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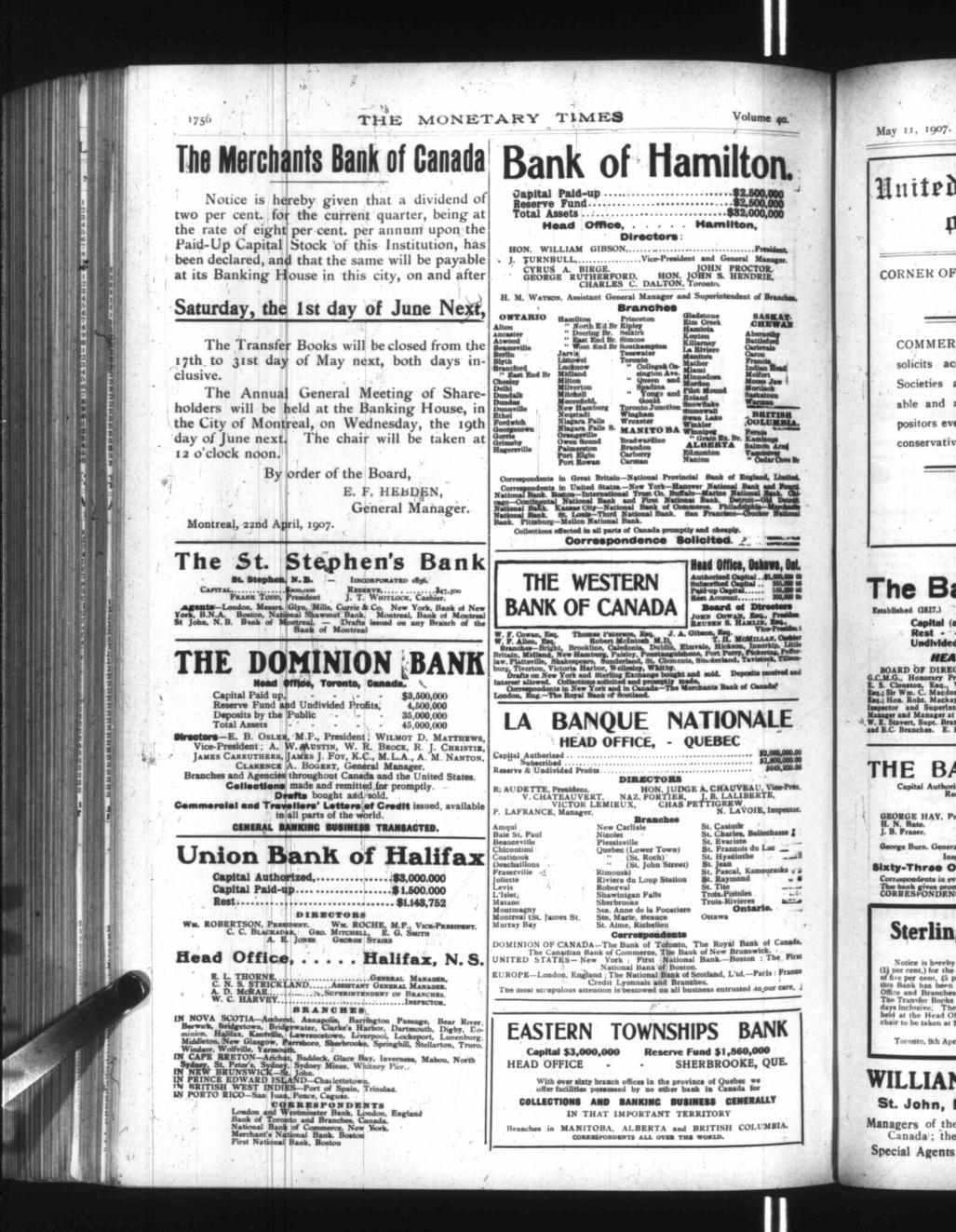
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THE SOME DAY REGRETTER-ARE YOU ONE?

Never do anything that you will some day regret seems to be one of the best known axioms, but how about regretting some things that you did not do? The distinguishing point between what to do and what not to do is the rub. The man who idly rests on his oars and lets the current of the stream, (be it what it may) carry him back, stands but little chance of ever reaching the goal of his ambition. Yet, you yourself are just resting on your oars to-day. Some day, some time, some where, and some how you have been saying that you intend to safeguard your family's interesttheir right—by insuring your life against accident. Accidents may and do occur, and you know the proper thing to do is to offset their serious consequences as far as possible by accident insurance. Have you ever carried this good intention of yours out? You admit, "No:" Then you come under the class of the some-day-regretter. In every railroad accident there are those that are insured and many uninsured, and railroads are killing at the rate of 26 a day,—maining 237, and there is not an uninsured man to-day but that will some day regret it, possibly when it is too late. Don't be one of them. Buy Accident Insurance and buy now for the by-and-by accident.

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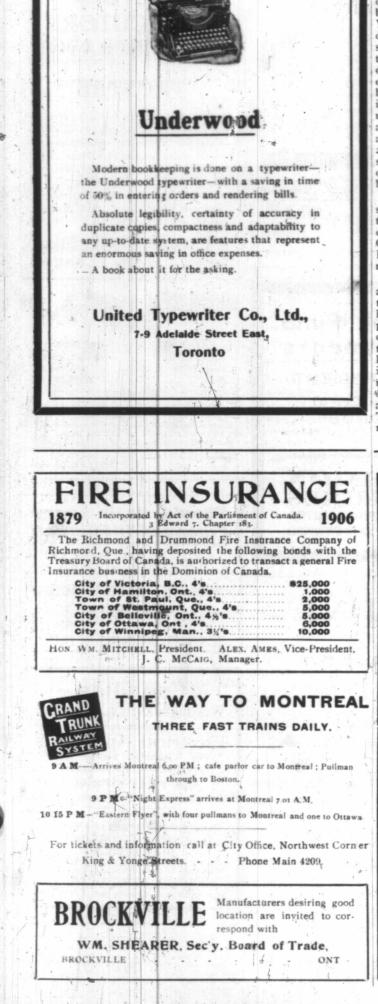
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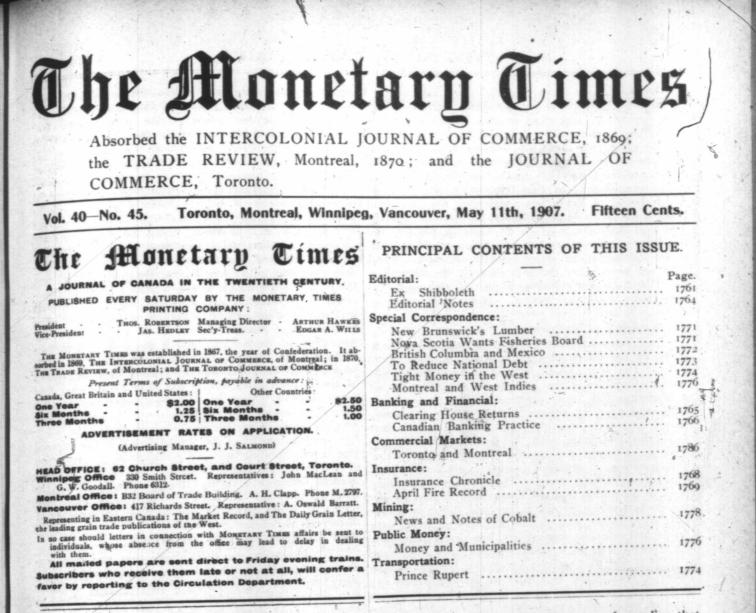
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trembling lest it should savor of the little Englander,

when, in truth, it has the marks of a great Canadian.

But, the croakers after perfection notwithstanding, all's

well with the Imperial Conference; the little Englander

does not exist -- he never did; and it is possible for a

free trader to love the Empire, to work whole-heartedly

for its glory, and to contribute to its commercial ex-

pansion. It is a blessed quality of patriotism that it

can wear many guises and speak in more than one

accent. If it were not so, national life would not be

worth living, and monetary affairs would be vanity and

vexation.

Advance Must be Slow.

Probably the best indication that the Imperial Con-

ment of demand for the abandonment of a policy that seems good to any member of the Imperial household. Australia and Cape Colony want a definite deal with the Mother Country, and talk as though they won't be happy till they get it. After all, things are not moving slowly. Five years ago there was no preferential party in Britain. Four years ago Mr. Chamberlain said lous criticism of some of that extraordinary brand of Britain could not give a preference without taxing food; patriots who imagine that their ideas are the beginning and, as Mr. Lloyd George said this week, food in golden chances of fiscal immortality have been thrown Britain is an import, without which the people would starve, and is, therefore, like unto those things which away. Another asseverates that nothing has been acprotectionist colonies do not tax. It were easy to undercomplished except an exchange of civilities in the estimate the magnitude of the toil of converting the flesh that would have been just as useful if they had Britisher. In four years a great party has come intotaken place by cable. A third sees in the Campbellbeing; and, as a proposition, preference is more accept-Bannerman Government an evil genius incapable of able than it was. enthusiasm for the fine splendors of earthly dominion,

### Domination of Unionism.

But if any ultra-preferentialist imagines that the reversal of an ancient policy in Britain would deflect the course of Australian legislation, he should peruse the reports of a minor Imperial Conference on Australasian navigation laws that began to work in London before the Overseas Premiers reached England. Australian politics are mightily subject to the trade unionist. That individual has declared for a "White Australia"; and has passed legislation that prevents an educated Japanese merchant prince, who does not happen to speak "God A'mighty's language," from landing at Sydney for the purpose of expanding Australian exports to Tokyo. The Australians, in pursuance of their policy of exclusion, are against their mail coming to them from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's preferential gospel for 1907 Britain in ships on which colored sailors are permitted is written in the resolutions of the 1902 Conference, to swab the decks. They have also proposed that a which, on his motion, were unanimously reaffirmed on British ship when in an Australian port shall pay its Tuesday, with an additional recommendation in favor officers and men the wages which an Australian trade of the principle being extended in intercolonial arrange- unionist, similarly employed, deigns to accept from a ments. He would like to see preference within the deferential employer. If the normal pay of a Lascar Empire, but would not attempt to make it an instru- seaman on a P. and O. boat is two pounds a' month,

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and the normal pay of an English sailor, domiciled and engaged in Liverpool, is four pounds a month, and the union pay of an Australian seaman is eight pounds a month, the Lascar, while he is in Australian waters, must be given four times his ordinary pay; he must be raised to the position of a first-class English-speaking seaman, whose family has to be supported under Australian conditions. In this remarkable situation the British Board of Trade has acquiesced, not because it thinks it fair, feasible or fortunate, but because it recognizes that Australia must do as Australia pleases, and that interference or attempted dictation would be fatal to the community of interest which remains. There could not be a better demonstration of the strength of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's insistence that if you want Imperial unity you must permit, without controversy or reproof, the widest local liberty.

#### The Perversity of Motherhood.

The United Kingdom has just as much title to local liberty as the dominant trade unionist of New South Wales. The poor Old Country is guilty of many commercial stupidities. She persists in regarding herself as unquestionably facile princeps almong the manufacturing and scientific nations of the world. She sometimes avows this venerable, and, at one time, thoroughly justified faith, with the pathetic sincerity with which an extra-matured spinster displays her belief that the fascinations of departed youth are still hers to wield with all-conquering grace. The perverse old thing sticks to the notion that she knows what is best for her own pocket, which grows bigger and fuller so persistently as to endow with all the attributes of courage the friends and relations who assert vehemently that there is a frightful hole in it. She will not even condescend to make a will that satisfies her young kindred. About money generally she is almost as incorrigible as her friends, critics, and advisers. Her Government has a majority unexampled in modern history. Her Prime Minister, from being in opposition the recipient of immeasurable contempt, enjoys the heritage of the meek, who are also strong. Whatever the position, from the point of view of the Mother of Us All, it is clearly futile to expect her to alter it because we vow that she will forfeit our respect if she does not change her business devotion.

#### Polemists of Half Vision.

It is impossible to sympathize with the political economist who talks as though a question of world-wide, twentieth-century business can be settled by a quotation from Adam Smith, or an appeal to Richard Cobden inter-imperial trade has not been, and cannot be, governed by simple propositions of any kind that cease to be simple the moment they are transferred from paper to the complicated currents of international negotiation. Free trade is a beautiful theory, compounded of philanthropy and the five per cent, that was sure to the man who enjoyed a practical monopoly of mechanical production of universally-required commodities. The unfair competition of the poorly-paid German workman is much used as an illustration of the disadvantages of unrestricted marketing and of the necessity for protection. Neither of these strategic positions of the fiscal polemists does more than half justice to Things as They Are, and, therefore, cannot find the way out for a country, however rich on the accumulated gains of priority in nearly all markets, which is becoming hard pressed in the stress of rivalry. The searcher for light must often look for it away from the schoolmen of politics; who are too often stumbling along in the darkness that marks the wake of the lantern-carrying electioneerer.

Colonial Preference was not inside the arena of British politics until, by unexpectedly espousing it, Mr. Chamberlain disintegrated one party and consolidated another four years ago next Wednesday. The reason Mr. Chamberlain gave for his adhesion to a hitherto unpopular cause was twofold. Great Britain and the second second

her trade supremacy, and unless she saved it by preferential arrangements with the Colonies, the En could not last very long. The high-and-dry free traders, who had been lamenting the effect upon trade of Mr. Chamberlain's policies-to this day they remember that the Boer war added eight hundred million dollars to the national debt, reduced consols disastrously, and bequeathed to South Africa a commercial depression which is an unconscionably long time in passing-straightway proclaimed that British commerce was never in such promising case, and that everything was for the best in a beautiful world. A political cleavage followed, the like of which no man had fore-Neither side shone in the controversy that rent seen. the Balfour Government and converted a hopeless Opposition into a Government without having won a division in Parliament or secured a verdict at the polls. The tariff reformer thought he had made a great discovery when he had made only half a discovery. The free trader recited his creed, consulted the Board of Trade returns, and imagined that everything was settled for all time. Both sides talk in the same strain after four years' practice. Meantime the unemployed problem has become so'serious that the Government has inaugurated permanent machinery for providing work for the workless; and the quality of the Imperial race in the Imperial city is deteriorating because an increasing proportion of it does not get plenty of food. The balance of interimperial influence is being steadily transferred to the King's dominions overseas. To this end they were born. It is not manly to fret because the courses of history do not move cyclonically.

# Both Are Right and Both Are Wrong.

To appreciate the British situation you must examine independently the governing claim made by each party; and you will be driven to pushing your enquiries into regions which neither of them seems wishful to explore. Your quest for light will probably become really interesting where theirs leaves off-if you judge only by what both sides issue for public consumption. The tariff reformer says the commercial power of Britain is in grave danger. He is right. He says it is because of hostile tariffs, principally of Germany, France and the United States. He is only half right. There is more in international commerce than the history of a tariff war." To know the origin of a fight you must not merely ask who struck the first blow, but what led to it. The free trader says cheap food and raw material are vital to a commercial country that can neither feed itself nor grow the crops-such as cotton and wool-on which its major industries depend. He is right. He also says Britain has nothing to fear, because her turnover is increasing. He is wrong. He ignores the proofs that other countries are increasing their turnover more rapidly than Britain. Take shipping. In gross, Germany is away behind Britain. But she has progressed amazingly. Her steamers are the fleetest on the Atlantic. The North German Lloyd boats are in every sea-which cannot be said of any one British passenger-carrying company. Everywhere there is complaint that British ships are manned by foreign crews.

#### Low Wages and High.

Not so long ago England was literally the workshop of the world. The cotton trade of Lancashire was only possible because other countries either could not or would not make cotton goods for themselves. The industry is still the economic marvel of the nations. But it cannot retain the same degree of pre-eminence. Twenty years ago there was not a power loom in Russia. Now there are huge cotton mills in several cities, filled with English machinery and run by English foremen. Lancashire cannot go on exporting machinery and the goods which that machinery makes. The country that unpopular cause was twofold-Great Britain was losing learned to use power looms he will not go to Lancashire

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g ago England was literally the workld. The cotton trade of Lancashire was ecause other countries either could not ake cotton goods for themselves. The the economic marvel of the nations. But the same degree of pre-eminence. to there was not a power loom in Russia. huge cotton mills in several cities, filled achinery and run by English foremen. ot go on exporting machinery and the The country that at machinery makes. to-day will make its loom to-morrow. a have for centuries known how to y in silk. When the yellow man has ower looms he will not go to Lancashire

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for cloth. In Canada this week thousands of articles nent at the same expense as they cover their longonly have come from England. Obviously, there is supremacy. Against it a preferential tariff could, at best, give only a promise to postpone the inexorable.

But there is another, and a deadlier factor in the case. The tariff reformer advises his compatriot to tax dry goods house in the world-Cook's, of St. Paul's German goods because they are made by workmen receiving very much lower wages than a British toiler would accept, and against the selling effect of which the nor passenger elevator in their eight-storey building. British manufacturer is impotent, to his own loss and the loss of his employee. Isolated, the argument is unanswerable. But it does not solve a problem in which German competition is only one of many constituents. For the remedy of a ten per cent. tariff against the German invader is also recommended as a defence against the American invader, whose producing unit is much more highly paid than the British workman. Clearly, the trouble sits on something else besides wages sheets. What is it?

#### "Buy What I Make."

As the vital breath of British commerce is in her overseas business, you must learn how she has handled herself in distant markets, where, formerly, she was virtually a monopolist, on account of her unapproached manufacturing and carrying facilities. It is more important for the present purpose to know how Germany and the United States got into neutral markets than it is to be full of knowledge of what they are doing to-day, because they obtained their foothold when their equipment was far inferior to what it is now. From a cloud of witnesses, select the British consuls all over the world-men, on the whole, slow to observe the currents of trade, because they were recruited mainly from the classes who regarded trade as beneath the dignity of gentlemen. They testify that the Britisher, presuming on his old-time dominance, refused to study the likes and dislikes of his customers, declined to use their language and currency in his price lists-in short, took this stand: "These are the goods I make, and these are the prices I ask. If you don't like 'em, don't buy 'em. "Good day." And, in many instances, "Good day" it was, for the German came along, acted on the simple but profound counsel to become all things to all men, and, by suiting himself to the customer, got the business which John Bull imagined he controlled.

The Yankee has had his own special attacking force -he has been the travelling apostle of time and laborsaving. London is full of trans-Atlantic office furniture, not because this continent produces wood has to be shipped across the sea; and it is more costly to ship it as a finished, carefully-packed article than as business furniture, made by costly workmen, is in cakes. demand, not because it is American, but because it is vastly more convenient than the homemade article. In the main, the British manufacturer has lost hold because he would not, in time, adapt himself to changing conditions-even when he could be induced to believe that conditions were changing. There are many refreshing exceptions. But the general trend of the British mind was as complacent in trade as it was in war.

#### Boasting into Decline.

To a disheartening extent it so remains. Before us are letters which show a sublime indifference to elemental conditions of the Canadian market. It is almost impossible to convince some British firms that by slight than would be necessary to change it from a salesman's flour becomes dearer to the British housewife or not. in trying to prove that their product ought to satisfy their agents to open up new ground in this sub-conti- commerce is a rejuvenation of methods that inhere in the burden to a traveller's delight. They are apt to expect

have been manufactured such as, not so long ago, could cultivated fields in territory with eight times the population in a fiftieth of the area. If they are told how New going on a readjustment of production as inevitable as York and Chicago houses spend money to get a share the seasons, and as certain to prejudice Britain's trade of business in a new country, they will regard their informant as a sort of incipient pickpocket. The conservatism of the British manufacturer and wholesaler is a fearful and wonderful thing. The greatest wholesale Churchyard-boasted to the editor of this paper, only two years ago, that they possessed neither typewriter Another great dry goods house announced with pride their dislike of small accounts.

#### Mr. Chamberlain's Blunder.

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The loss of prestige is primarily due to this kind of thing. The sufferers need, as a first aid to recovery, not crutches, but pin-pricks. To tell them that they are being shamefully used by the Germans and Americans, and that a ten per cent. tariff will clear the air and fill the till, is to induce a little more folding of the hands. It may well be that in the effort to restore. speed to progress a tariff may be serviceable. But it will never supply the force, without which all else is vain. Neither will it, through its reaction on colonial commerce, achieve all the objects which Mr. Chamberlain prophesied for it. The might of Mr. Chamberlain's name must not be allowed to blind us to the undigested features of his original scheme. When so eminent a statesman is capable of saying, as he did at Glasgow, that if Britain responded to the colonial call for preference, the colonies would consent not to expand those manufactures in which Britain could supply their demand, he more than ever placed upon us the necessity of considering the whole subject independently of any inspiration from London. Leaving aside that blunder, explicable only as Dr. Johnson's definition of pastern" was, the basis of Mr. Chamberlain's case was that, as Britain was losing ground in foreign markets, she should make her own less accessible to her rivals, and foster transactions with Canada, Australasia and South Africa until they would outweigh business with the rest of the world.

Here, indeed, is a consummation for which we all would unfeignedly work, if only we could be satisfied of its practicability. But what does Britain send us that cannot, presently, be made in Canada? The question is not disposed of by saying that we cannot, for many years, make all we want. Tariff reform is a policy for the consolidated prosperity of the Empire, the cardinal feature of which is to be more and more manufacturing in Britain for export to such places as Canada. The and England does not, for in any case the wood more you look at the thing as it really is the more are you convinced that liberty of fiscal independence is the only reasonable position for those who do not imagine compact cargo that runs no risk of breakage. American that fiscal revolutions are as simple as the turning of

#### Preference Serves Consumer Now.

But do not the Daughter Nations believe in preference, and ought not the Mother Country to listen to them? Certainly, certainly." We should be recreant to our business instincts if we were unwilling to accept from Britain a better price for our goods. When she can be brought to see that there would be no hardship. in taking taxes off tea, sugar and tobacco and putting them on flour and wheat, a long step in advance will have been taken. Her education is wofully neglected, as we have tried to show. But while it is going on, let us be content, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier is, to permit our consumer to buy English goods at more reasonable prices adaptations of their goods they could treble their sales than he pays for similar articles from the United States. in this country. They will spend more time and money Whatever the advantage to our kinsman may be, the

If it is true that the fundamental need of British

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individual, and are not the belated addendum of a political device, what is the Imperial Conference worth? Although many engaging persons-many of them young, and most of them thoughtless-who imagine they keep the machinery of the Empire from flying to pieces, would suppose they had fallen from self-respect if they sold the things they buy; the Empire must subsist by trade; and approximations to uniformity in the things which trade procures for us-literature, self-defence, quality in public administration, expansion, and travel-will tend to combinative arrangements in trade. The ideal arrangement-on paper-would be free trade within the Empire. No one is foolish enough to propose it. Any rapid readjustment is equally impossible, as, anybody who knows much of the extraordinary ramifications of British business must concede. Happily, we are not limited to trade for opportunities to improve the relations of the sundered parts of the King's dominions. The Conference has done something along this line, which will help the habit of thinking imperially in matters of commerce-it has begun to give coherence to the British system of army defence.

#### Example of the General Staff.

In Mr. Haldane's speech, proposing the formation of a general staff for the study of defence, there is the sanest expression of true Imperial militarism, as it should apply to an unparalleled congerie of pacific . It was distinguished by every quality that States. should belong to a statesman who knows his own mind, is a firm lower of peace, and well seized of the risks of war. It was also remarkable for a nervous deference to the susceptibilities of gentlemen apprehensive of being drawn into the vortex of European militarism. Mr. Haldane sought to impose no obligation of finance or obedience on the overseas Governments, was content to suggest a way of uniting their forces with one another and with the army in Britain by a bond of simple intelligence-something so novel in War Office arrangements as to give it actual promise of success. Dr. Smartt, of Cape Colony, wanted every soldier of the King to undertake to serve anywhere that any of the King's Governments might want him. That was impossible. Mr. Balfour said a few days ago in the House of Commons that Britain would never consent to abandon the voluntary system. Given a reasonable ground for drawing the sword, the Empire will act concertedly. If it will not, it will be as well to know its failure to justify the ties of blood. The British officer is always valorous. He is not always discreet. The Boer war taught him that in resourcefulness he is far behind the man accustomed to live in spacious lands. So Mr. Haldane would circulate British officers in Canada, Canadian officers in Britain, and by uniformity in weapons, ammunition, and details of discipline, obtain the maximum efficiency for each territorial army acting sepa-rately, and for the whole, if operating together. The standards of efficiency would not be imposed on Canada and New Zealand by some martinet in Whitehall, but would be the fruit of study and experience assembled from the training grounds of the five continents and the seven seas in which the Empire keeps its men and ships Not Towards the Vortex.

That is not an approach to the dreaded vortex. If there be any reason for a Canadian force, and for anticipating a recurrence of what happened in 1899, it is an overwhelming reason for securing a maximum smoothness of working when it is associated with a kindred army in a distant theatre of war.

The general staff will be established to attain this co-operative similarity. Incidentally, it will produce that greater flexibility of mind which was conspicuous by its absence from British generals and colonels in Natal and Cape Colony. In essence, it is the same reform that is asked in business methods. Improvement in defence does not seem the natural leader to improvement in commerce. But, in this wonderful Empire, the things we need are often achieved in the way we

least expect. The General Staff is a case in point. It is the work of a Minister of War who is a great jurist, and whose plan two years ago for bettering the Empire's domestic relations was a strengthening of the colonial representation on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

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There must be a change of some sort. It will be coincident with healthy, vigorous differences of opinion. If not, it would be only the progress from manhood to decrepitude. Of the potentialities of the change for Canada, as an international entity there is more to be said another day.

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A man was acquitted at Boston this week on a plea of "financial insanity." The charge against him was of criminally concealing his assets from his trusters in bankruptcy. Insanity experts testified that he was inflicted with a mania for spending money, and that he had no idea where it went. A motion of the assistant district attorney to commit him to an asylum was denied by the judge, on the ground that the defendant was not legally insane. This is really too intricate for comment.

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The Toronto Board of Trade has issued a report of the delegation which visited the West Indies last winter in the interests of larger Canadian commerce with the Islands. It is an excellent thing to do. It would have been more excellent if the pamphlet contained some indication as to how the Council of the Board proposes to translate the report into action. Presumably, the questions raised by Mr. Allan and the delegates from the Halifax and St. John Boards of Trade have been considered by the Council, and some conclusions arrived at. If not, what was the good of sending a delegation on a six weeks' journey? It is, of course, the business of firms dealing in such commodities as may be sent to and received from the West Indies to look after their own business. But if that were the beginning and the ending of the situation, there would be no function for Boards of Trade at all. The real business of a Board of Trade is to learn what commerce may be stimulated, to show how to do it, and to see that it is done.

Financial gossipers are bound to overflow into the daily newspapers; and they made something out of the Sovereign Bank changes. On the whole, the papers deal restrainedly with financial talk, and they have done no harm in this instance. The transfer of two Bank of Commerce inspectors and the appointment of Mr. Jemmett, the secretary of that institution to the joint general managership of the Sovereign Bank gave color to the ingenious notion that the Commerce would absorb the Sovereign. It is just as well, therefore, to repeat the statement of Mr. Byron Walker, the president of the Bank of Commerce : "The Bank of Commerce never considered any such proposal in connection with the Sovereign Bank. Our interest in that bank is the " interest that everyone has in it-the wish that it will succeed. We hope for all our banking institutions "that they will be strong and successful. The two foreign banks which are connected financially with the Sovereign Bank wished to strengthen its administration, and they paid the Canadian Bank of Commerce the compliment of selecting several members of its staff. We acquiesced in these changes, but as to the " affaits of the Sovereign Bank we know nothing, and "any rumors such as I understand are current are unjust to the Sovereign Bank and entirely untrue."

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"banking in all its branches and subtleties, when one issues will be devoted to general extension and improveof them does have a mind sufficiently logical to grasp "its intricacies, and sufficiently masculine to appreciate its advantages and openings, she is a valuable asset " to any bank." Which, perhaps, very fairly sums up the case. In these days women handle a good deal of money, and the wife's cash is as much value to a bank as is the husband's. There is a certain business confidence between woman and woman, which will never be between man and woman. Thus, the woman banking object to women entering what are regarded usually as masculine spheres of labor. Probably this will remain a controversial question.

# CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing Houses for the weeks ending with May 10th, 1906; May 3rd, and May 9th, 1907, with the percentage, increase or crease over 1906:-

May 10, ' Montreal\$30.486,0	06. May 2, '07. 588 \$27,011,126	May 9, '07. \$30,036,048	
14011111		24,798,185	- 5.7
Toronto 26,319, Winning 8,486,		12,101,556	+42.6
Winnipeg 8,480, Halifax 1,758,		1,802,224	+ 3.07
Hamilton 1,380,		2,427,854	+75.8
Hammeon	540	1,460,960	+28.7
St. John 1,134. Vancouver . 2,318,		3,510,974	+51.4
Victoria 851,	658 .944,475	986,314	+15.8
Ouebec 1,976,	716 1,852,600	1,919,600	
Ottawa 2,830,	232 3,305,598	3,463,256	
London 1,340,	004 1,212,153	1,426,503	+ 6.4
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Total ...\$79,856,090 \$79,605,309 \$84,937.553. ..... The clearings for April aggregate \$328,183,035, a gain of 17.5 per cent. over April, 1906, while the total for four months was \$1,306,716,522, a gain of 10 per cent. over last year.

The following are the totals for the month of April :----

			D
	1906.	1907.	Dec
Montreal \$	478,523,417	\$ 472,890,437	+ 8
Toronto	380,404,330	413,824,610	+ 27
Winnipeg	127,000,027	49,650,363	+23
Ottawa	40,133,191	55,451,744	+61
Vancouver	34,340,915	30,139,246	+11
Quebec	27,065,064 28,138,512	28,174,224	+ 0
Halifax	22,523,834	27,614,170	+22
Hamilton	17,804,301	21,624,907	+21
London	18,008,652	20,211,090	+12
Victoria	13,551,392	16,274,249	+20
Calgary		22,581,180	
Edmonton		14,781,090	
Total \$	1,187,129,635	\$1,297,742,810	+ 9

# BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

The branch of Molsons Bank in Amherstburg will be removed on June, 1st to new premises on Dalhousie Street, the front street of the town.

The Bank of Toronto have opened an agency at Peter-borough. It will be under the direction of the Port Hope office and will be open two days in the week.

A new adding machine record has been made by L. E. Spaulding, of the St. Louis Bank Clerk Institute, on a Burroughs Book-keeping Machine, he adding 500 bank checks in six minutes and eighteen seconds.

Mr. W. B. Coulthard, formerly of the Bank of Montreal has been appointed manager of the Royal Bank of Canada in Fredericton. Mr. A. E. Brock, the former manager goes to Montreal as manager of the West End branch.

Mr. F. L. Patton, manager of the Dominion Bank, Winni peg, who has returned from a trip to England, says that Britishers favor investments in Western Canada, but are

In the comparison of the deposits of the chartered, banks last week, the figures for the Bank of Hamilton should have been given as \$23,640,000 instead of \$13,000,000. This makes

ments.

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The action of the Bank of Nova Scotia in giving up their large business in Trinidad rather than risk their employees taking yellow fever is commendable. At present yellow fever is raging in Trinidad, and an inspector of the bank. Mr. E. H. Hammett, recently succumbed to it. Rather than expose their other employees to this danger the bank closed its branch.

At the annual meeting in London of the Quebec Central Railway Company, Mr. E. Dent in the chair, the president, between man and woman. Thus, the woman banking in moving the adoption of the report, said that was the first official must play a useful and, indeed, necessary role in moving the adoption of the company that the holdin banking business. There always will be those who ers of the securities given in the exchange for the old first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds had received the equivalent to their full interest.

#### DIVIDENDS PAYABLE.

Quarterly.-May 15th. Twin City R. T. Company, 11/4 cent.; Montreal Light, Heat & Power, 11/4 per cent.; Sterling Bank, 11/2 per cent.

May 16th. Sovereign Bank, 11/2 per cent.

### EXPANSION OF LOANS IN CANADA.

The loan situation in America is reaching an interesting stage. The expansion in this connection has made a record already in New York's banking history. For the week ended April 13th the associated banks recorded a loan increase of \$36,968,300. Since 1899, when the gain was \$15,000,000, it has gradually increased, until in 1905 the previous best record of \$34,000,000 was reached.

In Canada for the second time in ten years current loans and discounts exceed the deposits. This was shown plainly in the last bank statement. The following figures show how the Canadian chartered banks stand in regard to current loans in Canada.

The current loans at the end of March stood at \$579,-057,554. A year ago they were \$475,032,442. Thus, there has been an increase in twelve months of \$104,025,112, or 22 per cent. In the first three months of 1907, thirty-one banks showed an aggregate increase of their loans in the Inc. or Dec. Dominion of \$30,373,074, a monthly average of \$10,124,358. The following table shows the increases in detail:-

2				Change
8	and the second second	Dect., 'o6.	Mar. '07.	%
5	Bank of Montreal \$	80,340,699	\$ 86,046,753	+ 7.00
7	Bank of New Bruns	3,641,948	4,370,968	+20.01
5	Ouebec Bank	8,000,000	9,261,735	+ 2.9
4	Bank of Nova Scotia	13,622,616	14,087,808	+ 3.4
× 1	St. Stephen's Bank	623,169	625,638	+ 0.3
6	Bank of B.N.A	18,401,856	22,063,451	+19.8
5	Bank of Toronto	24,467,672	26,289,843	+ 7.4%
2	Molsons Bank	20,986,556	23,658,315	+12.7
1	East. Townships Bk	13,291,053	14,321,852	+ 7.7
	Union Bk. of Halifax	8,115,369	7,957,627	- 1.9
	Ontario Bank	. 4,463,453	1,814,319	-59.5
	Banque Nationale	0,816,757	10,566,183	+ 7.6
3	Merch. Bk. of Canada.	28,037,925	. 30,352,882	+ 4.8
	Ban. Prov. du Canada	2,297,856	2,622,020	+14.1
	People's Bk. of N.B	703,391	685,510	- 2.5
	Union Bk. of Canada	23,058,544	23,565,364	+ 2.1
1	Canadian Bk. of Com	80,836,771	80,738,480	
	Royal Bk. of Canada	19,478,948	21,402,276	+. 5.6
-	Dominion Bank	32,915,267	35,730,724	+ 7.8
e	Bank of Hamilton	20,172,894	20,485,978	+ 1.5
	Stand. Bk. of Canada	13,889,576	14,496,635	+ 4.3
r-	Bank de St. Jean	795,960	842,041	+ 5.7
e	Banque d'Hochelaga	12,854,025	13,894,874	+ 8.09
-	Bqe. de St. Hyacinthe	1,272,183	1,296,907	1.9
5.	Bank of Ottawa	20,691,281	22,474,578	+ 8.2
a	Imp'l Bank of Canada.	25,165,657	26,249,877	+ 4.3
s	Western Bk. of Canada.	3,237,178	3,752,440	+15.6
	Traders Bk. of Canada.	25,000,655	26,804,509	+ 7.1
1,	Sov Bk. of Canada	16,498,522	15,828,931	- 4.05
n	Metropolitan Bank	4,525,532	5,230,868	+15.6
0	Crown Bk. of Canada	3,088,834	3,215,215	+ 4.08 +62.8
	Home Bk. of Canada	721,436	1,174,844	+ 1.8
î-	Northern Bank	4,464,113	4,550,429	+1.0 +80.3
at	Sterling Bk, of Canada.	1,113,138	1,997,786	+80.3 +80.4
	IT'd Emp. Bk. of Canada	185,556	335,831	100.4
re	Farmers Bk. of Canada.		264,063	A
¢S	Total Current Year	\$548,684,480	\$579,057,554	+ 3.7

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a percentage increase in ten years of 267.2. The Montreal Rolling Mills Company will increase their capital from \$816,000 to \$1,200,000. The new stock is to be offered to shareholders at the rate of one share of new stock for every four shares of old stock. The proceeds of the new

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## CANADIAN BANKING PRACTICE.

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# By H. M. P. Eckardt. I.

In a country situated as Canada was, having the larger part of its banking business connected with the gathering of produce over wide areas, and the shipping of it over long distances, with a corre-sponding process in the supplying of manufactured goods, whether from foreign countries or Canadian centres, economy and efficiency alike required a sys-tem of banking where the same institution could tem of banking where the same institution could afford accommodation at fairly uniform rates over wide areas, and in many centres simultaneously. Obviously these objects were best secured by a few large banks with numerous branches,—Professor Shortt's History of Canadian Currency, Banking and Exchange in the journal of the Canadian Bankers' Association.

These remarks applied to the Canada of 1870 and previous years. There were then, as now, the two kinds of banks-the large concerns, with Branches in different parts of the country, and the small institutions, with operations confined to a particular place or section. Though several of the last named class have since been organized and successfully conducted, the fendency is unmistakably towards the complete absorption of the banking business of the country by banks with branches. Progress towards that point has been at a greatly accelerated pace in the last few years. Of the localized banks, some have stopped, some have been absorbed by large banks, and others have saved themselves by broadening the area of their operations. Those possessing but a single office, like the national banks of the United States, have had a hard struggle to maintain their ground. They were very numerous in the Dominion; one only now remains. The kind with a few branches, and these contained in a restricted area, were more in evidence. They have been rapidly disappearing or changing character.

#### Large Demand for Men.

At the time of which Professor Shortt wrote the branches of the banks were found nearly altogether in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia; and they were but sparsely scattered in those Provinces. In the last decade a phenomenal expansion has occurred in all directions-the offices in the older Provinces being multiplied, and hundreds of new establishments being opened west of Lake Superior and on the Pacific slope. Concurrently, the gross business or turnover of the banks and the totals of their balance sheets have increased by leaps and bounds. To handle the larger business and to man the new

offices has called for a great enlargement of the banking At the annual meetings some bankers have constaffs. fessed that they were unable to open as many branches as they wished because they could not find the managers and the clerks they needed. In the effort to fill this demand juniors have been rapidly promoted, men imported from outside businesses and professions, and bank clerks brought from England and Scotland. In view of the circumstances, it was thought that a series of articles explaining the various features and principles of the present-day Canadian banking practice, the reasons for the regulations contained in the codes, the approved methods of training of juniors and of developing expert bankers, the mechanism of head office government and supervision, and other matters con-nected therewith, would have interest for a large section of Monetary Times readers.

#### Some Comparisons.

With the view to engaging the attention of business men having relations with the banks, and of others who may be interested in the subject it is proposed to avoid technicalities, and to give, wherever possible, illustrations and incidents drawn from recent happenings in after a few of the features of Canadian banking that everyday business. The articles will aim, in short, at contrast sharply with banking in other countries have

in a manner that will appeal to outsiders as well as to the clerks and officers. Before proceeding to the matter of the education of the junior officer prior to and after he joins the profession, some space will be devoted to descriptions of the general character of the business transacted by the banks in Canada, its peculiarities and points of difference from the banking business of other countries, notably of the United States and of England and Scotland, and of the process of forming or organizing a new bank in the Dominion, as prescribed by the Bank Act.

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We have seen that, in the old days, the business of the banks consisted mainly in facilitating "the gathering of produce over wide areas, and the shipping of it over long distances, with a corresponding process in " the supplying of manufactured goods." This work still constitutes a very large part of the banking operations. Of course, with the growth of the country, and the heavy increase in the output of natural products and of manufactures, the connection of the banks with these forms of activity has largely increased. But the growth of population and of wealth has compelled them to undertake a great deal of business of a different kind. Every year their operations become more complex.

### Help More Promotions.

They undertake considerably more of what is called financial banking than they did formerly. Loans to Stock Exchange houses, investments in stocks and bonds have grown to large proportions, and the connection with new flotations of securities has increased. They engage freely in business offered by the principal mining centres; they assist the manufacturing inerests, not only to turn out and distribute goods for home consumption, but also to ship stuff abroad, and to collect payment therefor. They have, drawn to them-selves practically the whole of the new deposit and savings bank business of the country, and they have done valuable service, with their loans made in the new towns of the West, in helping to build up that part of the Dominion.

### Various People, Various Methods.

To learn the general methods of banking in any country it is necessary to study the forms of activity carried on by its people. In Canada these are many and varied. Nearly every Province is strong in agricultural products. On the Atlantic seaboard, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the principal special occupations, apart from the professions and the general distribution of goods, are: the fisheries, coal mining, iron and steel manufacturing, lumbering, trade with the West Indies, with Europe, and the United States. In Ontario and Quebec they are general manufacturing, mining of various kinds, the inland lake traffic, fruit culture, dairying, lumbering, and, centred in Montreal and Toronto, is the trade with foreign countries and the heart of the transportation and financial business. Manitoba's great specialty is wheat. It also has important fisheries, and, just now, railroad construction is active. Winnipeg is the great distributing centre for Western Canada. Alberta and Saskatchewan also are strong in wheat and agriculture. Ranching and coal mining have considerable importance, and railroad construction is much in evidence, and will be for many years.

### United States Similarity.

All three Provinces are quickly filling up with settlers. Their arrival, purchases of land, and farming operations, have an important influence on the banking business of the West. British Columbia has mining, fisheries, fruit, lumbering and Oriental and Antipodean trade. And, far to the north, the Yukon finds its sustenance altogether in gold mining. How the banks deal with these interests, how they give their assistance, the terms they exact, and the conditions they impose will be taken up presenting the interior working of the Canadian bank been lightly touched upon. Taking the United States

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### Wide Distribution of Control.

Besides differences in the form of Canadian banks, there are some sharp contrasts in the manner of their operations and control. A noticeable feature about present-day American banking, especially in the large centres, is the tendency towards concentration of control. Rich and powerful capitalists obtain control of certain banks, and seek gradually to extend the pale of their influence. It may be that the banks in their control continue in some cases to discharge their proper functions, but there are substantial grounds for the idea common among the people that the controlled banks are sometimes used merely as engines to further the private schemes of the men in control. This tendency is not seen in Canadian banking. Ownership of the stocks of the banks is widely distributed-five and ten share lots and odd numbers of shares figure in great numbers in all the stock lists. Even if some rich capitalists were to succeed in obtaining the control of a majority of the stock in a Canadian bank, fear of a hostile public sentiment would be sufficient to deter them from perverting its operations too largely for their private benefit. If this fear did not suffice, there would still remain the wholesome influence of the periodical revision of the Bank Act by Parliament every ten years. The House of Commons is quick to notice and resent any departure by the banks from their duty of providing facilities for carrying on the general trade and commerce of the country.

#### Policy of Many Customers.

Another important difference exists in the manner of carrying the large borrowers. In Canada, as the banks are large, it is the custom to insist that firms and individuals confine their borrowings to one bank, except in the case of very large corporations or companies. Thus, the lines of credit carried by big merchants and manufacturers at the individual banks are often very large, sometimes even when the accounts are at a small country branch. In the United States, on the other hand, the large borrowers are obliged frequently to submit to having their paper peddled among a half dozen or more banks. As a consequence, the tie that binds the bolta more comprehensive oversight of his customer's affairs.

Again, in the great cities of the United States there are a number of banks preferring to deal only with customers who will keep large balances, and whose transamounts. They don't wish to be bothered with the small fry.' In Canada there is nothing of that exclusiveness. The individual of the smallest im-portance can open a very small account in the savings

The chief contrast between the banking business phernalia of independent existence. Last midsummer of Canada and that of England and Scotland lies in the there were in the United States, according to the 1906 greater diffusion of the Canadian business. The branch report of the Comptroller of the Currency, a total of system prevails in Great Britain, but the branches are all contained in a small island, while in Canada they are scattered over half a continent. Then, as Great Britain banks, with about 1,700 branches. In the one case, is the centre of the largest overseas trade in the world, 1,700 banking offices were operated by 34 executives; so British banking is more largely tinged with foreign transactions than is the banking of now other transactions than is the banking of any other country, or of any British dominions overseas. The enormous range of the foreign investments of the British people, the extent of their mercantile marine, the world-wide activities of their insurance companies, the maintenance of Imperial forces, stores, military or naval works, in all parts of the globe, also impart a peculiar character to the banking of the British Isles.

#### PERSONAL.

Mr. C. M. Parks, manager of the Sarnia branch of the Bank of Toronto, is to be transferred to Toronto. Mr. H. F. Holland, of Welland, succeeds him.

Mr. W. A. Hebblethwaite has been appointed manager of the north end branch of the Imperial Bank at Winnipeg. Mr. J. A. Wetmore succeeding him as manager at Regina.

Mr. C. A. Bogert, general manager of the Dominion Bank, is back from England. While in Britain he secured a number of young Scotchmen as recruits in the bank's service.

Mr. F. W. Boschen, of Montreal, has been elected a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, of New York, and is the only member of that organization residing in Canada.

Mr. A. H. Devitt, formerly manager of the Merchants Bank at Prescott, has been transferred to Berlin in the same capacity. Mr. H. P. Bingham, lately manager at Berlin, goes to Prescott.

Mr. V. W. F. Heron, formerly of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been appointed manager of the Crown Bank, of Canada branch, corner of Spadina Avenue and College Street, Toronto,

Mr. A. L. Dewar, of Chicago, who has been appointed general manager of the Monarch Bank, has moved to Toronto. He is a former Canadian, of Hamilton, with experience of banking in Chicago.

Mr. J. P. Jarvis, manager of the North Winnipeg branch of the Imperial Bank, has left for Brandon, where he will assume the position of accountant in the Brandon bank. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hebblethwaite.

Hon. F. Cochrane, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, has been presented by the Canadian Mining In-stitute with a pair of gold cuff links as a recognition of the interest shown by him in the Institute's recent meeting in Toronto.

A commission will enquire into the remuneration in the rowing customer to his bank is stronger in Canada than it is across the southern boundary, and the banker has erly general manager of the Merchants' Bank, and Mr. N. Garneau, mayor of Quebec.

> Mr. J. L. Blaikie returned this week from Atlantic City where he has been recurred this week from Atlantic City-where he has been recurrenting after an attack of grippe. Mr. Blaikie is president of the Boiler Inspection and Insur-ance Company of Canada, of the Canada Landed and National Investment Company, and of the North American

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The Quebec Board of Trade has adopted a resolution calling upon the Federal Government to establish a Canadian Lloyds to replace the English maritime insurance companies, whose attitude is declared to be ruinous to Canadian maritime commerce, especially in the St. Lawrence. Such a statement requires explanation. The English marine underwriters are in the business to make money, if possible. Competition is abundant, and if A., B. and C. are found to be making money by marine insurance in the St. Lawrence River and Gulf, D., E. and F. will endeavor soon to partake of the profits, if any. But if the underwriters have to reckon losses instead of profits, in spite of our boasted system of dredges, ranges, and lights, the substitu-tion of Canadian for British insurers will not change the

risks of the route. To take another and a wider view. The Connecticut Insurance Department, one of the ablest and most trustworthy on this continent, has just printed a valuable exhibit of the results of 1906 business of 93 stock companies of other States, 7 stock companies of Go-necticut, and 25 companies of other countries, 125 com-panies in all, doing business in the States. From this it is seen that the stock companies, foreign and domestic, made an underwriting loss during the year 1906 of \$53,268,380. "This is considerably more than the of \$53,268,380. entire underwriting profit made by the principal com-" panies on their entire business throughout the United "States from 1864 to 1905, inclusive. This latter state-ment is made upon the authority of a prominent in-"surance official, who secured the figures for his cal-"culation from the reports of the National Board of "Fire Underwriters." In other words, the underwriting profits of forty-one years, and millions in addition, were wiped out during the year, 1906-in fact, during the three days of the San Francisco conflagration. The three days of the San Francisco conflagration. profits of the companies in other parts of the country during 1906 reduced by millions of dollars the net loss for the whole year. Looking minutely at the table containing the names and figures of the Canadian, British, and Continental offices, but one among them, the Cologne, made any money last year; the other twenty-four lost money. Their aggregate premiums were \$60,759,590; their losses, \$79,373,104; their expenses, \$21,556,755, and there has been an increase of their underwriting liabilities for reinsurance, etc., of \$13,-008.001.

#### LIFE, ACCIDENT AND CASUALTY NOTES.

District-Attorney Jerome hinted last week that he would matters in connection with the Equitable investigate some Life.

Reference is made in our English letter on another page to a warning in the London "Times" as to one of the smal-ler life assurance companies of Canada seeking capital in England. The Monetary Times has been unable to confirm by enquiry here the story of such application. \* \* \* \*

Mr. I. F. Junkin, for some years managing-director of Mr. J. F. Junkin, for some years managing-director of the Manufacturers' Life, has resigned from that position to go in business on his own account as financial agent, etc., in Toronto. His successor is likely to be Mr. G. A. Somerville, manager of the Huron & Erie Loan Company, of London, who is an excellent financial man. He is not, however, a life assurance expert. \* \* \* \*

Mr. Jones has joined the firm of Ridout & Strickland, who Mr. Jones has joined the firm of knowl & Strickland, who represent the Phoenix Insurance, of London; the Law Union and Crown Insurance Company, and the London and Lancashire Life Insurance Company. The partnership thus formed is under the name of Ridout, Strickland & Jones.

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The death last week of Mr. F. G. Cox, second son of the The death last week of Mr. F. G. Cox, second son of the Hon. G. A. Cox, brought sorrow to a large and affectionate family circle. The deceased gentleman was in the prime of life, barely 40 years of age. He had been brought up in Peterborough, where he was associated with his father's business. In 1897, when the Imperial Life Assurance Com-pany was formed, he became its manager, and retired some months' ago to become president of the Provident Invest-ment and Mortgage Company. He was vice-president of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, Toronto, and a director of the Toronto Savings and Loan Company, Peter-borough. Mr. Cox was a great lover of horses, and an ardent yachtsman. He was fond of open-air sports, and a successful curler. His agreeable disposition won him many friends. friends.

Some words upon the life insurance outlook for 1907 find place in the annual report of President Dryden to policy-holders of the Providential Life. "Life insurance has passed through a most critical period," he says, "but it is to be hoped that the turning-point has been reached and that the course lies straight towards still greater achievements in the future than have been attained in the past. No limita-tions can be put upon a force which, like life insurance, makes with absolute certainty for human happiness and bet-terment on the grandest scale. No insidious attacks respect-ing its value can seriously or permanently influence men and women of sound and impartial judgment, representative of women of sound and impartial judgment, representative of the preponderating majority of the policyholders of American companies. No other institution, financial or industrial, could have weathered such a storm, with as little real damage as legal reserve life insurance in the United States. It stands to-day where it has ever stood in the past, the most cherished of our social institutions, the most useful method of sav-ing, and the most effective form of thrift."

#### STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

This long established Edinburgh life company held its  $8_{151}$  annual general meeting on April 22nd. The report for-the year ended November, 1906, showed assurances accepted during the year, for which 5,486 policies were issued, £2,384.434, re-assured with other offices £103,782, leaving net amount of new assurances for the year £2,280,652. Premium revenue on new policies during year leaving: net premium revenue on new assurance £101,249, amount received in purchase of annuities during the year, for which 142 bonds were issued, £89,626. On the other side of the account there were claims under policies during the year, in-clusive of bonus additions: By death £608,261, by surviv-ance £130,946, together £739,207. Subsisting assurances at 15th November, 1906, exclusive of bonus additions, £29,222,-646. The accumulated funds at 15th Novemoer, 1906, after deducting current liabilities, were £11,764,530. The addition to the accumulated funds during the year was £380,637. The dividend to proprietors was at the usual rate of ten per cent. cent

# OCEAN, ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE CORPORATION LIMITED.

The exhibit made by this well-known company as a re-sult of the business of 1906 is most satisfactory. The gross revenue for the year amounted to  $\pounds I, 178, 385$ . Of this, the total premium income, less re-insurances and bonus to as-sured, amounted to  $\pounds I, 139, 328$ . This is an increase of  $\pounds for IOC Property 1005$ . £64,710 over 1905.

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The manner in which the company provides reserves upon reserves is noteworthy. For example, it had at the close of 1905,  $\pounds$  400,000 provided for outstanding claims. The close of 1905, £400,000 provided for outstanding claims. The year was prosperous, but in view of a fire business having been undertaken, and also workmen's compensation, the amount was raised to £448,000. Naturally enough the ex-panded business increased expenses, which having been 15.40 per cent of the premiums, increased to 15.70 per cent. But as against this the cost of claims declined in twelve months from 56.03 to 50.76. The grand total carried to the balance sheet was £172,814, as compared with £95.788. Having regard to the marked fluctuations on the Stock The long-standing partnership of Medland & Jones as insurance agents in Toronto was cancelled on May 1st, by mutual consent. Mr. W. A. Medland retains representation of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, and the Guarantee Company of North America, while MrI A. F. Jones receives the agencies of the Insurance Company of North America, the German American Insurance Company of New York, and the Canada Accident Assurance Company.

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chairman, Sir Inomas Hewitt, to the great want of union and uniformity of method amongst companies doing acci-dent and guarantee business in England. The very same things are lacking over here. "It appears to me," said Sir Thomas, "that we are all getting heartily sick of undercut-ting." Which is doubtless true. The best thing that could be done for the business would be to join hands, and cure it.

## FIRE AND MARINE NOTES.

Mr. H. P. French, of the Western department of the . . . .

At Latchford, near Cobalt, settlements have been made by the companies concerned in the recent fire, and \$21,000 paid out of a total insurance of say \$25,000. aTwo of the merchants who were burned out have buildings under construction already; several are doing business in tents. . . . .

The firms of F. H. Brydges and Sons and J. C. Waugh have amalgamated under the style of Brydges and Waugh, Limited, dating from May 1st. The following insurance companies will be represented: Atlas, Commercial Union, Guardian, Mercantile, and Pacific Coast, Canada Accident, Lloyds Plate Glass, Dominion Burglary Guarantee, and Railway Passengers. In addition, the firm will carry on a real estate and loaning business.

Next week the Twentieth Century Club of Boston will devote its regular Saturday luncheon and afternoon talk to considering the possibilities of conflagration in Boston and the ways and means of their prevention. If the Canadian Club, of Hamilton, of Ottawa, of Toronto, and other cities were to get well-informed fire inspectors, Mr. Covey, for instance, or Mr. Edwards, or Mr. Seneca Jones, to discourse for a half-hour an hour to club members in these cities on this all-important subject of fire loss and conflagration hazard, vast good might be done.

### APRIL FIRE RECORD.

The April record of fires is this year much above the average and greatly in excess of what it should be. The total is \$21,925,000, and the aggregate for four months is \$86,427,100. Looking back at previous Aprils, we find 1903 with \$13,459,000; 1905 with \$11,901,000; 1906 (exclusive of San Francisco) with \$17,501,150. This shows how relatively expensive last month has been to the fire insurance com-panics. The following table gives a comparison by months of the losses this year with 1905 and 1906:—

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writing down the value of any stocks that might be depre-iated temporarily, they would make an investment reserve of insurance they want. The Ontario Act imposes a tax of two-thirds of one per cent. on all fire companies operating here, outsiders should pay a tax, too. Another thing asked by way of protection from "underground" companies is that these applications should be made public. This is done by States of the American Union; 47 such applications for in-surance companies not licensed in Illinois appear in the New York "Lournal of Commerce" of May 7th and the State gets Attention was drawn at the annual meeting by the York "Journal of Commerce" of May 7th, and the State gets chairman, Sir Thomas Hewitt, to the great want of union a revenue from each applicant. Ontario should get a like a revenue from each applicant. Ontario should get a like revenue. The deputation to the Government included the following: H. M. Blackburn, Sun; D. Wetssmiller, London Mutual; A. M. M. Kirkpatrick, Home; John B. Laidlaw, Norwich Union; H. H. Beck, Anglo-American; John Maughan, Hartford; Greenwood Brown, Equity; Van Nor-man, Equity; J. Richardson, New York Underwriters'; A. W. Wright, Quebec, and George McMurrich, Yorkshire.

# INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF TORONTO.

Hartford Fire, has been appointed special agent for Western Canada, with headquarters at Winnipeg, under Superinten-dent W. W. Scrimes. essful candidates in recent examinations. In presenting cessful candidates in recent examinations. In presenting them, Mr. J. K. Macdonald made a very apposite address. The diplomas were received by F. E. Pegler, F. K. Howson and D. A. Sinclair, of the Manufacturers' Life; J. L. Noble, British America; P. Von Szeliski, Manitoba Fire; H. E. Freeman, R. R. Martin, and F. W. Hall, Western Fire; T. E. Roberts and H. A. Joselin, Norwich Union; E. M. McRae, London and Lancashire; J. H. Domelle, A. H. Robb and C. C. Macklin, Canada Life; J. Staunton, Canada Life; J. E. Byrons, Crown Life; H. E. Harcourt, St. Andrew's College.

The examination papers were set in accordance with a syllabus published by the British Insurance Federation, and the receipt of these diplomas gives these named above cer-College. tificates of international value.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary

# SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS BORROWING MONEY.

Gainsboro, \$1,000. H. C. Eyres, Overseer. Tantallion, \$1,000. G. Markland, Overseer. Banton, No. 1690, \$1,000. J. F. Monk, Keelerville. Forget, No. 1320, \$5,000. F. M. Brady. M. Carment, Kamsack. Pauline, No. 1251, \$5,000. W. M. Carment, Kamsack. Pauline, No. 1650, \$1,200. A. W. Dawson, Prairie Rose. Czernawka, No. 1712, \$1,000. S. J. Mugford, Rothbury. Mostetz, No. 1734, \$1,000. S. J. Mugford, Rothbury. Horizon, No. 1737, \$1,000. S. J. Mugford, Rothbury. Midhurst, No. 1530, \$800. E. C. Clark, Fort Pelly. New Osgoode, No. 1600, \$800. H. E. Jones. Osprey, No. 1636, \$21000. T. J. Colquette, Strongfield. New Osgoode, No. 1000, T. Osprey, No. 1636, \$2000. T. Torsk, No. 1713, \$1,200. S. J. Mugford, Rothbury, Total, 4 mos. \$86,621,850 There were during April last 375 fires where the loss ched or exceeded \$10,000 in each instance. But this is not the worst, for 100 fires are reported with ses each from \$30,000 to \$100,000; and the greatest holo-ists account for \$100,000 to \$600,000 each-44 of them. A lion and a half was the cost of the car barns fire in New rk, \$050,000 of the two McGill College fires in Montreal; rk, \$050,000 of the two McGill College fires in Montreal; V Francisco hundreds of thousands of property melted av in flame. The year 1007 has been thus far an unfor-

An interesting summary of the official career of Dr. Robert Bell, F.R.S., of the Geological Survey of Canada, is given in the Ottawa Free Press. His extensive work was INSURANCE DEPUTATION. The errand of the dozen insurance men who, waited upon Hon. Mr. Foy on Saturday has been wrongly stated. It was not to ask that unlicensed companies should be granted permits for Ontario business under certain con-

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#### MONTREAL AND WEST INDIES.

Establishment of New Steamship Line Discussed-Longshoremen's Strike Not Likely to Affect Monttreal-Banking and Commercial Notes.

#### Monetary Times' Office, Montreal, May 9th.

The Canadian railroads are wondering how the recent increase in the poll-tax on simmigrants to the United States, from \$2 to \$4 per head, will affect Canadian immigration. The effect of the tax naturally would be to restrict immigration to the United States, unless a third party came forward and assumed the burden of the poll-tax. So far as can be seen, the only third party apt to intervene are the transporta-tion companies having a long haulage of the immigrants. This would place the responsibility largely upon the steam-ship companies who booked the fares on the other side of the Atlantic the Atlantic.

### Immigration Tax May Benefit Companies.

Mr. R. Kerr, passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Mr. R. Kerr, passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific, has left for Liverpool, and will ascertain what action will be taken by-other steamship companies. A conference of the companies will be held at Liverpool to discuss whether the tickets covering entrance to the United States shall be increased in price. If so, the C.P.R. may advance also its rates to Canadian ports and refund the \$4 to immigrants who remain in Canada. It would seem that steamships ply-ing to Canada will gain by the imposition of the tax. The labor situation should be benefited proportionately by the increased immigration. increased immigration.

Sovereign Bank changes have been much discussed here. Whatever the causes directly leading to them there is wide-spread gratification that the bank has such an excellent show-ing with deposits of over fifteen millions, a rapidly increas-ing business, and its connection with the Powerful Dresdner Bank. That there have been mistakes in management is generally allowed; due, no doubt, to the enormous strain of an unprecedented expansion, which has almost completely broken down Mr. Stewart's health. The new appointments are reassuring to the public, for although Mr. Jemmett is not widely known in Montreal, his important position with the Bank of Commerce is a guarantee of his ability and reliability.

A special general meeting of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company will be held on Wednesday, at the com-pany's head offices here. The question of issuing more de-benture stock is to be considered. The amount of the probenture stock is to be considered. The amount of the pro-posed issue is \$1,250,000, and the object is to pay off the com-pany's floating debt, and to provide for the further extension of plant. A number of new remunerative contracts, it is understood, have been made lately. A portion of the funds are for the purpose deliver the power. The meeting will decide at what price the stock is to be issued, and the conditions of the issue. The company has been enjoying an unusually successful season. season.

#### Mr. T. E. Kenny Getting Better.

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becoming too heavy has taken his son into partnership with him. The new firm will deal in lands, mines, and timber. The report Boards of Trade delegation to the West Indies is receiving some attention in Montreal. The recom-Indies is receiving some attention in stourcal. The recom-mendation that transportation facilities should be improved is in line, with recommendations already made to the Govern-ment by the Montreal Corn Exchange. Replying to a ques-tion, Mr. J. Quintal, the president of the Exchange said:--"I do not in any way mean to say that the present ser-vice is not efficient." Messrs Pickford and Black run an ex-

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cellent line of ships from Halifax at present, and I have no doubt, do all that can be done from that port. The trouble The trouble doube, do all that can be done from that port. The trouble is that Halifax is not the proper departure point. The main draw back to a larger export trade with the West Indies seems to be the delay in shipments. To give satisfaction, shippers here would have to carry large stocks at Halifax and maintain shipping representatives at that port all the time. There are no public warehouses in Halifax. There is an I.C.R. elevator which the I.C.R. itself does not want to use, as they claim there is not enough business." Montreal-West Indies Steamship Line.

The West Indies trade is good but very spasmodic. But when the goods are wanted they are required in a hurry. There are no facilities in Halifax for storage of the various commodities. A subsidized steamship line running direct to There are no facilities in Halifax for storage of the various commodities. A subsidized steamship line running direct to Montreal, where the goods come from, and whence they can be loaded with the least expense and greatest dispatch, is needed. The Government has had representations made to it to this effect already." "What about the winter months?" "Then, the large shippers could maintain their representa-tives at the winter port. This has been done already in some cases, but it was done at a loss. The profits on the summer business from Montreal would be so large that the unremunerative character of the winter business could be overlooked. I think there should be sufficient trade to main-tain the present service from Halifax, as well as a direct service from Montreal, the fish shipping business from Hali-fax to the West Indies being very large. Probably the most remunerative of all services would be a line from Montreal to call at St. John's, Newfoundland, taking a part cargo for Newfoundland and leaving it there and filling the available space with fish. Look what a success, the Montreal-Cuba-Mexico line has proved. It only began about two years ago and already the Elder-Dempster boats, which furnish the service, leave port with splendid cargoes, and the return service, leave port with splendid cargoes, and the return cargoes are constantly growing. It would seem that a similar result would accrue from a Montreal-West Indies line.

line." Lever Brös. & Co., the Sunlight Soap people, are re-ported to have obtained a firm foothold in Montreal, through the acquisition of the premises and plant of the William Strachan Company. Some years ago it was announced that the Levers were considering the advisability of establishing a plant here. But Toronto was chosen finally. The death of the late William Strachan, one of the oldest manufactur-ers of soan and oil in Canada placed his business in the ers of soap and oil in Canada, placed his business in the market, and Lever Bros. & Company purchased it for \$100, 000. The William Strachan Company, Limited, capitaliza-tion \$100,000, was incorporated recently at Ottawa, and in future the business will be operated under a Dominion charter. charter.

#### Banking and Industrial Notes.

Mr. S. H. C. Miner has retired from the presidency of the Consolidated Rubber Company, and has been succeeded by Mr. D. Lorne McGibbon, who will now be both president and managing-director. Mr. J. H. McKechnie has retired from the directorate, and of Woodstock. Major G. W. Stephens remains vice-presi-dent. Mr. Miner goes names are unchanged. No statement of the year's business was made public.

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### May 11, 1907.

Quebec will also continue to be represented on St. John.

The sixtieth annual general meeting of the Montreal City and City District Savings Bank, of which Mr. A. P. Lesperance is manager, was held here on Tuesday. The re-Lesperance is manager, was held here on Tuesday. The re-port stated the net profits for the year were \$150,614.95, and the balance brought forward from last year's profit and loss account was \$51,005.54, making a total of \$207,620.49. From this amount have been paid two dividends' to shareholders the balance brought forward from last year's profit and loss account was \$51,005.54, making a total of \$207,620.49. From this amount have been paid two dividends' to shareholders the balance brought forward from last year's profit and loss the balance brought forward from last year's profit and loss account was \$51,005.54, making a total of \$207,620.49. From this amount have been paid two dividends' to shareholders the profit of the steamship "Montreal" for Antwerp. In last winter, and \$19,387,000 for the winter just closing. The grain shipments foll off about form million buckels. Details and \$100,000 has been transferred to reserve fund, increasing the latter to \$900,000, leaving a balance at credit of profit loss of \$7,620.49, to be carried forward to next year. and loss of \$7,020,49, to be carried forward to next year. C. P. R. show a very decided increase, 11,469 cars of im-Feeling reference was made to the losses through death, of the late president, Sir W. Hingston, and Mr. C. P. Herbert. The following board was re-elected:—Hon. J. Ald. Ouimet, president; Mr. M. Burke, vice-president; Hon. R. Mackay, Ald. H. M. Molson, Messrs. R. Bolton, G. N. Moncel, R. Ald. H. M. Molson, Messrs. R. Dandurand, Hon. C. I Archer, M. Nowlan de Lisle, Hon. R. Dandurand, Hon. C. J. Doherty, directors.

This well-known and carefully-conducted institution has passed its sixtieth year, having been founded in 1846. That its role as a savings bank for the people of Montreal and district is well filled, appears when it is known its open accounts number 87,081, and that each depositor has, on an Maritime Boards of Trade Will be Asked to Support average, \$224.80.

## NEW BRUNSWICK'S LUMBER.

#### Rivers Are Right for Floating Lumber-Intercolonial's Business Increasing-Real Estate and Industrial Notes.

# (From Our Own Correspondent.)

St. John, N. B., May 6th.

Probably all lumber cut in New Brunswick during the past winter will be got out, as well as thirty million feet or more, left from last spring. The rivers are now in flood and higher than the recent average of spring freshes. There is snow in the woods to keep them high for some time yet, much of last winter's cut, which was hung up on the St. John and its tributaries, already reached the booms. and some of the mills have commenced sawing.

and some of the mills have commenced sawing. A big lumber deal of considerable magnitude has been concluded, as in the purchase by Messrs. A. C. Dutton and Company, of Springfield, Mass., and J. C. Fenderson and Company, of Springfield, and Sayabee, Quebec, of the N. C. McNair timber lands, with shingle mill and saw mill at Jacquet River and Louison, also the timber lands of Mr. Detteh of the same place Dertch of the same place.

#### Big Lumber Deal.

The price for these two properties is about \$40,000. An option has been secured on the W. B. Calhoun property at Jacquet River for \$60,000. It embraces in all 92,000 acres of timber lands and three saw mills.

Captain Walsh, who is in charge of the C. P. R. Atlan-tic steamship fleet, has advised St. John to make some changes in the construction of the new wharves in the harbor. These, he says, are necessary to facilitate the handling of large steamers. The city engineer, who designed the wharves, does not agree in this. To give the recommenda-tion effect will involve abandoning conscruction of a steamship berth 630 feet long, which should be best and cheapest to build of all in the harbor. It looks as if the city will adhere to their engineer's plans. The Dominion Govern-ment has begun the work of dredging for one of the new wharse the city work of dredging next winter. A large wharves the city hopes to have ready next winter. A large and powerful dredge, which the Government may purchase, probably will arrive here shortly for Boston to assist in the

#### work. Massey-Harris Company Will Go to Moncton.

The Massey-Harris Company have secured quarters at Moncton, and will move their Maritime headquarters from St. John to the railroad town. Moncton takes them near the farming centres of the three provinces, and this is consider-

ted a better location from which to direct the business. The Feredericton City Council has secured the services of Mr. L. W. Johnston, a one time prominent merchant, who will give all his time to the duties of chief assessor for the princely sum of \$400 per annum. The position was first offered the late chief assessor, Dr. Henry, but he declined the offere on the second the offere of the second secon

The Grand Trunk Pacific Construction Company has sold out to the Westinghouse Construction people their con-tract for the section of the National road in New Brunswick from Moneton to Chipman. The new contractors are get-ting supplies on the spot and expect to give employment to upwards of two thousand men.

There will be also much work in the I. C. R. yard to St. John. Gueres of that city, and by the mayor, and the provide for this steadily growing business. At present mer-chants are put to no end of inconvenience because the management are trying to do a business of 2,000 cars a day in yard equipped only to handle 1,000 cars.

> grain shipments fell off about four million bushels. Details of imports are not kept here, but the car reports of the C. P. R. show a very decided increase, 11,469 cars of imports going west against 9,549 cars last year. The number

# NOVA SCOTIA WANTS FISHERY BOARD.

# Proposal-Shipping Facilities Improved-Banking Notes.

#### (From Our Own Correspondent.)

#### Halifax, May 6th.

North Sydney claims as the summer mail port of Canada will be tested, as until the Belle Isle route is open, the English mail steamers will both receive their mails and deliver them to a tender waiting outside the harbor. Two years ago a single test was made under very unsatisfactory conditions. The incoming Allan liner "Virginian" delivered her mails to the cruiser "Canada," which conveyed them to shore, and in less than 23 hours the mails were in Montreal.

By this route it is claimed that Montreal and Western Canada will receive their English mails about eight hours sooner than at present, while in the Maritime Provinces from one to two days would be saved. The first test will be made on May 10th when the Allan liner "Virginian," bound for Liverpool, will receive her mails from the Government steamer "Montcalm."

#### What the Legislature Has Done.

After one of the most important sessions it ever held, the Nova Scotia Legislature has been prorogued. A sys-tem of technical education, which competent authorities claim, is the best in Canada, was inaugurated. A "good roads" policy was commenced, and legislation in reference to the liquor traffic, and for the greater protection of the coal miners was introduced.

The office of Secretary of Industries and Immigration was created. His principal duty will be the securing of more immigrants for this province

The National Rolling Mills have secured a site at Sydney, and construction will be commenced soon. The site selected is an excellent one for manufacturing purposes, and mext year the company expect to be in full swing.

Nearly forty thousand immigrants have been landed at Halifax since July 1st. This is far ahead of last year's figures. In St. John, during the same time, 30,000 immi-grants were landed, and only 8,000 came into Portland, Maine

The Halifax Board of Trade have passed a resolution re-questing the Canadian Government to appoint a fishery board similar to the one in Scotland. A report was pre-sented by the Board of Trade's Fishery Committee, it will be sent to the Boards of Trade in the Maritime Provinces.

### Shipping Facilities Increased.

Wonderful results have been accomplished by the Scotch Wonderful results have been accomplished by the Scotch fishery board. When it was organized in 1811 some ninety-nine thousand barrels of herring were cured. In 1906 over two million barrels were cured exclusive of the quantity used fresh and smoked. Twenty-five years ago lobsters were so plentiful on the Nova Scotia coast that fishermen mede read ware catching them at so cents per hundred made good wages, catching them at 50 cents per hundred. Now, with lobsters selling at \$40 a crate in Boston, the men

cannot make a fair living wage. This condition has been brought on by the wholesale destruction of small and seeded lobsters in consequence of the law not being enforced. The oyster fishery is in a worse

from Moncton to Chipman. The new contractors are get-ting supplies on the spot and expect to give employment to upwards of two thousand men. The Intercolonial Railway will build a large flour shed the York Point Wharf, with a capacity of several thou-sand barrels. Construction will be commenced soon.

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MEXICO.

Everything Points to the Upbuilding of a Big Business -Hints to Fruit Growers-Industrial Notes.

Monetary Times' Office,

Vancouver, B.C., May 4th.

The steamer "Georgia" left early on Thursday, her initial trip to Mexico, inaugurating the service between Western Canada and the south. She had on a large cargo. One of the passengers was A. K. Evans, of Vancouver, who goes to the passengers was A. K. Evans, of Vancouver, who goes to Mexico in the interests of a company recently formed in this city. It is incorporated as the Mexican-Trading Company, Limited, and the directors are the following well-known and successful business men:—C. A. Godson, of the Robertson-Godson Company, president; Wm. Braid, of Wm. Braid & Co., vice-president; A. K. Evans, general manager; W. J. Davidson, secretary-treasurer; W. H. Leckie, of the J. Leckie Co.; J. R. Berry, head of the Canadian Pipe Co.; and J. E. Hall, of the Vancouver Milling and Grain Company. Other prominent people are among the shareholders. The object of the company is to deal in the products of both countries, and business will be sought energetically. A couple of years ago, when there was talk of the establish-ment of a line of steamers between British Columbia and Mexico, Mr. Evans, representing other interests, made a trip

Mexico, Mr. Evans, representing other interests, made a trip through the latter country, to ascertain the trade possibilities. This has given him a personal acquaintance with conditions there which will be of assistance now.

#### Another Fleet a Probability.

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Another Fleet a Probability. Andrew Weif, one of the largest ship owners in England, has been spending some time on the Pacific Coast, visiting all the ports. He is investigating the condition of shipping. with a view to entering the trade. He expresses himself as much pleased with what he has seen, in fact he is quite en-thusiastic over the prospects, but what his plans are he is very careful not to divulge. It is considered probable that he will enter the trade, and should he thus decide it will mean that another large fleet of steamers will call regularly at British Columbia ports.

mean that another large fleet of steamers will call regularly at British Columbia ports. What might be done in supplying nursery stock to British Columbia fruit growers is not fully realized by Can-adian dealers. Neither does it appeal to the grower that he should patronize home industry. Last week, Mr. T. Cun-ningham, provincial fruit pest inspector, destroyed a con-signment of over 34,000 young trees for interior people, who had them shipped from Tennessee. On more than one oc-casion the inspector has pointed out that stock raised in the had them shipped from Tennessee. On more than one oc-casion the inspector has pointed out that stock raised in the United States, where the country is older and pests abundant, in many cases is infected. Fumigation sometimes destroys minor diseases, but in a year a very large amount of stock has to be cremated. Mr. R. Marpole, western executive agent of the C.P.R., is negotiating with the British Columbia Development Com-pany regarding the terms and conditions of the proposition to clear and settle 150,000 acres of land on Vancouver Island. Arrangements are being completed gradually in regard to the company's plans there. The government has agreed to the

Arrangements are being completed-gradually in regard to the company's plans there. The government has agreed to the construction to Union Bay via Alberni, and the subsidy has been limited to two years, during which time the work is to be undertaken. When W. Sloan, M.P., for Nanaimo, re-turned from Ottawa the other day, he stated that it was probable the work would be started this season. Survey parties have been in the field for months.

#### Fish Hatcheries to be Established.

Immediate attention is to be paid by the federal govern-ment to the fisheries, and F. C. Cunningham, superintendent of fish culture for the Dominion, is expected on the coast to inspect the sites for hatcheries. Two are to be built on the west coast of Vancouver Island, each with a capacity of the west coast of Vancouver Island, each with a capacity of about seven million fry each, and two more will be erected in the neighborhood of the Skeena River. These latter are known as the Babine and Smart Lake hatcheries. The Stikine River is to be populated with fry from these in-stitutions. Mr. Cumingham should reach the coast this week, and no time will be lost in the construction of the building

week, and no time will be lost in the construction of the buildings. The steamer "Tees" on her last trip from the West Coast brought down 5,500 barrels of oil from the whaling station at Sechart. Things are pretty busy there, and the capacity of the plant is fully taxed. On the day the "Tees" left seven whales were taken, and the day previous six. When the additional stations are established the output of the company will be increased considerably. The West Coast Oyster Company, of which Col. Markham, formerly of St. John, N.B., and Capt. George V.

Williams, of Wellfleet, Mass., are two of the principals, have Williams, of Wellheet, Mass., are two of the principals, have completed the planting of 1,175,000 oyster spawn at Esqui-malt. They are both practical men, and are sanguine of success. They expect to have the product on the market within a year. This is not the only company engaged in oyster culture on this coast. The market is extensive, and if the oyster can be produced with any sort of size at all there should be much money in the venture.

#### Lumber Industry Active.

The lumber industry factive. The lumbering industry is beginning to feel the effect of the shortage of cars. Stocks are piling up, and outputs are being reduced. Some of the smaller plants are making preparations to close as there is little chance to ship, and the local market is all that is available. The larger mills have the foreign trade, which is very good at present. New York and Western capital, represented by E. E. Taylor, inspector, and Calgary agent of the Canadian.

New York and Western capital, represented by E. E. Taylor, inspector, and Calgary agent of the Canadian Bir-beck Investment & Savings Company, paid over a million dollars for the timber and mill interests of the Mundy Lum-ber Company, near Revelstoke. This firm came West from Bradford, Pa., about three years ago, and built a mill at Three Valley, seventeen miles west of Revelstoke. A subsidiary company was formed to handle timber limits in con-junction. This is one of the largest deals yet reported, and is an indication of the steady advance in the price of saw-milling establishments and timber.

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The British Columbia Transportation and Commercial Company have received their certificate of incorporation. They have placed already a steamer on the Skeena River in They have placed already a steamer on the Skeena River in order to facilitate trade there, and they hope to increase the present service within twelve months. The Bulkley Valley offers first-rate inducements to the farmer and fruit-grower. With prospects of a railway at an early date, rapid develop-ment is anticipated. The British Columbia Transportation and Commercial Company is interested extensively in pro-perties in the locality and express great faith in the future of the district. The directors are chiefly local men and the head office of the company is in Vancouver. The Bulkley Valley badly, needed the service inaugurated and the com-pany, as pioneers, are to be congratulated upon their action. Real Estate is Active. Real Estate is Active.

The recent rumours that tobacco-growing was likely to be introduced into British Columbia on an extensive scale has received confirmation this week. Messrs. Rothenberg, Stirling and Carruthers are the promoters of the Interna-tional Tobacco Company, with a capital of five million dol-lars. The land bought is in every way suitable for the pro-duction of tobacco of a fair grade and the men interested, who are experts in the way of tobacco cultivation, feel con-fident of success. fident of success.

Increased briskness is noticeable this week in real estate. The Canadian Trust Company, of Vancouver, are interested in the Prince Rupert question, and are authorities upon questions relating to that district. The tie-up in realty in-vestment, dependent upon exclusive railway and other hold-ings has forbidden the possibility of activity but this week vestment dependent upon exclusive railway and other hold-ings has forbidden the possibility of activity, but this week some acreage on Cloyah Bay is offering at reasonable terms. This property faces the portion of Kaien Island, which is destined to become the business centre and is only about fifteen minutes steam away from that point. It is an ideal spot for residence close upon the water frontage, and is backed by ranges of hills. This is the only acreage upon the market at present and it will be a source of interest to those believers in the new terminal city to see how these lots go. market at present and it will be a source of interest to those believers in the new terminal city to see how these lots go. The Government sale has been deferred, but when it does finally take place it is anticipated that prices will be exceed-ingly high. Vancouver real estate agents have had many enquiries from the East and numerous residents in England are anxious to participate. For any one wishing to invest, the attitude is perfectly rational.

The two new steamers, "Corunna" and "Morena," of the Canadian Lake Line, have left England for Toronto with full cargoes of iron consigned to M. and L. Samuel, Benjamin and Company, metal merchants, Toronto. These steamers will not break bulk in Montreal as is customary, as the en-tire cargo is for the firm above mentioned.

# Mr. G. J. Lovell has returned to Winnipeg after a tour through British Columbia, where he was developing the or-ganization of the Annuity Company of Canada.

Mr. J. E. Wilmott, secretary of a large private money loaning corporation in Birmingham, England, is in Winnipeg considering the advisability of starting a branch agency May 11, 1907.

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### TO REDUCE NATIONAL DEBT

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#### London, April 26.

Financial matters are quiet. The reduction to 4 per cent in the bank rate failed to affect materially the prices of securities. The return to the low level should facilitate commerce. The building trade especially needs the encourcommerce. agement of low intereset.

The interest in Canadian rails is not so keen. Movements are slight, and the stocks engage less attention from small investors. Some of the latter did well from the recent activity in Canadians and Americans. That more of small investors. Some of the latter did recent activity in Canadians and Americans. them made no profit was due to the inability of several outside brokers to pay.

### Safe Investments in Canada.

May 11, 1907.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given to an interviewer his opinion that Canada holds more opportunities now for safe investment than for many years past. Sir Wilfrid was diffi-dent about specifying any one security in preference to another.

An unusual communication figures in the middle of the city article of the "Times." Redpath & Co., of Montreal, are the writers of a warning letter. It has come to their knowledge, they say, that one of the minor Canadian life offices, a concern that has been criticised severely for its methods, is seeking capital in England. The writers warn the public not to invest without having perused the report of the Royal Commission on Insurance. They offer to forward copies of the report to people who apply. The warn-ing gains no little influence because it comes through the 'Times.'

Canada's name is involved, but hardly Canada's credit, in the affairs of the Canadian Railways Finance Company, now in liquidation. Some \$47,500 are due to bondholders, and \$1,930 to unsecured creditors. The known assets are \$19 in cash, \$4,800 in bad debts, and certain concessions to which no value can be assigned. Except the pass-book, all the books of the company are missing, and it is hardly matter for surprise that shareholders declared the company to be a swindle throughout.

#### Tightening the Imperial Bond.

It is quite in keeping with precedent that a director should be negotiating with other people to form a new com-pany for bondholders to join. Ironical laughter greeted this announcement at the meeting, and there is a likelihood that more will be learned of the company's transactions.

Mr. Lloyd-George's remark to a traders' deputation askng redress of a grievance against the railway companies, hould find appreciation in Canada. Various speakers had Trade and Protection. His answer was that "he was sure that the country with the best fiscal system in the world would be ruined by a bad transportation system."

A remarkable reflex effect has been produced by the introduction of the Chamberlain proposals. At the Imperial Conference this has been shown by the anxiety of the government to emphasise in how many other ways than by reciprocal preference can the Imperial bond be tightened. In matters of commerce the government seeks to atone for refusing all tariff reform by taking a lively interest in all other commercial reforms demanded. Hence the legislation affecting rail rafes, shipping rings, limited companies, patent laws, and so forth, all of which is either in progress or under discussion.

#### Notes of the Imperial Budget.

This form of counter-activity probably does not extend to the Budget-making of Mr. Asquith. For the first time is introduced a differential rating. The man who "earns" his income pays on the basis of ninepence per  $\pounds$ , and income from investment pays at the rate of one shilling. A man in business may therefore pay one rate on one portion of his revenue and another on such as arises directly from in-vestment of capital. Should earnings and non-earnings exceed £2,000 per annum he pays at the flat shilling rate. If at death he leaves more than £150,000 his estate will be taxed in 7 per cent, instead of the former 614 per cent. Estaxed in 7 per cent. instead of the former 6½ per cent. Es-tates of multi-millionaires will be taxed 10 per cent. on the

first million, and as much as 15 per cent. on the remainder. The proceeds are to be applied to the extinction of National Debt at a faster rate than has been before attempted. and this is the really satisfactory point of the proposals. Not everybody is satisfied, for the rich call the Budget socialistic, and the socialists call it middle-class and brutal. A legiop of evaders with small means are dismayed by the order made on employers to furnish the names of all in their Some £15,000,000 are appropriated to that end this year, employ, with a list of the sums paid them.

The managing directors of life insurance companies should be satisfied. Previously a man received abatement from his assessment in respect of life premiums, but not in respect of other thrifty provisions. Now, the investment of savings in other than insurance funds is penalized by the further threepence in the  $\pounds$ -1/4 per cent. per annum on income—as well as by lack of rebate. The arrangement may not be ideally just, but the insurance agents admire it.

Other flaws in the perfect justice of the scheme are found by widows of modest means derived t om investment, by landowners managing their own estates and some other classes. Tariff Reformers find in it new vindication of their claim that the basis of taxation needs broadening, and that the foreigner ought to be made contributory to our taxes. Other considerations apart, it must be admitted that to re-duce the National Debt by perhaps £140,000,000 during the next five years is to put the country into better shape either for peace or war.

Some apparent hardships on poor people are alleviated by the system of abatement. Under £160 no tax % paid, and under £400 there is deduction of £160 from the assessment, and thus a person with £300 "earned" will pay 4.2 pence per £ of the whole income, and on £300 "unearned" will pay 6.8 pence, and not the gross 9 pence or 12 pence,

#### NEW INCORPORATIONS.

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

#### Magrath, Alta .- Harker Trading Company. Reliance, Alta. Reliance Trading Company.

High River, Alta .- High River Development Company. Quebec .- Champlain Hotel Co., \$99,000. T. I. Parent, Boswell, E. Fortier.

Nokomis, Sask.—Franklin Realty and Trading Com-oany, \$90,000. S. A. Beman, and A. C. Allison, Malone, N. Y.; A. L. Lockerby.

Saskatchewan.-J. R. Chisholm Lumber & Hardware Company: Wascana Curling Club Company; Regina Wind-mill & Pump Company; Young-Thomas Soap Company; Saskatchewan Granite and Marble Company. Saskatchewan

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Montreal, Que.—Continental Drug and Chemical Company, \$20,000. J. U. Lalone, M. Gabias, W. J. Proulx. Davis Consolidated Mines Company, \$2,000,000. J. A. Jacobs, A. M. Bilsky, L. S. Margolese. William Strachan Company, \$100,000. G. W. MacDougall, L. Macfarlane, C. A. Pope. Canadian Polished Stone Brick and Tile Company, \$1,000,000. J. A. Faucher, Quebec; W. T. Stewart, R. H. Fulton. S. Cote Motor Company, \$20,000. S. Cote, A. Meunier, D. Genereux. C. F. Dawson, \$100,000. C. F. Dawson, H. J. Elliott, J. J. Robson. Puritan Spirits Company, \$20,000. A. Ramsay, W. H. Gerke, J. B. Lord, Malden, U. S. Northern Oil and Gas Company, \$00,000. J. M. Fortier, M. Merchand, L. M. Fortier. Canada Office Furniture Company, \$35,000. D. Wishart, D. E. Turner, F. A. Wishart.

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Toronto.-Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company of Canada, \$20,000. G. S. Hodgson, H. W. Maw, C. T. Gil-lespie. Imperial Consolidated Mining Company, \$1,500,000.
H. W. Vance, T. Black, Miss A. M. Pointon. Larder Lake Gold Hill Mines, \$1,000,000. H. S. Pritchard, F. Watt, J. J. Hubbard. Smaltite-Silver Mining Company, \$1,000,000. G.
H. D. Lee, W. B. Milliken, H. A. Clark. R. B. Hutchison, E. J. A. Andrews British American Sign Company, \$100,000. Company, \$40,000. W. B. Stewart, H. B. Hutchison, D. M. A. Andrews. British American Sign Company, \$100,000. H. Gausby, E. Craven, H. F. Vigeon, Temagami Copper Company, \$2,000,000. G. F. McFarland, A. McKenzie, W. D. Cavindish. Monitor Cobalt Prospecting and Develop-ment Company, \$500,000. J. T. Rigg, J. L. Birney, A. Es THE MONETARY TIMES



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TIGHT MONEY IN THE WEST.

Real Estate Strong Factor in Situation-Wood; of the Canadian Stock and Grain Company, Makes His Exit-Crop Notes.

# Monetary Times' Office,

Winnipeg, Man., May 6th.

In Western Canada, money is tighter than it has been for many years. Over-speculation and bad weather, to a large degree, are stated to-day that loans on unimproved real estate are im-possible to obtain, and even on fully modern buildings they or store to obtain, and even on thiry modern buildings they are charged for at a rate of from seven to eight per cent. On first-class securities, money is plentiful, but of late the backing offered has not been of the best. The banks ap-pear to be acting on instructions, and have refused many loans they would have accepted a year ago. The financial situation in Western Canada to-day hinges

The financial situation in Western Canada to-day hinges on the realty market, and people have paid too much atten-tion to the big profits made in several instances. G. W. Wood, erstwhile president of the Canadian Stock & Grain Co., left for the South on Saturday afternoon, the three criminal charges against him having been dropped by the attorney general's department. Wood was before the court on Saturday and elected for speedy trial; afterwards, interesting developments transpired. On condition that Wood left the country at once, and never returned to Mani-toba, the charges were withdrawn. In addition, he agreed toba, the charges were withdrawn. In 'addition, he agreed to drop the two libel cases against the "Winnipeg Telegram," and deposit also \$20,000 with which to pay off the people he had fleeced.

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**Bath needed Exit Wood, of the Bucket-Shop.**Naturally Wood jumped at such an opportunity, with the penitentiary staring him in the face. The finale of these cases has aroused much comment in grain circles. It is thought by some that the Wood brothers will appear again in Manitoba, as they did when the Edward Woods Company was put out of existence a few months ago. The Weather conditions are bad for the 1907 crop. Snow and rain have been almost of daily occurrence, preventing the already delayed work on western farms. Although reports have been published telling of the progress made with seeding, it is doubtful if much has been done yet. Many districts do not expect to have any seed sown before the end of the present week. The result will be a decreased wheat acreage, with an increase in oats, barley, and flax. Last week, the Winnipeg "Market Record" wrote to a number of millers and elevator owners throughout the West to ascertain the exact conditions prevailing. The replies, on a whole, were not encouraging. Every elevator in the country appears to be full of wheat, with a large quantity still in the farmers hands. It is estimated there will be fully 20,000,000 bushels of wheat in the farmers' hands when this year's crop. begins to move.

begins to move. Every city, town and hamlet in Western Canada reports activity in real estate. Many new subdivisions are being put on the market. In Winnipeg the site of the Grand Trunk Pacific shops is attracting attention, investors appearing to be convinced this property has a great future and conse-quently the few remaining lots are being rapidly bought up. To Attract Manufacturers.

The Winnipeg Real Estate Exchange discussed a num-ber of interesting questions at its last meeting. Chief amongst them was this resolution:-)"That this exchange be-lieves that it would be most advantageous to the objects of lieves that it would be most advantageous to the objects of the Winnipeg Industrial Bureau, as well as to the manu-facturers of the city, to organize an exhibition of products manufactured in the city of Winnipeg; that such an exhibit should be made with the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition: that the Winnipeg Real Estate Exchange, through its repre-sentatives on the Winnipeg Industrial and Development Bureau urge that immediate steps be taken to promote such an exhibition, and that this exchange pledge itself to do everything possible to ensure its success." An interesting address was given by J. A. M. de la

An interesting address was given by J. A. M. de la Giclais, who has returned recently from a trip to France. He spoke of the transportation facilities of the old world, which he maintained, were not as adequate, so far as the rail-ways are concerned, as they are in Manitoba; but in France and other countries they are able to keep the people supplied with fuel and building materials by means of their waterways. The time has come, he said, when attention should be paid

to the development of Western Canada's waterways, wood, stone, and fuel could be brought into the city without re-course to the railways if the waterways were properly improved.

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proved. The advance in price of all materials this year will make building considerably more costly than last year. Many people will delay operations until next year, or at least until materials become cheaper. Much building will be done, but, according to one contractor who discussed the situation, the greater portion of the buildings will be of the smaller class, few good contracts being in view at the present time. Building in Western Canada.

As far as he was concerned he would be glad to pay the highest scale of wages, equal in proportion to the ad-vance in material which enters into buildings, but he wanted vance in material which enters into buildings, but he wanted in return a stated amount of work for the money paid out. He had asked the men who had demanded a considerable in-crease in the wage scale if they would guarantee a given amount of work. Their reply was that they could not give a guarantee, but would urge the men to produce the maximum amount of work.

By daring, though somewhat crude tactics, a man whose identity is yet a mystery, has attempted to procure from two local grain firms some \$6,000 by means of forged bills of lading. That his plans were frustrated is due entirely to the fact that the would-be swindler was not aware that all box-cars on the Canadian railways are identified by even num-bers, while those of flat cars are numbered odd. Some three weeks ago, the Royal Grain Company and the Imperial Ele-vator Company, both of Winnipeg, received many letters bearing different signatures, and coming from several places in the West. In each case the writer stated he had con-signed to the firm a carload of wheat, and required an im-mediate advance of \$500 on it. The professed "grower" did not realize a dollar, as the errors in the numbers of the cars was at once noted. The matter has been put into the hands of the police. By daring, though somewhat crude tactics, a man whose of the police.

of the police. Mr. J. W. Harris, Winnipeg's assessment commissioner, estimates the present population of the city at 111,350. Since Mr. C. F. Roland, the Winnipeg Industrial Com-missioner, commenced work, the fame of the Western metropolis has been bruited far and wide. In June, nine of the leading American magazines will have a double page in-dustrial advertisement of the city. The border is in art de-sign, showing many tall factory chimneys, and the illustra-tions are to be the C.P.R. yards,—the largest in the world,— and the banking district of Main Street.

## COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the Cobalt ore shipments, in pounds, for the week ended May 4th: Coniagas, 62,000; O'Brien, 130,390; Silver Queen, 44,000; Townsite, 40,070; total, 276,460 pounds, or 133 tons. The following are the shipments, in pounds, since January 1st: Buffalo, 640,000; Coniagas, 691,770; Cobalt Central, 101,360; Colonial, 34,250; Foster, 100,350; Green-Mechan, 196,780; Kerr Lake (Jacob's), 155,000; La Rose, 373,567; McKinley, 60,000; Nipissing, 1,605,423; Nova Scotia, 30,000; O'Brien, 1,667,837; Red Rock, 40,000; Right of Way, 3,800; Silver Queen, 264,577; Trethewey, 642,498; Townsite, 83,070; University, 61,383. The total shipments since January 1, 1907, are now 6,742,667 pounds, or 3,371 tons. In 1904 the camp pro-duced 158 tons, valued at \$136,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at \$1,473,196; in 1906, 5,129 tons, valued at \$3,900,000.

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# TEMAGAMI FOREST CLAIMS.

In the Temagami Forest Reserve silver field, many claims have been staked during the winter months, and transactions now are being made. This, in spite of the fact that they have not been inspected yet. There is still much snow on the ground in that district, the Government inspec-tors thus being unable to examine the claims. Until this has been done and the claims passed, the title is not given. Many people, unaware of this fact, have proceeded as though the titles were all right. If the prospector chooses to take chances, it is his own business. But by far the safest way is to wait until the Government inspectors are through with their work.

### PRINCE RUPERT.

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There has been some talk that the Grand Trunk Pacific has shut down work at the Prince Rupert townsite, pending the settlement of the point about the Indian lands. These the Federal Government is willing to give, but the Provin-cial Government holds that when the Indians give up pos-session they revert to the province. There is no cessation in the work, but certainly progress is very slow. But this is just one of those incidents which occur in the initial stages of every large enterprise. of every large enterprise.

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#### MONEY AND MUNICIPALITIES.

The assessment for Dundas for 1907 shows an increase of \$75,000 over 1900

No sale has been made of the two issues of 5 per cent. Dauphin, Man., debentures, aggregating \$16,200.

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The \$19,751 422 per cent. local improvement Medford, , debentures have been withdrawn from the market. Ont.,

Mayor Ashdown, of Winnipeg, may leave for England in connection with the disposal of the city debentures.

The mayor of Portage la Prairie, Man., will come east to see to the sale of the city debentures, and at the same time, to arrange a credit for current expenditures.

The Tillsonburg by-law, granting a loan of \$15,000 and exemption from taxation for 20 years, to W. Berry, for the establishment of a linen factory has been carried.

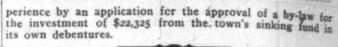
The city of New Westminster still owns some 160 building lots bought in at the last tax sale, held over a year ago. These are to be sold on May 18th by City Treasurer McQuarrie, and \$30,000 is expected to be realized therefrom.

The balance sheet of the City of Brantford, Ont., for the vear ended December 31, 1906, shows a surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$11,771. The financial statement of the municipal corporation was prepared by Messrs. W. J. Hawkins, and S. P. Davis. Mr. A. K. Bunnell, C.A., is the city treasurer

Chatham, Ont. City Council and Board of Trade have arranged with the Wolverine Brass Company, Limited, of Grand Rapids, Mich., to start a branch factory in Chatham. The city is to lend them \$20,000 to build with at 4 per cent. for 4 years, and to give them freedom from taxation for 10 years. The by-law is not yet passed.

The mayor of Brandon, Man., and the chairman of the Finance Committee left on May ist for Minneapolis, Chicago, New York, Montreal, and Toronto in order to dispose of the Brandon waterworks debentures, which were authorized last year. The Finance Committee has failed to obtain what they consider a reasonable price from a Canadian firm.

Fort Frances seeks the approval of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to a by-law to increase the interest rate from 4½ to 5½ per cent, on its recently issued debentures for \$43,000 for a waterworks plant, the inference being that the town is unable to dispose of them at the lower rate of interest. Owen Sound will endeavor to escape a similar ex-



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#### DEBENTURES OFFERING.

Saskatoon, Sask .- Until June 1st for \$125,000 5 per cent. Maturity, part yearly for thirty years. improvement bonds. J. H. Trusdale, City Clerk.

Arcola, Sask.—Until June 15th for the following: \$60,000 5½ per cent. waterworks debentures. Maturity part-yearly after five years. \$8,000 5½ per cent. town hall debentures. Maturity part-yearly for twenty years. J. S. Bush, secretarytreasurer

East Toronto, Ont.—Until May 13th for the following: \$9,400 5 per cent. public school debentures. Maturity, thirty years. \$2,879.07 5 per cent. cement sidewalk debentures. Maturity, fifteen years. \$1,008.31 5 per cent. cement side-walk debentures. Maturity, fifteen years. \$1,020 5 per cent. water-main debentures. Maturity, December 15, 1926. \$1,629.68 5 per cent. grading debentures. Maturity, De-cember 15, 1926. \$2,000 5 per cent. high school debentures. Maturity, thirty years. W. H. Clay, treasurer.

#### WHAT MUNICIPALITIES ARE DOING.

Winnipeg now has 60 miles of boulevards. and Wallace, Man., have decided to instal Virden

municipal telephones. Strathcona, Alta., now has a modern electric light plant and waterworks system.

Regina is advertising for school debentures. The De-partment of Education for the Province has given the schools a curriculum of studies which is practical and educa-tional. The Regina Schools have followed out this system, with the result that the city is one of the finest educational centres, in the West.



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# DEBENTURES FOR SALE.

TOWN OF RED DEER.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tender for Debentures" will be received up till noon the fifteenth day of June 1907 for the following issues:

\$30,000	35	vea	r	5%	Sewer.
20,000	30			**	Waterworks Extension.
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Secretary-Treasurer.

# CITY OF PRINCE ALBERT. SASK.

### DEBENTURES FOR SALE.

Sealed bids addressed to the undersigned will be receiv-ed up to Friday, May the 31st, 1907, for the purchase of the following City of Prince Albert Debentures:-\$63,934.00 Waterworks, 30 years, 4½ per cent., dated 30th

303.034.00 Watchworks, 30 years, 4/2 per cent., dated 30th March, 1905.
\$34.426.00 Sewerage, 30 years, 4½ per cent., dated 30th March, 1905.
\$82,000.00 Electric Light, 30 years, 4½ per cent., dated 14th July, 1906.
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March, 1906, on balance from date of issue. All of above debentures are repayable in equal consecu-annual instalments of principal and interest running 30th March

n date of issue. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. C. O. DAVIDSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

Prince Albert, April 14th, 1907.

# CITY OF SASKATOON.

#### DEBENTURES FOR SALE.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and mark-ed "Tender for Debentures" will be received up to and in-clusive of Saturday, the 1st day of June, 1907, until five o'clock p.m., for the purchase of Debentures of the City of Saskatoon, issued in pursuance of By-law No. 68 of the said City, authorizing the raising of \$250,000 to be expended on certain local improvements, repayable in 30 years, of which \$125,000 will be the first issue for sale.

These debentures will be repayable in equal annual in-stalments of principal and interest on the first day of Jan-uary in each and every year, and will bear interest at 5 per cent. per annui

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J. H. TRUSDALE, City Clerk. Saskatoon, Sask., April 19th, 1907.

#### FOR SALE.

DEBENTURES OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER, ALTA.

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 The rapidly growing Municipality of the Town of

 Stettler offers for sale by Tender, the following debentures,

 viz.: Floating Debt.

 No. 1.-\$3,200.00 repayable in 10 equal Annual Instalments of Principal, with 5 per cent. interest. Instalments

 payable 1st day of May 32 each year; the first payable 1st

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 Fire Protection.

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 Tenders for the above two Debentures are asked, addressed as follows: 

dressed as follows: W. B. GRAY, Secretary-Treasurer,

W. B. GRAY, Secretary-Treasurer, Town of Stettler, Alta. Tender for Debenture. Tenders will be opened by the Mayor, at the Town Hall, in the Council Chamber, at a meeting of the Council to be held for the purpose of receiving and opening the same, at the hour of 8 o'clock p.m., 15th June, 1907. Enquires addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Town, as to the Assessment, or any other information in point, will receive prompt replies. W. B. GRAY, Secretary-Treasurer. Stettler, Alta., April 20th, 1907.

Stettler, Alta., April 20th, 1907.

# TOWN OF BATTLEFORD

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned till 6 p.m. of May 15th. 1907, for the purchase of \$30,000 Town of Battleford, Sask., debentures. Each debenture is for \$6,000. During the first five years interest only is payable ; for the remaining 45 years the princi-pal is repayable in equal annual instalments with interest on the unpaid balance at 5% per annum. Coupons are attached for each annual payment of interest, or principal and interest (as the case may be) payable on the 1st day of July in each year.

R. C. LAURIE. Secretary - Treasurer.

TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Debentures," will be received up to and including Friday, the 17th May, 1907, for the purchase of Debentures of the Regina Public School District No. 4 of 

(a) Debentures for \$20,000.00 repayable in twenty equal consecutive annual instalments of principal and interest, and to bear interest at the rate of 41/2 per cent. per annum;

(b) Debentures for \$70,000.00 repayable in twenty equal consecutive annual instalments of principal and interest, and to bear interest at the rate of 41/2 per cent. per annum.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JNO. A. MCLACHLAN,

Secretary-Treasurer Regina Public School District.

# CITY OF CALGARY.

Sealed Tenders, endorsed "Tenders for Debentures," will be received by the undersigned for the whole or any part of the Debentures mentioned below up to the 31st day of May next, at 12 o'clock noon.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. \$431,500 of the Debentures of the City of Calgary in the following issues, said Debentures being for \$1,000 each, ex-cept one in By-law 733 for \$500.

By-Law	Date	Years to Run	Rate	Purpose.	Amoun
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All the above Debentures are payable at the end of the period of years for which they are drawn at the Molsons Bank, Calgary, and the coupons attached for the half-yearly interest are payable at the said Molsons Bank, Calgary. Delivery of said Debentures to be at Calgary or an equivalent.

Dated at Calgary, April 22nd, A.D., 1907. H. E. GILLIS, City Clerk.

From June 1st, 1906, to April 30th, 1907, the Winnipeg civic license department has collected \$41,821 for licenses. This makes a new record.

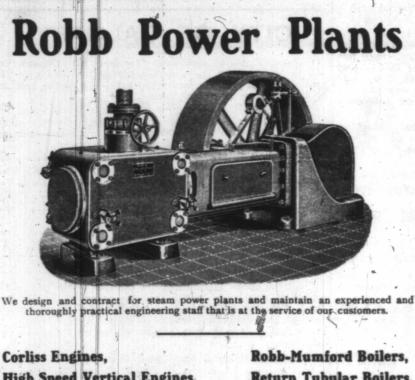
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D. W. HARVEY & CO. 428 Main Street, Winnipeg.

Mr. R. Forget, M.P., is president of the newly-formed Cobalt Eldorado Min-ing Company. Mr. M. Connelly is man-aging-director, and the other directors are:-Hon. W. Templeman, Hon. T. MacGuire, M. Connelly, Frank Von. Tracky, of Pennsylvania; C. B. Daust, vice-president: T. J. Donoghue, and E. L. Doucette, the last-named being Secre-tary-Treasurer of the company, whose tary-Treasurer of the company, whose capital will be \$2,000,000.

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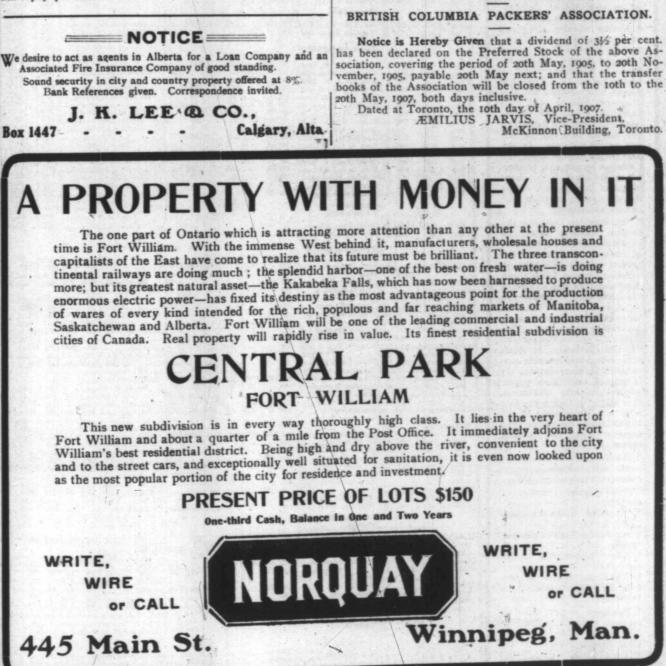
FIVE THOUSAND FACTS.

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"A revelation in concrete form—a fact in a sentence—of the prosperity and prospects of the Dominion." This is how Mr. Frank Yeigh, of Toronto, sums up his useful little handbook, "Five Thousand Facts About Canada." Turning to manufactures we find that the Dominion has 130 branches of American manufacturing establishments in Canada, with 40,000 employees, and that Canada's manufactures had in 1901 an invested capital of \$447,000,000, having trebled in nine years. And so facts concerning Canadian agriculture, banks, insurance, railroads, trade, and a score of other subjects may be consulted in this tabloid encyclopaedia. The price of the book is twenty-five cents, with special rates for quantities for boards of trade, manufactures' associations, banks, etc. It is obtainable from the Canadian Facts Publishing Company, 667 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

#### REGINA TO THE FORE.

The special spring building number of the "Regina Morning Leader" serves a dual purpose. It illustrates the remarkable progress of Regina, and is also a glowing testitions to Western growth generally. There are seven sections to the issue—building, municipal, educational, and religious, railways and wholesale, agricultural, civic, etc. The paper is too bulky for an adequate review in the space at our disposal. Those interested in Regina and the Canadian West should send for this enterprising budget. It will repay perusal.



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SCHOOL BONDS FOR SALE. Quebec, Que.—Until May 15th, \$45,000, 4 per cent., Protestant Board of School Commissioners' bonds. F. C. Wurtel, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 280.

John I. Sutcliffe

TORONTO

**DIVIDENDS** 

BANK

May, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board.

Halifax, N. S., April 19th, 1907.

of

E. L. THORNE,

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of Two Per Cent (2%)

for the quarter ending the 30th. April, (being at the rate of Eight Pe

Cent. Per Annum,) on the Carital Stock of this Bank, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches of the Bank, on and after the dist day of May next. The Transfer Books to be closed from the 27th to the 31st of

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