 337,496                          | 4,541,056                          | 53,704,795                            |

In the year 1868 the taxable valuation of property in Montreal was \$30,174,120, on the 31st of December, 1906, it was \$200,964,594. The increase in the value of property exempt from taxation is also remarkable. In 1868 it was \$6,017,800, in 1906 it was \$53,704,795. It is only right to state that in speaking of the exempt property it includes not only the buildings and lands belonging to religious institutions, but also Dominion, Provincial and Civic properties. That the amount of property exempt from taxation is altogether out of proportion, there can be only one opinion. We have always advocated that all land in this city should be taxable, except land upon which churches, hospitals, schools, and strictly religious and charitable institutions are erected. It does appear anomalous that immense tracts of land which have increased in value twenty-fold, through the general growth of the city and through fire and police protection, road construction, water supply and other civic services, should be free from taxation, especially when these lands are held practically for sale or speculative purposes.

During the period indicated the debt has naturally increased. In 1868 the total indebtedness amounted to \$5,157,386; on December 31, 1906, it was \$32,454,620. It is only fair to state, however, that the city has good assets, consisting of waterworks, parks, buildings of various descriptions, etc., amounting to \$24,707,303, the water-works alone figuring at about \$10,000,000, so that the net debt of the city is not by any means large.

With regard to population there is probably no other city in the United States or Canada which occupies the same position. Montreal is surrounded by suburbs, only three or four or which have within recent years been annexed to it. These suburbs are divided from the city only by an imaginary line, which is hard to define. Some of our principal streets are partly in Montreal and partly in the suburbs. For instance, Notre Dame, St. James, St. Lawrence Main, St. Catherine, St. Denis, and Sherbrooke streets. It is, therefore, difficult to define the exact population of Montreal. The population of the city proper is given as 337,496, but with the adjacent suburbs it is over 400,000.

The annexation of these outlying portions of the city, if they can be so-called, should receive the immediate attention of the civic government. It is unnecessary to reiterate the reasons which have been stated over and over again, why these places should be absorbed. They practically derive their sustenance from the city. Under present conditions, if it may be said without offense, they are simply parasites upon Montreal. There are eight or ten suburbs, like Westmount, Outremont, Cote des Neiges, St. Louis, Maisonneuve, Verdun, Cote St. Paul, and Montreal West, which for hygienic, geographical, protective, and every other prudential consideration, cannot be annexed too soon. There is one thing certain and that is, that annexation or absorption is bound to take place, in the natural course of events. It is, therefore, better that arrangements should be made, as soon as possible, not only for the reasons stated above, but because these municipalities will largely increase their indebtedness, which will have to be assumed by the city, although it has nothing to say about incurring the responsibility. In other words they will go in for all the improvements they can think of before becoming annexed. Indeed the writer has advocated the annexation of the whole Island of Montreal. It is quite conceivable that there are many difficulties to be straightened out in connection with a scheme of this character, such, for instance, as dealing with farm lands. But an equitable basis could be arranged for this by treating these properties as farm lands, until divided into building lots and then another scale of valuation could be assumed and so on. We look forward to this being accomplished and the whole Island consolidated into a GREATER MONTREAL It is to be hoped that at least the adjoining municipalities will be absorbed before the next Dominion Census is taken. Montreal being the commercial capital and at the head of navigation, will naturally keep pace with the growth of the Dominion generally and it is expected that within the next decade she will have a population of at least 1,000,000.

The revenue of the city has grown from  $$778_{e}$  288 in 1868, to \$4,541,056 in 1906. This, however, includes the school taxes. At the same time it is a respectable revenue and even allowing for the

## **City of Montreal Statistics.**

Compiled Specially for The Chronicle.

Table Showing the Assessed Value of City Property, the Net Debt, Revenue, Population, Assets, and Exemptions from 1868 to 1906.

| Tear. | Value of tax-<br>able property<br>(not including<br>non-taxable<br>or exempted<br>property.) | Total<br>Indebtedness. | Cash in Banks<br>due by<br>Proprietors,<br>etc. | Net Debt.  | Ratio of<br>Debt to<br>valua-<br>tion of<br>taxable<br>prop'ty | Population. | Value of<br>Property<br>per capita<br>on total<br>Valua-<br>tion. | Net<br>Debt<br>per<br>Capita. | Net<br>Annual<br>Kevenue. | Exempted<br>Property. | Asset  |
|-------|--|------------------------|---|------------|--|-------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|
|       | \$   | \$                     | \$  | \$         |  |             | \$  | \$                            | \$                        | \$                    |  |
| 8     | 39,174,120   | 5,157,386              | 369,925   | 4,787,461  | 12 2   | 102,150     | 442   | 46 86                         | 779,288                   | 6,017,800             | ks. Parks and Real Estate, amounting to<br>connection with improvements, cash on |
| 9     | 40,913,650   | 5,166,530              | 251,176   | 4,915,454  | 12   | 103,840     | 454   | 47 33                         | 783,644                   | 6,279,700             | 84   |
| 0     | 43,202,240   | 5,322,839              | 303,802   | 5,019,047  | 11 6   | 105,530     | 476   | 47 56                         | 805,656                   | 7,062,200             | tinti  |
| 1     | 45,944,800   | 5,395,152              | 253,951   | 5,141,201  | 11 2   | 107,220     | 497   | 47 95                         | 848,380                   | 7,258,400             | 8.0  |
| 2     | 47,583,260   | 6,058,969              | 448,009   | 5,610 300  | 11.8   | 112,020     | 500   | 50 00                         | 891,232                   | 8,407,450             | 1 1  |
| ÷     | 54,319,590   | 7,718,275              | 1,215,739                                       | 6,502,536  | 11 9   | 116,820     | 540   | 55 67                         | 1.083,074                 | 9,801,500             | 8,9  |
| 3     | 66,164,000   | 9,763,031              | 2,064,384                                       | 7,098,648  | 11 6   | 121,620     | 575   | 63 30                         | 1.107,392                 | 9.865,500             | ve   |
|       | 79,253,565   | 10,285,548             | 1,241,728                                       | 9,043,820  | 11 4   | 126,430     | 718   | 71 52                         | 1,313,414                 | 11,555,500            | ro it  |
| 5     | 81,208,215   | 11,658,798             | 1.494,192                                       | 10,164,606 | 12 5   | 131,230     | 716   | 77 45                         | 1,550,042                 | 12,743,800            |  |
| 6     | 78,401,131   | 11,751,476             | 1,084,643                                       | 10,666,833 | 13 6   | 136,030     | 669   | 78 41                         | 1,563,388                 | 12,578,200            | ea -   |
| 7     | 71,302,394   | 11,598,744             | 1,190,660                                       | 10,408,084 | 14 6   | 140,830     | 610   | 73 19                         | 1,533,078                 | 14,657.500            | H.   |
| ð     | 65,595,605   | 11,692,492             | 1,397,426                                       | 10,295,066 | 15 7   | 145,630     | 516   | 70 80                         | 1,503,537                 | 13,964,050            | pu   |
| 9     | 64,625,359   | 11,730,886             | 1,538,356                                       | 10,192,530 | 15 8   | 150,430     | 521   | 67 75                         | 1,495,640                 | 13,762,400            | 8 8  |
| 0     |  | 11,693,628             | 1,512,640                                       | 10,180,988 | 15 4   | 155,230     | 514   | 65 58                         | 1,617,117                 | 13,790,100            | rk i   |
| 1     | 65,978,930   | 11,874,786             | 1,808,248                                       | 10,066,538 | 14 8   | 161,380     | 568   | 62 37                         | 1,613,221                 | 14,117.900            | Pa   |
| 2 .   | 67,846,667   | 11,734,017             | 1,804,008                                       | 9,929,919  | 14 2   | 167,520     | 502   | 59 39                         | 1,670,280                 | 14,359,000            |  |
| 3.,   | 69,800,013   |                        | 1,995,149                                       | 9,859,959  | 13 5   | 173,660     | 508   | 56 77                         | 1,732,820                 | 15,324,084            | rk.  |
| 4     | 73,003,485   | 11,855,108             | 2,339,383                                       | 10,195,530 | 13 7   | 179,800     | 500   | 57 20                         | 1,746,020                 | 15,568,816            | ng of Water Works.   |
| 5     | 74,276,184   | 11,534,807             |   | 10,195,550 | 13 2   | 185,940     | 508   | 55 33                         | 1,908,852                 | 16,519,490            | 1.1  |
| 6     | 77,937,858   | 12,817,204             | 2,519,815                                       |            |  | 192,090     | 530   | 56 24                         | 1,948,393                 | 17,921,665            | ater   |
| 7     | 83,836,847   | 13,655,736             | 2,851,986                                       | 10,803,750 | 12 6   | 192,030     | 548   | 56 80                         | 2,095,411                 | 19,131,420            | N.a  |
| 8     | 89,634,093   | 13,067,956             | 1,797,855                                       | 11,270,101 |  |             | 566   | 64 07                         | 2,222,097                 | 19,749,210            | of W   |
| 9     | 95,913,927   | 14,283,922             | 1,488,036                                       | 13,095,886 | 13 6   | 204,370     | 583   | 68 87                         | 2,240,931                 | 20,879,920            | 1 Se   |
| 0     | 101,979,939  | 15,734,444             | 1,236,893                                       | 14,497,651 | 14 2   | 210,510     |   | 76 66                         | 2,440,076                 | 21,165,020            | E.   |
| 1     | 107,247,980  | 21,993,630             | 5,384,153                                       | 16,609,417 | 15 4   | 216,650     | 592   |                               | 2,440.076                 | 22,795,170            | ist  |
| 2     | 113,463,195  | 23,522,029             | 5,344,478                                       | 18,177,651 | 16   | 220,765     | 617   | 82 34                         |                           | 34,185,894            | u.   |
| 3     | 130,834,241  | 22,850,656             | 2,854,045                                       | 19,996,611 | 15 3   | 224,880     | 733   | 88 92                         | 2,651,155                 | 35,188,550            | ĕ  |
| 4     | 135,268,765  | 25,838,395             | 2,523,888                                       | 23,314,507 | 17 2   | •234,170    | 732   | 99 56                         | 2,743,335                 |                       |  |
| 5     | 137,872,695  | 26,684,433             |   | 25,046,341 | 18 1   | 238,840     | 731   | 104 87                        | 2.757,660                 | 35,954,300            | el ni stass  |
| 6     | 139,969,345  | 26,478,864             |   | 25,081,303 |  | 243,500     | 724   | 103 00                        | 2,866,061                 | 36,267,765            |  |
| 17.   | 140,821,935  | 26,656,282             | 1,553,835                                       | 25,102,447 |  | 248,165     | 713   | 101 15                        | 2,921,925                 | 36,059,765            | a  |
| 8.    | 142,223,500  | 27,878,004             | 2,021,351                                       | 25,856,653 |  | 252,830     | 706   | 102 27                        | 3,078,839                 | 36,160,845            | ET   |
| 9     | 149,248,485  | 27,488,720             | 1,375,301                                       | 26,113,419 |  | 257,500     | 720   | 101 41                        | 3,004,728                 | 36,218,626            | 1  |
| 0.    |  | 27,770,642             | 1,139,785                                       | 26,627,857 | 17 9   | 262,160     | 706   | 101 57                        | 3.157,614                 | 37,133,275            | 1 7  |
| 1     | 150,479,863  | 28,047,346             |   | 26,854,137 | 17 8   | +266,826    | 707   | 100 64                        | 3,433,235                 | 38,254.130            |  |
| 2     |  | 28,865,649             |   | 27,293,204 | 17 6   | 272,696     | 711   | 100 01                        | 3,379,219                 | 39,398,535            |  |
| 3.    |  | 28,624,795             |   | 27,602,334 |  | 278,695     | 715   | 99 27                         | 3,554,429                 | 40,767,105            |  |
| )4    |  | 29,547,943             |   | 27,720,134 |  | 284,826     | 723   | 97 32                         | 3,695,256                 | 42,911,815            |  |
| 15.   |  | 29,640,415             |   | 28,319,651 |  | 291,092     | 752   | 57 28                         | 4,149,562                 | 46 443,155            |  |
| 06.   |  |                        |   | 31,200,437 |  | \$ 337,496  | 754   | 92 44                         | 4,541,056                 | 53,704,795            | ,  |

payment of about \$1,100,000 for interest, a good deal should be accomplished with the balance. The value of real estate has increased remarkably. It is considered that there are few better investments in this city to-day than real estate. The character of the buildings being erected is of the best class and will, naturally, very materially increase the revenue of the city. When the new buildings now in contemplation for the coming year are completed, it should mean an addition of three or four hundred thousand dollars to the civic revenue without adding materially to the expenditure, so that we may reasonably expect that in another year, the city's net revenue will exceed the \$4,000,000 mark.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY SMITH for over twenty years manager at the head office of the Ontario Bank at the corner of Wellington and Scott streets, Toronto, and since the collapse of that institution manager of the Bank of Montreal branch at that corner, died suddenly on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Smith's health had been poor for some time, although it seemed improved after a recent five months' trip.

THE METROPOLITAN BANK has declared a quarterly dividend of 2 p.c. payable on and after the second day of July. Transfer books will be closed from 17th to 10th inst.

THE UNION BANK OF CANADA is issuing \$1,000,-000 new stock to shareholders at \$140 per share.

The Dominion's manufactures Manufactures have almost doubled in five of the Dominion. years. A bulletin has been issu-

ed by the census bureau on the result of the manufacturers' census, which was taken a short time ago. In the calendar year 1905 the value of the manufactures in Canada produced by works employing five persons or more was \$712,664,835, while in 1900 the value of the output was \$481,053.375.

Total values by provinces are as follows, Canada not complete :

|                              | 1900          | 1905.         |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Canada (incomplete)          | \$481,053,375 | \$712,664,835 |
| British Columbia             | 19,447.778    | 38,013,515    |
| Manitoba (incomplete)        | 12,927,439    | 27,609,268    |
| New Brunswick                | 20,972,470    | 22,133,681    |
| Nova Scotia                  | 23,592,513    | 32,545,939    |
| Ontario (incomplete)         |               | 365 692,144   |
| Prince Edward Island         | 2,326,708     | 1,851,615     |
| Quebec (incomplete)          | 158,287 994   | 217,224,073   |
| The Territories (incomplete) | 1,964,987     | 7,594,600     |

For the leading cities of Montreal and Toronto the totals are given as follows:

|          |  |  |  | 1900             | 1905.        |
|----------|--|--|--|------------------|--------------|
| Montreal |  |  |  | <br>\$71,099,750 | \$99,746,772 |
| Toronto  |  |  |  |                  | 84,689,253   |

#### The Gas and Electric Light Question.

The gas and electric light problem remains practically in the same position it has been. The sliding scale idea seems

to meet with some favour, although we are afraid that its meaning is not quite clear to the majority of citizens. We are still of the opinion, that the best settlement of this vexed question would be found on the lines suggested in this journal, that is for the city to become a partner in and get its fair share of the profits of the business. At the present time, owing to the ten years' limit on any franchise that can be given, the M. L. H. & P. Company would seem to be one ahead, for it will be readily understood that investors will not put their money into a rival concern on such a limited franchise. It practically kills serious competition. The company evidently had its friends at Quebec

## Newfoundland.

At the dinner given in London to Sir Robert Bond, there were two significant incidents. One

was Mr. Chamberlain's letter urging that the Island should enter the Dominion. The other was Sir Robert's own admission that while he was not prepared to recommend immediate action in this direction neither was he prepared to deny that the permanent welfare of Newfoundland depended upon the Ancient Colony blending its interests with those of Canada. Newfoundland has everything to gain by combining her destinies with Can-

The Payne Mine which was once The Payne Mine. such a very promising proposi-

tion, and which like a great many other mining industries proved not to be the bonanza which the unfortunate shareholders anticipated, was sold by public auction, by Messrs. Fraser Bros., and was acquired by Senator Forget for \$60,000. The bidding started at \$800 and jumped up to the above mentioned price, when it was awarded to the senator.

A civic reception is to be given Civic Reception to on Saturday at two o'clock, to Prince Fushimi. General H. I. H. Prince Fushimi, G.C.B. There cannot be too general recognition of the cordial relations existing between Japan and Great Britain, nor of the certain development of great and close business relations between Japan and Canada. We feel sure that Prince Fushimi's reception in Montreal will be a cordial one.

### Degeneracy in Athletic Sports.

We are sorry to see that our athletic sports are degenerating and that in these days it is not unusual for players to be brought

before the courts and charged with assault. To all those who take an interest in athletics, and their name is legion, it would seem that some stop should be put to this unsportsmanlike condition of affairs. Cannot our clubs combine to clear the atmosphere? Let us have good wholesome sports not slaughtering matches.

Winnipeg is to have a distillery Winnipeg's and judging from the combination New Industry. of interests announced it is evident that the distillers look forward to

the transaction of a big business in this western city. Judging from results, there is one thing to be said for distilling and that is that it is about the best money-making business known.

## Conference.

The Imperial Conference, accord-The Imperial ing to the official reports, was most harmonious, everything being carried on in the most cordial and

courteous manner. Nevertheless the sensational newspapers managed to get in their oar. However, the sensational part has been found to have no more substantial foundation than a lively imagination.

British consols on the 5th instant, Consols. reached the lowest record in sixty years, namely, 8234. The price yesterday was 8313-16.

The Irish Bill.

As was anticipated the Irish Bill, about which there has been so much talk, has been dropped. It

pleased nobody apparently.

#### Features of New York Market.

Up to the Memorial Day holiday the New York stock market of last week was characterized by general depression, following

upon the abrupt price fall of the Monday preceding. The continued strength of grain contributed somewhat to the stock market condition, and the absence of public interest was even more noticeable than during the week or two preceding. President Roosevelt's speech at Indianapolis, on Thursday, contained nothing alarming to the street, and Friday's tone for a time was somewhat brighter, though the activity appeared for the most part to be on account of recovering purchases of stock by the short interests. Some real basis for the improved feeling was the showing of net earnings for April of Reading and other coal roads. While crop conditions throughout the country really improved somewhat, local weather was so abnormal as undoubtedly to affect the public temperamentally in its estimate of crop prospects. There were no evidences of any real improvement in investment activity, and a sagging movement began later in the day, when the earlier professional buyers began to sell upon forecasts of an unfavourable bank statement.

The bank statement showed a reduction of surplus, due to large loan expansion. Discounts in London declined with the turn of the month, but foreign exchange held steady in New York. An element of money market uncertainty was the question of a withdrawal of government deposits from the banks during June to provide for the July 1 redemption of about \$40,000,000 of 4 p.c. bonds. Last week's exports of \$3,300,000 gold were not largely reflected in the bank statement because made chiefly too late to affect the daily average on which the Saturday return is based. So far as New York was concerned the net loss of cash for the week was only about \$1,000,000, there being a gain of over \$2,000,000 from interior markets to partially offset the outgo of gold to Europe.

Heavy declines were again a feature of the Monday market, some important stocks going even lower than at the beginning of the previous week -this being especially the case with the Pacific railroads and copper industrials. The weakness of the latter was to be accounted for by the severe decline in London prices of the metal. Other declines seem to have been due to no outstanding causes. Doubtless, however, some disturbance of sentiment was due to continued gold engagements for Paris, and London, as well as to unconfirmed rumours of financial troubles which, though warded off after the March slump, were now about to materialize. The lack of confirmation of these "croakings of evil" and an improvement in crop

reports led to considerable covering by shorts later in the day, so that substantial recovery was made in the price level. What with further short covering, and brighter wheat and cotton reports, prices showed improvement on Tuesday, though transactions continued small in volume. Fresh reports as to railroad net earnings, and rumours that the Harriman prosecution was not to be pushed, were further factors in the day's movement. Counter influences were an engagement of \$500,000 gold for Wednesday's export, and the announcement that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company had decided to issue \$21,000,000 new stock at par.

Wednesday witnessed a drop again in prices, and operators became apparently distrustful. Both the wheat and cotton crops were affected somewhat by the recurrence of crop damage reports. Washington despatches pointed to Mr. Harriman being closely pressed in the investigation. Engagements of gold for shipment to Paris yesterday amounted to \$1,000,000 bringing the total for the movement up to \$6,800,000. Some rally, due to short covering, took place during the last hour. Bonds were irregular throughout.

London financial writers in-European Securities cline with Lord Rothschild and Money Markets. to blame the so-termed social-

istic leanings of the present British, French and United States Governments for recent depression in the security markets. It is possible to overestimate the results of any such influence and the explanation, however solemnly given, scarcely carries conviction as being more than a partial one at most. Roosevelt's railway speech seems to have been generally regarded as reassuring, his programme being referred to by The Economist as not more drastic than abnormal railway conditions in America demand. Following the speech there was a considerable rally in Americans, so that the final London prices showed a loss for last week of only about 2 points. Money was comparatively scarce during the week owing to month-end requirements, but the dividend distribution at the end of the week eased the situation somewhat. While rates continued easy on Monday the London Stock Exchange failed to benefit by them, transactions being narrow and prices depressed owing to recent liquidation and further gold exports to France. Americans were weak as a result of the disappointing tone of New York's market on Saturday and its poor bank statement. Tuesday's stock prices in London showed some further declines in British securities, consols touching a new low record of 8334, but closing considerably firmer.

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Americans opened at about parity, weakened in the forenoon, and picked up near the close. Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk were supported in their good earnings.

Paris has been drawing gold from London for many weeks and has more recently added New York to its sources of supply. It is the policy of the Bank of France to make good the losses of the metal which, in the past year, have reduced its gold reserve to £14,000,000. Russia's internal difficulties are of especial concern to Paris on account of its intimate interest in the public debt of that country. Germany's money market difficulties are bound to affect largely immediate international conditions. The continuance of gold arrivals from America and the possible reduction of the Reichsbank rate are considered only temporary relief measures. Stringency is likely to increase during the present month. Among the financial features of last week was the Bavarian Government's 4 p.c. loan of 40,000,000 marks, redeemable in 1015. Both in Paris and Berlin, there was some shaking off of security market lethargy following the reports of President Roosevelt's speech, but in the Bourse a stopper was put on business at the end of the week on account of the monthly settlement. Money for end-of-the-month needs was plentiful, bankers not being able to keep rates up in view of the small amount of speculation.

By Wednesday, London Stock Exchange business seemed gradually recovering from recent depression. Money supplies were limited and freely absorbed. On account of fears of further gold exports to France, discounts were firm. Crop reports and New York closing quotations led to Americans receiving more favourable attention, but later in the day their improvement disappeared on word of New York opening dull.

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THE ISSUE OF NEW SECURITIES in the United States during May aggregated \$202,560,000. Of the issues which go to make up the total the \$75,-000,000 Union Pacific convertible bonds, the \$36,-000,000 Southern Pacific stock, \$26,000,000 Atchison 5 p.c. convertibles, \$15,000,000 Interborough-Metropolitan notes, \$10,000,000 Delaware & Hudson equipment bonds and the \$10,000,000 Rock Island refunding bonds have been the ones in which the public took the most interest. Apart from these the General Electric Company decided to issue \$13,000,000 5 p.c. convertible bonds, and the North American Company \$5,000,000 in 5 p.c. notes.

In each of the above cases the borrowing corporations, with the possible exception of the Interborough-Metropolitan Company, paid from 5 p.c. to 5¼ p.c. for their money.

#### In The Financial Realm

GROSS EARNINGS of all railroads in the United States which have thus far reported for the three weeks of May are \$22,304,232, an increase of 14.5 p.c. over the corresponding time last year. Classified returns for April are now as follows:

| U. S. Roads | . 6,308,000    | Gain.<br>\$17,479,563<br>846,000<br>371,586 | 15.5 |
|-------------|----------------|---|------|
| Total       | \$114,,314,050 | \$18,697,149                                | 19.6 |

THE DIRECTORS OF THE TRETHEWEY MINE have decided to pass the next dividend, and to use the money to build a concentrator and to sink a deep shaft, on the advice of their consulting engineer, Mr. Frank C. Loring. The statement shows cash on hand and ore ready for shipment, \$60,000; ore reserves approximately \$600,000, including \$200,-000 concentrating ore. This does not include recent new discoveries.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD and its allied lines, show a decrease of \$1,269,300, in net earnings in the four months ending April 30, 1906, as compared wth the record of the similar period of 1905. Officers of the company attribute this falling off to the enormous growth in expenditures, caused largely by the increase in wages since December 1.

TWIN CITY reports for April:

|                      | 1907.       | 1906.       | Inc.      |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Gross earnings       | \$465,220   | \$415,413   | \$49,807  |
| Net earnings         | 247,131     | 218,257     | 28,874    |
| Surplus              | 131,873     | 108,549     | 23,324    |
| From January 1 to Ap | oril 30-    |             |           |
| Gross earnings       | \$1,821,162 | \$1,621,914 | \$199,248 |
| Net earnings         | 908,776     | 832,340     | 76,436    |
| Surplus              |             | 393,507     | 54,236    |

BANK CLEARINGS in United States cities, outside of New York, have to date shown general increases this year over the 1906 record. Including New York the showing-is as follows:

| First | Quarter | <br>1907.<br>\$512,976,000 | 1906.<br>\$515,198,000 | 1905.<br>\$444,098,000 |
|-------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| May   |         | <br>427,357,000            | 467,634,000            | 428,962,000            |
| April |         | <br>440,246,000            | 474,884,000            | 485,163,000            |

THE QUEBEC BANK'S annual report shows net profits for the year of \$300,000 of which \$175,000 was used in paying dividends equal to 7 p.c. on the capital stock, while \$100,000 was added to the rest fund, which now stands at \$1,250,000, or 50 p.c. of the paid-up capital.

SOO RAILWAY NET EARNINGS increased \$64,044 for April over the corresponding showing of 1906. The gross in April increased \$276,727. For the ten months the gross increased \$824,958, and the net decreased \$529,105.

DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHERN BANK have declared an initial dividend of 21/2 p.c. upon the paid-up capital for the half-year ending June 30, 1907. Payment will be made on July 2, to holders of record on June 15.

THE CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS at the port of Montreal last month amounted to \$1,558,075, a figure which breaks al previous May records. BANK CLEARINGS as compiled by Bradstreet's, for the week ending May 30, are as follow, showing percentage of increase and decrease as comnared with the corresponding week last year.

| pared with  | the  | come | sponding week last yea |           |
|-------------|------|------|------------------------|-----------|
| Montreal    |      |      |                        | Inc. 4.1  |
|             |      |      |                        | Inc. 13.4 |
|             |      |      | 9,911,000              | Inc. 5.2  |
|             |      |      | 2,436,000              | Inc. 28.0 |
|             |      |      |                        | Inc. 35.0 |
|             |      |      |                        | Dec. 23.4 |
|             |      |      |                        | Dec. 2.1  |
|             |      |      | 1,490,000              | Inc. 7.4  |
| St John N.I | 3    |      | 1,112,000              | Inc. 20.3 |
| London Ont  |      |      | 1,019,000              | Dec. 3.06 |
|             |      |      |                        | Inc. 68.2 |
|             |      |      | 1,223,000              | Inc. 34.6 |
| Edmonton, A | Ita. |      |                        |           |

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS for the five months ending May, were as follows:

| chung may, | <br>1907.         | 1906.         | Inc.         |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| January    | <br>\$128,194,689 | \$129,415,513 | *\$1,220,724 |
| February   | 107,654,099       | 121,910,224   | +14,256,125  |
| March      | 125,041,649       | 119,615,094   | 5,426,555    |
| April      | <br>117,054,593   | 107,582,636   | 9,471,912    |
| May        | 135,587,821       | 126,938,678   | 8,649,143    |
| Total      | <br>\$613,532,851 | \$605,462,095 | \$8,070,761  |

\*Decrease.

THE NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT of last week showed the following changes :

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|------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Surplus                      | Dec. | \$ 2,906,425 |
| Loans                        | Inc. | 13,541,600   |
| Specie                       | Inc. | 738,400      |
| Legal tenders                | Inc. | 243,700      |
| Deposits                     |      | 15,554,100   |
| Circulation                  | Dec  | 30,700       |
| Ex. U. S. deposits           |      | 2,920,350    |

THE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER and chief executive officials of the Sovereign Bank of Canada will in future be stationed in Toronto, instead of in Montreal. A suite of offices has been secured in the Manning Arcade, inimediately adjoining the building in which the bank's main Toronto office is situated.

#### یر بر Insurance Items

THE MONTREAL FIRE DEPARTMENT record for May, shows the following total of 184 alarms:

|                   | 1907. 1906. |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Fires             | <br>93 97   |
| Alarms (no fires) | <br>41 25   |
| False alarms      |             |
| Automatic alarms  |             |
|                   | 184 139     |
| Total             | <br>184 159 |

There were only two serious fires during the month. May 10, the Eastern Abbatoir, and May 24, J. B. Grier's saw mill. One life was lost and seventeen were injured on the last day of the month as a result of the fire in Lacasse Hall, 103 East Notre Dame street.

GOVERNOR WOODRUFF, OF CONNECTICUT, has signed the resolution authorizing the Travelers Insurance Company to increase its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000. He had previously approved measures empowering the National Fire Insurance Company to expand its capitalization from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000, and the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company from \$1,000,000 to \$3,-000,000.

THE DOMINION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has now obtained licenses to do business in every Province of the Dominion. Its authorized capital is \$1,000,000-25 p.c. of which is paid-up. The following compose the Board of Directors: President, R. F. Massie, Toronto; Vice-Presidents, A/ Turner, Hamilton; P. Pocock, London; H. Brock, Toronto; R. S. Cassils, Toronto; C. H. Heys, Toronto; A. Oakley, Toronto; R. Kelly, Vancouver; J. H. McRobbie, St. John, N.B.; Dr. Emile Ostigny, Montreal; K. W. McKenzie, Edmontor; N. Bawlf, Winnipeg; M. Devlin, Winnipeg. Mr. A. Dean, of Toronto, is the general manager of the company.

THE CANADIAN LIFE INSURANCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION will hold its next regular meeting in Montreal, on the 13th inst. Several matters of importance will be brought before the meeting for discussion.

THE BRITISH TARIFF FIRE OFFICES have increased the rebates allowed for approved automatic fire alarms from 5 and 7½ p.c. to 10 and 12½ p.c.

(Further Financial and Insurance Items on pp. 753 and 754.)

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#### **Stock Exchange Notes**

Canadian Pacific, Soo Common, Montreal Power, and Dominion Iron Common, were the only securities of interest in the past week's dull and sagging market. Prices generally are lower but the two first named stocks are exceptions, and both closed at an advance. There are no indications of a broadening market for the present. The local money situation is not favourable, supplies do not seem to increase to any perceptible extent, and rates remain the same. Soo Common had a good recovery from its recent break and closed at an advance of over ten points. Canadian Pacific was one of the most active securities and gained over two points.

C. P. R. closed with 167 1-4 bid, a gain of 2 points over last week's close on sales of 646 shares. The earnings for the last ten days of May show the handsome increase of \$440,000. Soo Common was traded in to the extent of 310 shares and closed with 100 1-2 bid, an advance of 8 1-4 points for the week. Montreal Street was heavy and inactive. Only 116 shares changed hands and the closing bid of 209 shows a loss of 5 full points. Toronto Railway figured in the trading for a total of 426 shares and closed at a decline of 3-8 of a point with 104 3-4 bid. Twin City sales totalled 102 shares and the closing bid was 91 as compared with 91 1-2 last week. Detroit Railway continues to decline and sold down to 65. The sales involved of 2 1-4 points. Toledo closed with 65 1-2 bid, a decline of 2 1-4 points. Totedo closed with 25 bid, a loss of 1 point from last week's quotation, and 110 shares changed hands. Illinois Traction Preferred was also weaker and on sales of 173 shares closed with 84 1-2 bid, a loss of 1 3-4 points. Halifax tram closed unchanged with 98 bid, and fifteen shares changed hands.

The only transaction in R. & O. was 50 shares at 71 1-2 and the closing bid of 71 shows a decline of 1 1-4 points. The Mackay dividends have been declared payable on 1st July, 1 per cent, for the quarter on both Common and Preferred. Some disappointment was evident at the Common dividend remaining at the old level and on sales of 115 shares it declined to 66 1-2 a further loss of 3-4 of a point. The Preferred was also heavier and on transactions involving 216 shares closed with 66 3-4 bid, a decline of 1 point. Montreal Power sales amounted to 770 shares and the closing guotation.

Dominion Iron Common closed with 20 bid, a gain of 5-8 of a point. It was the most active stock and 875 shares changed hands. The Preferred was not dealt in and closed with 49 bid unchanged from last week. The Bonds were THE CHRONICLE.

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| traded in for \$18,000 and closed with 75 1-4 bid. There   | CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.  |                        |
| was only one sale of Dominion Coal Common, 25 shares   | Apl. 30 \$14,557,000 \$19,105,000 \$20,798,000 \$                          | Increaes<br>1,693,000  |
| ferred Stock nor in the Bonds. Nova Scotia Steel Com-<br>mon closed with 69 bid, a decline of 1-2 point. The                   | Week ending. 1905. 1906. 1907.   | Increase.              |
| transactions for the week totalled 125 shares. There were  | May 7 908,000 1,269,000 1,472,000  | 203,000                |
| and an the Droforred stock but \$10,000 of the Bonds   | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                       | 367,000                |
| were traded in at 107 14. Lake of the Woods Common<br>sales totalled 105 shares. The last sale was at 76 14 and<br>in the Pre- | 31 1,437,000 1,792,000 2,232,000   | 334,000<br>440,000     |
|  | CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.   | ,                      |
| forred 5 shares changed hands at 110 and \$5,000 of the  | Year to date. 1905. 1906.  | Increase.              |
| Bonds at 104. Only a broken lot of 5 shares of Dominion  | June 30 \$3,871,800 \$5,563,100. \$1,                                      | 691,300                |
| Textile Preferred figured in this week's business. The stock closed offered at 90 1-2 with 88 1-4 bid. Montreal                | Week ending, 1905, 1906, 1907,   | Increase.              |
| Cotton closed offered at 127 with 118 bid. Canadian Color-   | May 7 72,200 154,300 171,400<br>14 80,400 130,500 178,900                  | 17,100                 |
| ed Cotton closed with 52 bid. The closing bids for the   | 21 76,300 133,600 201,100  | 48,400<br>67,500       |
| Dominion textile Bonds were as follows:Series A 81 1-2   | 31 120,500 191,700 319,200   | 127.500                |
| bid, Series B 89 bid, Series C 88 bid, Series D no quota-  | DULUTH, SOUTH SHORE & ATLANTIC.  |                        |
| tion.<br>Call money in Montreal continues stringent and the  | Week ending. 1905. 1906. 1907.   | Increase               |
| Bank rate still rules at 6 per cent, with no new supplies  | May 7 52,969 58,665 67,710   | 9,045                  |
| coming out. The rate for call loans in New York to-day   | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                       | 10,955                 |
| ruled at 2 per cent, while the London rate was 3 1-2 per<br>cent. The Bank of England rate remains unchanged al-               |  | 5,146                  |
| though a reduction in the near future is anticipated.  | MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY.   |                        |
| Per cent.  | Year to date. 1905. 1906. 1907.<br>Apl. 30 \$792,864 \$912,956 \$1,043,155 | Increase               |
| Call money in Montreal   | Apl. 30  | \$130,199<br>Increase. |
| Call money in New Tork   | May 7 49,026 56,983 64,284   | 7,301                  |
| Bank of England rate 4   | 14 54,044 56,933 64,963  | 8,030                  |
| Consols 83 7-8   | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                       | 6,990                  |
| Demand Sterling  |  | 9,988                  |
| 60 days' sight Sterling  | TORONTO STREET RAILWAY.  |                        |
| follows:-  | Year to date. 1905. 1906. 1907.<br>Apl. 30 \$773,124 \$911,508 \$1,014,585 | Increase<br>\$102.077  |
| Market Bank.   | Week ending. 1905. 1906. 1907.   | \$103,077<br>Increase  |
| Paris  | May 7 46,692 52,673 61,111   | 8,438                  |
| Amsterdam  | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                       | 7,660                  |
| Vienna 4 1-8 4 1-2   | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                       | $6,278 \\ 5,221$       |
| Brussels   | TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY.   | 0,001                  |
| wednesday, p. m., 5 June, 1501.  | Year to date. 1905. 1906. 1907.  | Increase               |
| CLEARINGS FOR THE WEEK.  | Apl. 30 \$1,381,894 \$1,609,363 \$1,805,867                                | \$196,504              |
| MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS for the week ending June   | Week ending, 1905, 1906, 1907.   | Increase               |
| 6th were \$31,042,165. For the corresponding week of 1906  | May 7 82,868 96,903 108,897<br>14 84,687 96,377 109,865                    | 11,994<br>13,488       |
| and 1905 they were \$29,112,040 and \$27,068,335 respectively.   | 2187,765 $99.065$ $112,272$  | 13,207                 |
|  | 31 132,325 153,162   | ,                      |
| TRAFFIC EARNINGS   | HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., LTD.   |                        |
| The gross traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk  | Railway Receipts.  |                        |
| Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern, Duluth  | Week ending. 1905. 1906. 1907.   | Increase               |
| South Shore & Atlantic railways, and the Montreal,   | May 7 2,372 2,741 2,946<br>14 2,368 2,681 2,757                            | 205                    |
| Toronto, Halifax, Twin City, Detroit, United and   | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                       | 73<br>223              |
| Havana street railways, up to the most recent date   | 31 3,604 4,127   | 220                    |
| obtainable, compared with the corresponding period   | DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY   |                        |
| for 1905 and 1906, were as follows:  | Week ending. 1905. 1906. 1907.   | Increase               |
|  | May 7 90,099 102,690 114,273   | 11,583                 |
| GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.   | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                       | 13,723                 |
| Year to date, 1905. 1906. 1907. Increase<br>Apl. 30 \$10,942,583 \$11,947,029 \$13,301,922 \$1,354,893                         |  |                        |
|  | HAVANA ELECTRIC RAILWAY Co.  |                        |
| Week ending. 1905. 1906. 1907. Increase.<br>May 7 653,328 729.383 866,920 137,537  | Week ending, 1906, 1907.<br>May 5 31,555 33,475                            | 1,920                  |
| 14 697,811 746,028 880,062 134,034   | 12 26,692 32,490   | 5, 98                  |
| 21 648,170 772,201 858,059 ×5,858  | 19 28,203 32,895   | 4,692                  |
| 31 978,651 1,156,092 1,303,633 147,541   | 26 31,116 33,662   | 2,546                  |

## Yorkshire Insurance Company of York, England ESTABLISHED 1824

The Directors have decided to insure properties of every description in Canada at Tariff Rates, in accordance with the needs of the country, and are now prepared to receive

#### Applications for Agencies from Leading Agents in all parts of the Dominion.

The LIMITS are as large as those of the best | The FUNDS of the Company will be invested in Canada British Companies. by LOANS on Real Estate.

No loss was suffered by the "Yorkshire" through the serious fires in San Francisco and the Pacific Coast.

Address P. M. WICKHAM, Manager, Montreal.

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|--------------------------------------|------|-------|------|---------|
| Call money in Montreal               |      |       |      | 6       |
| Call money in New York               |      |       |      | 2       |
| Call money in London                 |      |       | ••   | 3 1-5   |
| Bank of England rate                 |      |       |      | 4       |
| Consols                              |      | ••    |      | 83 7-8  |
| Demand Sterling                      |      |       |      | 9 1-2   |
| 60 days' sight Sterling              |      |       |      | 8 7-8   |
| The quotations for money at Continer | ital | poi   | ints | are as  |
| follows:                             |      |       |      | Dank    |

|               | Market      | Bank. |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Paris         | 3 7-16      | 3 1-2 |
| Berlin        | 4 5-8       | 5 1-2 |
| Amsterdam     | 4 11-16     | 5     |
| Vienna        | 4 1-8       | 4 1-2 |
| Brussels      |             | 5     |
| Wednesday, p. | m., 5 June, | 1907. |

#### CLEARINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

|                               | GRAND              | TRUNK RAIL            | WAY.                  |                         |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Year to date,<br>Apl. 30 \$10 | 1905.<br>0,942,583 | 1906.<br>\$11,947,029 | 1907.<br>\$13,301,922 | Increase<br>\$1,354,893 |
| Week ending.                  | 1905.              | 1906.                 | 1907.                 | Increase.               |
| May 7                         | 653,328            | 729.383               | 866,920               | 137,537                 |
| 14                            | 697,811            | 746,028               | 880,062               | 134,034                 |
| 21                            | 648,170            | 772,201               | 858,059               | +5,858                  |
| 31                            | 978,651            | 1,156,092             | 1,303,633             | 147,541                 |

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#### THE CHRONICLE

## REPORTED FOR THE CHRONICLE BY R. WILSON-SMITH & CO., 160 ST. JAMES STREET, MONTREAL

| HANK8.   | Closi<br>prices<br>Last s | or                              | Par<br>value<br>of one<br>share.                     | Revenue<br>per cent. on<br>investment<br>at present<br>prices. | Capital<br>*ubscribed  | Capital<br>paid up.   | Reserve<br>Fund<br>f  | Per centage<br>of Rest<br>to paid up<br>Capital. | Rate of<br>Dividend                 | When Dividend<br>payable.  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| ritish North America   | Asked<br>154              | . Bid.<br>151<br>169<br><br>161 | \$<br>50<br>100<br>56<br>100                         | Per Cent.<br>4 63<br>4 70<br><br>4 93                          | \$<br>4,966,666<br>10,000,000<br>952,000<br>3,000,000<br>2,951,500   | \$<br>4,866,666<br>10,000,000<br>951,480<br>3,000,000<br>2,915,400                        | \$<br>2,238,696<br>5,000,000<br>3,900,000<br>1,860,000                                      | \$<br>46,00<br>50,00<br>130,00<br>63,14          | Per Cent.<br>7<br>8<br>4<br>12<br>8 | April, October,<br>March, June, Sept., Dec.<br>January, July.<br>Jan., April, July, October<br>Jan., April, July, October                      |
| familton<br>fochelaga<br>Jome Bank of Canada<br>mperial<br>a Banque Nationale  | ::::                      |                                 | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100                             |  | 2,473,700<br>2,000,000<br>896,900<br>4,926,000<br>1,719,990  | 2,470,210<br>2,000,000<br>895.520<br>4,674,991<br>1,653 525                               | 2,470.210<br>1,600.000<br>175,000<br>4,674,991<br>600.000                                   | 100.00<br>89.00<br>19.55<br>100.00<br>36.28      | 10<br>8<br>6<br>11<br>7             | March, Ju e. Sept., Dec.<br>June, December.<br>June, December.<br>Feb., May, August, Nov.<br>May, November.                                    |
| ferchants Ba <sup>,</sup> k of Canada<br>fetropolitan Bank<br>tolsons<br>fontreal<br>jow Brunswick   | 210                       | 159<br>2024<br>243              | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100                             | 4 87<br>4 87<br>4 01   | 6,000,000<br>1,000,000<br>3,354,500<br>14,400,000<br>707,700   | 6,000,000<br>1,000,000<br>3,180,820<br>14,400,000<br>707,200                              | 3,600,000<br>1,000,000<br>3,000,000<br>11,000,000<br>1,191,630                              | 60.00<br>100.00<br>93.00<br>76.40<br>168.55      | 8<br>8<br>10<br>10<br>12            | March, June, Sept., Dec.<br>Jan., April, July, October<br>Jan., April, July, October<br>March, June, Sept., Dec.<br>Jan., April, July, October |
| forthern Bank<br>ova Scotta<br>ttava<br>Ontario<br>copie's Bank of N. B.   | 287                       |                                 | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100                             | 4 13   | 1,250,000<br>3,000,000<br>3,000,000<br>1,500,000<br>1,500,000  | 1,146,202<br>3,000,000<br>3,000,000<br>1,500,000<br>180,000                               | 57,000<br>5,250,010<br>3,000,000<br>700,000<br>180,000                                      | 4.20<br>175.00<br>100.00<br>46.65<br>100.00      | 12<br>10<br>8                       | Jan., Anril, July, Cetober<br>June, December.<br>January, July.  |
| eopie entre a series and a seri | 1344                      |                                 | 100  | 5 00<br>4 28<br>6 18   | 1,004,287<br>4.500,004<br>3.930,000<br>4,000,000<br>1,531,150  | 1,004,212<br>.,500,000<br>3,900,000<br>4,000,000  | 150,000<br>1 15+000<br>4,390,001<br>1,255,930<br>1,605,675                                  | 15.00<br>46.00<br>112.56<br>31.50<br>1/6.66      | 5<br>7<br>10<br>6<br>12             | March, June, Sept., Dec.<br>March, June, Sept., Dec.<br>Jan., April, July, October<br>Feb., May, Aug., Nov.<br>March, June, Sept., Dec.        |
| st. Stephens<br>t, Hyseinthe<br>t, Johns<br>sterling Bank<br>forento   |                           |                                 | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100                             | 4 54   | 200,000<br>504,600<br>500,200<br>777,100   | 200,000<br>829,615<br>361,976<br>674,704<br>3,975,190                                     | 47,500<br>75,900<br>10,000<br>4,475,190   | 23.25<br>22.76<br>3 33                           | 5<br>4<br>5<br>10                   | April, October.<br>January, July.<br>May, Aug., Nov. Feb'<br>March, June, Sept., Dec.  |
| Fraders<br>Union Bank of Halifax<br>Union Bank of Canada<br>United Empire Bank   | 144                       |                                 | 100<br>50<br>100                                     | 5 51   | 3,987,400<br>4,441,600<br>1,500,000<br>3,000,000<br>587,500  | 4,333,106<br>1,500 000<br>3,000,000   | 1,900,000<br>1,143,752<br>1,500,000<br>300,000  | 43.30<br>76.00<br>50.00<br>54.54                 | 7                                   | June, December.<br>Feb. May. August, Nov<br>June, December.<br>April, October  |
| Mestern<br>MISCELLANBOUS STOCKS.<br>Sell Telephone   | 168                       | 136<br><br>t2<br>167<br>59      | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100<br>100<br>100<br>100<br>100 | 5 71<br><br>7 27<br>3 52<br>6 89<br>6 66                       | 555,000<br>10,000,000<br>1,270,000<br>1,511,400<br>2,70 + 600<br>1,475,000<br>121 680 min<br>1,733,500<br>12,500,000 | 9,000,000<br>1,270,000<br>1,511,400<br>2,709,000<br>1,475,000<br>121,680,000<br>1,733,500 | 3,132,876   |  | 2•<br>2<br>6<br>3<br>1*<br>1        | fan. April July fet<br>Jannary July,<br>April, October<br>March, June, Sept, Dec.<br>Feby. May Aug. Nev  |
| do Common<br>do Common<br>Dominion Textile Co. Com.<br>do Pfd.   | 59<br>50                  | 0 40                            | 100<br>100<br>100                                    | 6 54<br>6 34<br>7 60   | 8,000,000<br>15,000,000<br>7,500,000<br>2,500,000<br>20,000,000<br>5,000,000   | 15,000 000<br>5.000 000<br>1,940,000<br>20,000,000<br>5.000.000                           |   |  | 84<br>1•<br>1]•                     | Janpary, July<br>Apl July Oct. Jany.<br>Jan, April July October  |
| Dom. Iron & Steel Com.<br>do Pfd.<br>Duluth S. S. & Atlantic<br>do Pfd.<br>Halfat Tramway Co.<br>Havana Electric Ry Com<br>do Preferred.<br>Dilinois Trac. Pfd.  | 101<br>33<br>77<br>85     | 98<br>29<br>70                  | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100                             | 6 06   | 12,000,000<br>10,000,000<br>1,350,000<br>7,500,000<br>5,000,000  | 12.00/ 000<br>10.000 000<br>1.350.000<br>7.500,000<br>5.000,000                           |   |  | ij.                                 | Jan. April July October<br>Jan. April July October   |
| Illinois Trac. Pfd.<br>Lawrentide Paper, Pfd.<br>Jake of the Woods Mill Co. Com<br>do. Pfd.<br>Mackay Companies Com<br>o Pfd.<br>Mexican Light & Power Co.   | 108<br>77<br>108<br>66    | 104                             | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100                             | 6 36<br>7 77<br>8 88   | 3,214,300<br>1,600,000<br>1,209,000<br>2,500,000<br>1,500,000<br>50,000,000  | 1,500,000<br>1,200,000<br>2,000,000<br>1,500,000<br>48,437,200                            | 8   |  | 34*<br>3<br>1}*                     | Pebruary August<br>January July<br>April October<br>March, June, Sept. De<br>Jan. April July Octobe<br>Jan. April July Octobe                  |
| Mexican Light & Power Co<br>Minn. st. Paul & S.S.M<br>Johnst. David & S.S.M<br>Johnsteal Light, Ht. & Pwr. Co<br>Montreal Steel Work, Con  | 10                        |                                 | 100<br>100<br>100                                    | 5 97<br>3 73<br>5 73<br>5 49                                   | 50,000,000<br>13,600,000<br>14,000,000<br>7,000,000<br>3,000,000<br>17,000,000                                       | 13,690,00<br>14,000,00<br>7,000,00<br>8,000,00<br>17,000,00                               | D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D<br>D |  | 1•<br>2<br>34<br>11<br>1            | January July<br>March June Sept. De<br>Feb. May August No.   |
| dontreal Steel Work, Com<br>do Pfd<br>fontreal Street Railway<br>fontreal Telegraph<br>fighsing Mining Co  | 215                       | 20                              | 100<br>100<br>100<br>100<br>100<br>40<br>5.00        | 6 08<br>6 60<br>4 60<br>4 93                                   | 700,00<br>800,00<br>7,000,00<br>2,000,00<br>6,000,00<br>6,000,00   | 0 400,09<br>0 800,00<br>0 7,090,00<br>0 2,000,09<br>0 6,000,00                            | 0<br>907,621  | 18.81  | 14                                  | March June Sept. De<br>Feb. May August No<br>Jan April July Octob<br>3 o/o July 20, '06 5 o/o Se<br>Mar Jun Sep. Dec. [20,'                    |
| do Pfd<br>Sectia Steel & Coal Co. Com<br>do Pfd<br>glivie Flour Mills Com.   | 70                        | 6                               | 28<br>100<br>100<br>100<br>100                       | 7 04   | 1,467,68<br>3,090,62<br>4,120,000<br>1,030,000<br>1,250,000  | 1 1,467,68<br>5 3,090,62<br>5,000,00<br>1,030,00<br>0 1,250,00                            | 5<br>0 750,00   | 15.00  | 64 1 / *<br>2*<br>75                | March.<br>Jan. April June Octob<br>Jan. April July Octob   |
| do Ffd.<br>Schelleu & Ont. Nav. Co.<br>io de Janerio.<br>ao. Paulo<br>t Jonn Street RailwayX.<br>SedoRy & Light Co.<br>Franto Street Railway.  | 42                        | 4<br>. 12<br>. 10               | 0 100<br>0 100<br>2 100<br>2 100<br>4 100<br>5 100   | 6 84<br><br>8 00   | 2,000,00<br>8,132,00<br>21,993,00<br>7,540,00<br>800,00<br>12,000,00   | 0 8,132,00<br>0 21,993,00<br>0 7,500,00<br>0 800,00<br>0 12,000,00                        | 10<br>10<br>10 1,482,25<br>10   |  | 1)*<br>2*<br>8<br>1                 | Payable Dec. lat<br>Jan April July Octob<br>June, December.<br>May. November.  |
| do Pfd<br>win City Rapid Transit Co  |                           |                                 | 4.80<br>100<br>100                                   | 5 20   | 7,000 00<br>1,200 00<br>9,000,00<br>3,000,00<br>20 000 00<br>3,000,00  | 0 1,032,0<br>0 9,000,0<br>0 2,600,0<br>0 18 000 9   | 00<br>00<br>00<br>00<br>1,010,2   |  | 11.                                 | Jan. April, July, Oct.<br>Feb. May August No<br>Dec. March June Seg  |
| do Preferred<br>West India Elec.<br>Windsor Hotel<br>Winnipeg Electric Railway Co  |                           |                                 | . 10   |  | 8,000,60<br>600,00<br>4,500,00   | 0 8,000,0<br>0 600,0  | 00  | 34   |                                     | May, Nevember<br>Ian. April July Octob   |

eQuarterly. † Annual. B These Squres are corrected from last Gevt. Bank Statement. \*The aposts and limbilities of this Bank have been taken over by the Bank of Mentreal . B. C.

#### STOCK LIST Continued.

| BONDS.                     | Latest<br>Quota-<br>tions. | Rate of<br>Interest<br>per<br>annum. | Amount<br>outstanding. | When Interest<br>due. | Where Interest payable                      | Date of<br>Matarity.             | BEMARKS  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Bell Telephone Co          | 1041                       | 5%                                   | \$2,000,000            | lst Oct. 1st Apl.     | Bk. of Montreal, Mtl                        | April 1st, 1925                  |  |
| Can. Colored Cotton Co     | 98                         | 6 %                                  |                        | 2nd Apl. 2nd Oct.     |   | April 2nd, 1912                  |  |
| Dominion Coal Co           | 100                        | 5 %                                  |                        | lst May 1st Nov.      |   | April 1st, 1940                  | Redeemable at 105 and                                  |
| Dominion Cotton Co         | 97                         | 6 %                                  | 1,354,000              | lst Jan. 1st July.    |   | Jany. 1st, 1916                  | Int. after May 1st, 1910                               |
| Dominion Iron Steel Co     | 77                         | 5%                                   |                        |                       | Bk. of Montreal, Mtl                        |                                  |  |
| Havana Electric Railway.   | 90                         | 5%                                   | 8,061,046              | let Feb. 1st Aug.     | 52 Broadway, N. Y                           | Febr. 1st. 1952                  |  |
| Lake of the Woods MillCo.  | 103                        | 6 %                                  | 1,000,000              | lst June 1st Dec,     | Merchants Bank of<br>Canada, Montreal       |                                  |  |
| Laurentide Paper Co        |                            | 6 %                                  | 1,200,000              | 2 Jan. 2 July.        | Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.,                      |                                  |  |
| Mexican Electric Light Co. | 77                         | 5%                                   | 6,000,000              | 1 Jan. 1 July.        | " "   | July 1st, 1935                   |  |
| Mexican Light & Power Co.  | 813                        | 5 %                                  | 12,000,000             | 1 Feb. 1 Aug.         | " "   | Feby. 1st, 1933                  |  |
| Montreal L. & PowerCo      | 102                        | 41%                                  | 7,500,000              | 1 Jan. 1 July         | """   | Jany. 1st, 1932                  | Redeemable at 105 and                                  |
| Montreal Street Ry. Co     | 104                        | 43%                                  | 1,500,000              | 1 May 1 Nov.          |   | May 1st, 1922                    | Int. after 1912.                                       |
| N. S. Steel & Coal Co      | 110                        | 6%                                   | 2,500,000              |                       | Bk. of N. Scotia, Mtl.                      | шву 184 1722                     |  |
| OgilvieMilling Co          | 1201                       | 6 %                                  |                        | 1 June 1 Dec.         | or Toronto<br>Bk. of Montreal, Mtl          | July 1st, 1931<br>July 1st, 1932 | Redeemable 115 and                                     |
| Price Bros                 |                            | 6 %                                  | 1 <b>,00</b> 0,000     | 1 June 1 Dec.         |   |                                  | Int. after 1912.<br>Redeemable at 105 and<br>Interest. |
| Sao Paulo                  | 95                         | 5%                                   | 6,000,000              | 1 June 1 Dec.         | C. B. of C., London<br>Nat. Trust Co., Tor. | June 1st, 1929                   | Interest.  |
| Textile Series " A "       | 91                         | 6%                                   | 758,500                | 1 March 1 Sept.       | Royal Trust Co., Mtl.                       | March lst, 1925                  | Redeemable at 110 and                                  |
| " "В"                      | 92                         | 6%                                   | 1,162,000              | u                     | " "   |                                  | Interest.<br>Redeemable atpar af-                      |
| •• •C"                     | 92                         | 6%                                   | 1,000,000              | "                     | "   | "                                | ter 5 years.<br>Redeemable at 105 and                  |
| " " D"                     | 93                         | 6%                                   | 450,000                | "                     | """   | 41                               | Interest.  |
| Winnipeg Electric          | 1051                       | 5%                                   | 3,500,000              | l Jan. 1 July.        | Bk. of Montreal, Mtl                        | Jany. 1st, 1935                  |  |

FIRE German American Insurance Company New York STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1907 CAPITAL \$ 1,500,000 RESERVED FOR ALL OTHER LIABILITIES 7, 168,303 NET SURPLUS 5, 130,426 ASSETS 13,798,729

AGENCIES THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

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THE CHRONICLE

## SUN INSURANCE OFFICE.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The directors present to the members the following report, together with the accounts and balance-sheet of the Sun Insurance Office for the year 1906.

The premiums received, less re-insurances, amount to **\$7,358,070**, being an increase of **\$761,420**, as compared with those of the preceding year. The losses paid and outstanding amount to **\$5,281,975**, being at the rate of 71.78 per cent. on the premiums received. The expenses of management (including commission to agents, and working charges of all kinds) amount to **\$2,618,450**, being at the rate of 35.59 per cent. The income from investments during the year has amounted to **\$496,685**. After providing for the usual reserve of 40 per cent, of the premiums to cover liabilities under current policies, there is a debit balance

of \$350,240, which has been transferred to the profit and loss acount.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND DIVIDEND.—The balance brought forward from last year amounted to \$2,318,360. There has been carried to pension fund \$10,000 paid for dividends in respect of the business for the year 1905, \$600,000, paid for the purchase of the Patriotic Assurance Company, \$490,000, leaving a credit balance of \$1,218,-360. This, by the operations of the year, has been reduced to \$801,270. Out of this amount an interim dividend at the rate of \$1,25 per share, absorbing \$300,000, was paid in January last, and the directors have declared a further dividend of \$1,25 per share, payable on July 12, which will absorb a further sum of \$300,000, and leave to be carried forward \$201,270.

## The Funds of the Office will then stand as follows :

| Capital paid up    | 8 600,000 Pension fund                                 | 251,235    |
|--------------------|--|------------|
| General Reserve    | 6,750,000 Balance at credit of profit and loss account |            |
| Dividend Reserve   | 600,000  | 12,126,645 |
| Investment Reserve |  |            |

SAN FRANCISCO.—The losses sustained by the office owing to the earthquake at San Francisco, including adjustment expenses and exchange, amounted, approximately, to \$1,750,000. New DEPARTMENTS.—The office has undertaken accident, workmen's compensation (including domestic servants) and burglary insurance as from January 1, 1907.

#### **REVENUE ACCOUNT.**

| Reserve for unexpired risks brought forwa  | rd |             |
|--|----|-------------|
| from 1905                                  |    | \$2,638,660 |
| Premiums, less re-insurances               |    | 7,358,070   |
| Income from investments (less income-tax)  |    | 496,685     |
| Balance carried to profit and loss account |    | 350,240     |
|  |    |             |

\$10,843,655

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### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

| Transfer Fees 470                             |   | \$1,718,830 |
|---|---|-------------|
| \$1,718,360<br>Transfer Fees                  | Cost of Patriotic Assurance Company<br>Balance carried to balance-sheet |             |
| Dividend paid July, 1906 330,000              | Carried to pension fund   |             |
| Dividend paid January, 1906 \$270,000         | Loss on exchange  |             |
| Deduct—                                       | Income-tax on profits   |             |
| Balance brought forward from 1905 \$2,318,360 | Balance from revenue account  |             |

#### CANADIAN BRANCH

15 Wellington St., Toronto.

H. M. BLACKBURN, Manager.

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## Commercial Union Assurance CompanyLimited

## FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders their Annual Report, with the Audited Accounts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Net Premiums for 1906 amounted to \$11,805,255, being an increase of \$1,431,310 as compared with the year 1905, and the losses paid and outstanding to \$9,305,160 or 78,8 per cent. of the Premium Income; \$3,974,870 of this amount or 33.7 per cent. of the Premium Income is in consequence of the San Francisco disaster. After providing for outstanding Losses, the Fire Fund stands at \$10,002,305.

#### LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The New Business of the year consisted of 2,228 Policies for \$7,538,485, while the New Premiums included in the

The claims by death, \$947,825, were within the amount expected.

The transactions of the year resulted in a surplus of \$953,385 and increased the Life Assurance Fund to

#### MARINE DEPARTMENT.

The Net Premiums received were \$1,169,155 and the Net Losses paid and outstanding amounted to \$628,720. From the Profits of this Department the sum of \$350,000 has been carried to Profit and Loss; and after providing

for outstanding Losses, the Marine Fund stands at \$3,002,425,

#### ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT,

The Net Premiums received amounted to \$984,965, and the Losses paid and outstanding to \$505,680. The operations of the year resulted in a surplus of \$163,330, and from the profits of this Department the sum of \$125,000 has been carried to Profit and Loss. After providing for Outstanding Losses, the Accident Fund stands

as sources, and the second additional Agreement (which has since become absolute) was enterd into with the Accident Insurance Company (established 1849) for the acquisition of the business of that Office. The Directors confidently hope that the new connection thus secured will add materially to the business of this Department.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT, from 1st JANUARY to 31st DECEMBER, 1906.

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|---|---|---|---|---|--|
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| Amount of Fire Fund at the beginning of the<br>year<br>Premiums, after deduction of Reinsurances<br>Interest | \$11,243,400 By   \$11,805,255 384,915   Commission and Brokerage \$73,165   State Charges \$73,165   State Charges \$186,180   Expenses of Management \$1,945,140 | 9,305,160<br>1,773,900                    |
|--|--|---|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  | Bonuses on "Hand in Hand" policies under<br>the Act<br>Bad Debts<br>Amount of Fire Fund at the end of the year   | 2,204,485<br>147,200<br>520<br>10,002,505 |

#### \$23,433.570

#### PROFIT AND LOSS

#### 1st JANUARY to 31 st DECEMBER, 1906.

| To<br>Balance of last year's Account<br>Interest and Dividends not carried to Depart-<br>mental Accounts<br>Amount Transferred from Marine Department<br>Amount Transferred from Accident Depart-<br>ment | \$1,007,500<br>232,120<br>350,000<br>125,000 | By<br>Dividend paid 9th May<br>Interim Dividend paid 9th Nov.<br>Interest on "West of England" Debenture Stock<br>Interest on "Palatine" Debenture Stock<br>Income Tax on Profits<br>Alterations and Repairs at Head Office and | 375,000                                       |
|---|--|---|---|
| One-fifth of Shareholders' Proportion of Life<br>Profits (1898-1902) \$322,220<br>Transfer and other Fees   | 64,445<br>780<br><b>.779.845</b>             | Expenditures during the year<br>Office Fittings and Furniture—<br>Expenditure during the year<br>Balance carried to next year's Account   | 22,830<br>15,675<br>794,085<br><b>779,845</b> |

## **Head Office for Canada**

#### James McGregor,

#### Montreal

#### Manager

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\$23,433,570

MR. B. G. WALKER, Toronto, has been appointed manager for Western Canada of the Sterling Accident & Guarantee Company of Canada. He was previously connected with the Ontario Accident since its inception, and for eight years filled the position of inspector. His extended experience in the Accident business will make for his success in his new position.

THE BRITISH FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE has recently undertaken numerous tests of fire preventive appliances and fire extinguishers. A new departure consisted in tests with petrol storage safety devices, these being considered by the executive to be investigations of the utmost present importance in view of the advent of the motor car for commercial purposes.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE the death of Mr. F. D. Lilly, St. John, Newfoundland. The deceased gentleman passed away after a brief illness last week. He was for many years agent of the Caledonian Insurance Company.

THE INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES has obtained a perpetual injunction restraining the Institute of Accountants from using the letters F.I.A. and A.I.A. after the names of fellows and associates of their body.

GERMAN AND FRENCH EDTIONS of the forthcoming International Insurance Encyclopedia are likely to be arranged for.

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THE SUPERIOR COPPER COMPANY with a capital of \$2,000,000 announces the intention of erecting a big concentrating plant on the Ontario side of the Soo, just west of the plants of the Lake Superior Corporation. This new concern is said to purpose building a railway five miles long from Algoma Central to Superior mine, Contracts for the work will be let June 13. The plant is to have a capacity of 400 tons a day.

DOMINION CUSTOMS REVENUE has increased \$1,208,968 for the month of May over the corresponding showing of a year ago. The total revenue for the month was \$5,333,253, as compared with \$4,124,285 for the corresponding month of last For the first two months of the present year. fiscal year the revenue has been \$9,801,647, an increase of \$1,736,367 over the same period of last year.

THE COMMON STOCK of the Dominion Textile Company was listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange Wednesday. There is \$5,000,000 of this stock oustanding, and \$7,500,000 authorized. There were no sales of the stock, but quotations ranged from 40 to 50.

THE STOCK OF PENMANS, LIMITED, has been listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange. The company has a capital of \$4,000,000, of which \$2,500,-000 is common stock and \$1,500,000 preferred. There is a bond issue of \$2,000,000.



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| Cash Assets exceed<br>Canadian Investments exceed<br>Claims paid exceed  | \$56,000,000<br>3,750,000<br>230,000,000   |
| Canadian Branch: Head Office,  | Company's Building, Montreal.  |
| CANADIAN DIRECTORS ;<br>E. S. CLOUSTON, Eeq. Chairman,<br>GEO. E. DRUMMOND, Eeq., F. W. THOMPSON, Eeq.<br>JAMES CRATHERN, Esq. SIR ALEXANDER LACOSTE   | J. GARDNER THOMPSON, Resident Manager<br>WM. JACKSON, Deputy Manager.<br>J. W. BINNIE, Assistant Deputy Manager  |
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|  | of Canada  |
| Rents, &c  | Surplus earned during 1906, \$921,721.34<br>Of which there was distributed to policy-<br>holders entitled to participate that year<br>And set aside to place reserves on all   |
| Increase over 1905 2,983,307.83  | policies issued since December 31st,<br>1902, on the 3 per cent. basis 207,763.51<br>Surplus over all liabilities and capital  |
| Profits and other payments to Policy-<br>holders during 1906,  | (according to the Hm. Table, with<br>31 and 3% interest) 2.225.247.45<br>Payments to Policy-holders since organi-  |
| Assurances in torce December 31, 1906, 102, 566, 398.10<br>Head Office, -  | zation   |
| The Ontario Accident     HEAD OFFICE:   Rastmurs & Light     BRANCH OFFICES:   British Empire But     CAPITAL:   CAPITAL:     Authorized, \$500,000.00   Subscribed, \$105,050.00     Paid up in Cash, \$51,420.00   Reserve and Contingent Funds (1905), \$81,00000     Premium Income (1905), 252,421.66   Claims Paid (1905), 252,421.66     Claims Paid (1905), 118,539.57   Vice-President, Bresident and Mana     W, H. PEARSON, ARTHUR L, EX   ARTHUR L, EX | bourn Building, TORONIO, ONT.<br>Kiding, MONTREAL, and LONDON, ENG.<br>Business Transacted:<br>Personal Accident (on all popular plans); Disease and<br>Sickness (Limited and Unlimited); Employers, Elevator,<br>Teams; Merchants, Contingent, Vessel, Theatre, Ice<br>(Sidewalk), Signs (Advertising) and General Liability;<br>Workmen's Collective Property Damage.<br>ging Director, Secretary, |
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|    | BONUS DI | ECLARED, | -        | -      | -     | -    | -    |    | -    | -  | 35,000,000         |
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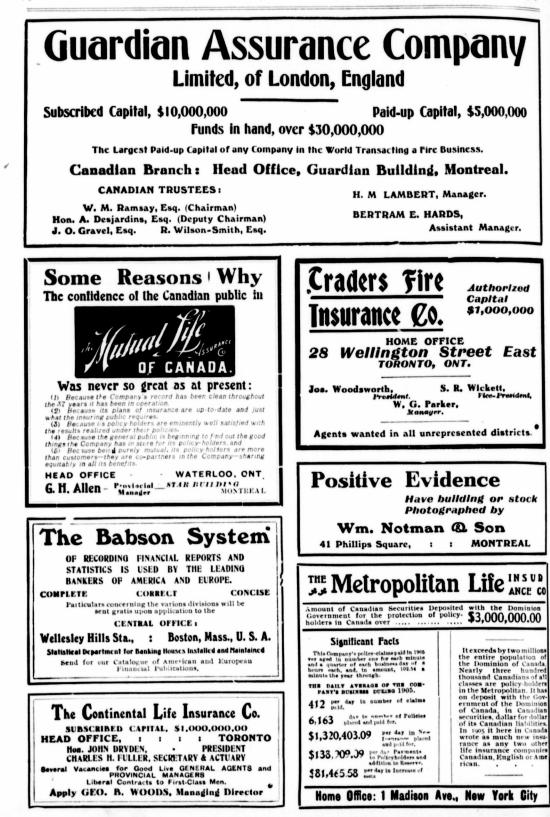
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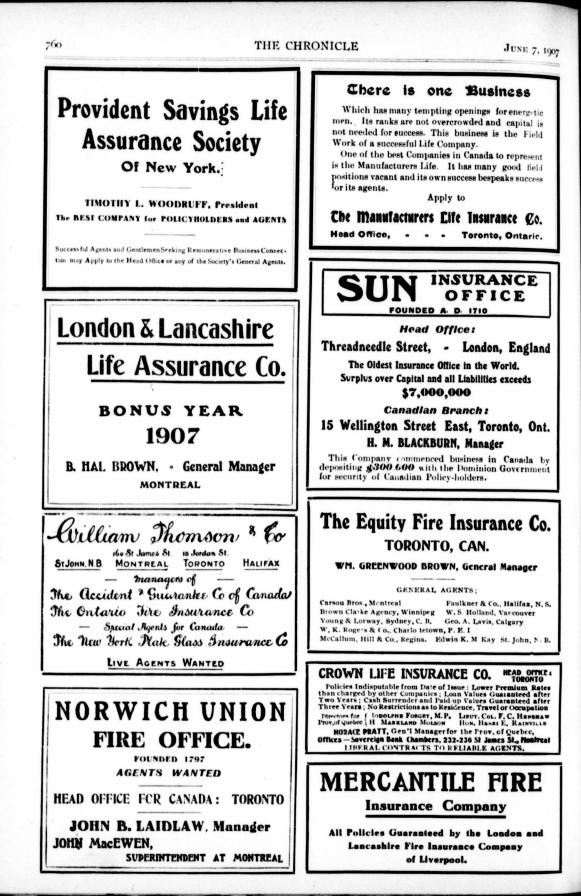
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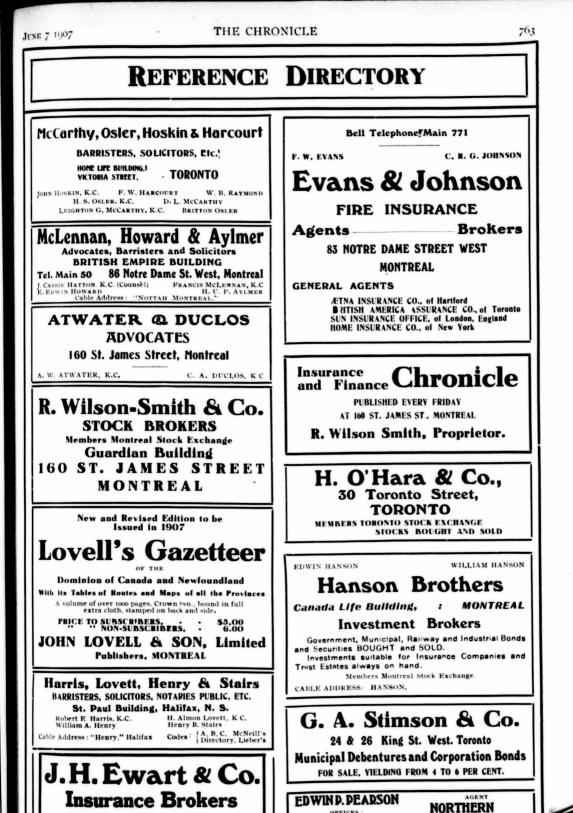




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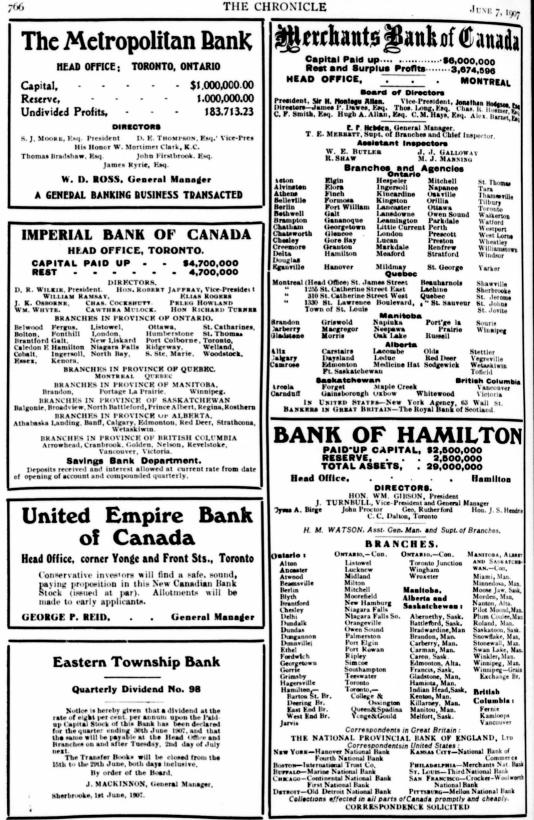
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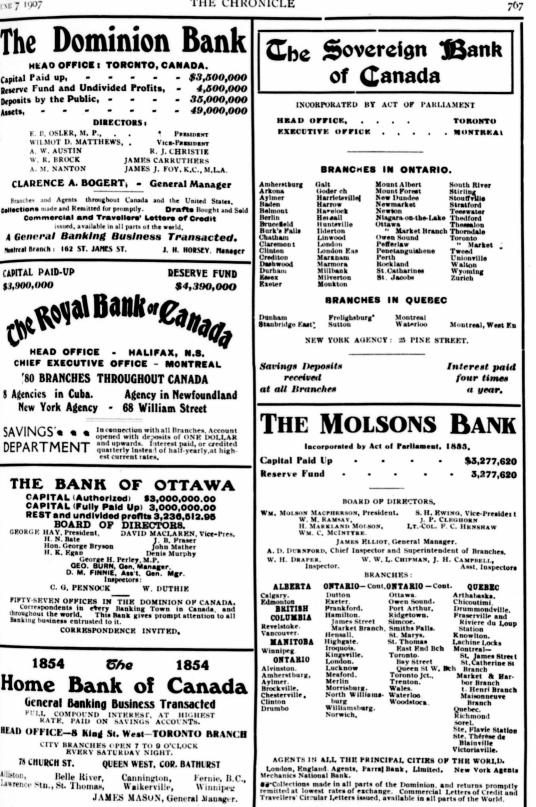


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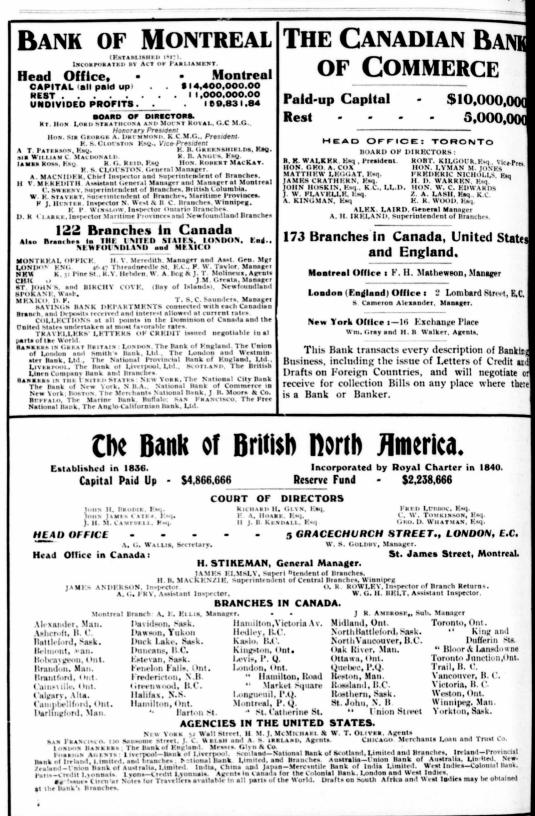
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