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A remarkable letter was read at the weekly meeting of the Coun-Quebec Harbours. cil of the Montreal Board of

Trade. It was signed by the Secretary of the Quebec Board of Trade and invited an expression of opinion from the Montreal Board upon the question whether it is not useless to spend any more money on deepening the channel between Montreal and Quebec. The letter added: "Everybody seems to think here that it is a useless expense which the Government ought to stop, because it is certain that before long, ocean steamers which will come in our direction will draw more than 30 feet of water." It is not surprising that the Council did not deem it necessary to take any action in connection with the letter. The speaker at the Congress of the Chamber of Commerce and the Empire who remarked that every port in Canada was condemned by the people of every other port, was not far out. The people of Quebec, of Toronto and of every other city in Canada cannot learn too soon that Montreal is naturally the National Port of the Dominion. It is situated at the head of ocean navigation, and at the foot of inland navigation, and it is the greatest commercial centre and railway centre in the country. If steamers drawing more than thirty feet of water are coming this way, the only thing to do is to deepen the channel. All experience shews that ocean traffic will always be carried by the ocean ships, to the head of navigation.

The Strathcone
Banquet at
Aberdeen.

The banquet given at Aberdeen by Lord Strathcona, in connection with the University celebration will go on record as one of the most princely feasts in his-

tory. At the great function at which 150 honorary degrees were conferred, McGill University was well represented by Lord Strathcona (who as Chancellor of Aberdeen University presided) and by Principal Petersen. The Chancellor instituted

some interesting comparisons between the univerities of the old world and the new, and nobody has had better opportunities of observing the methods and working of each.

The Winnipeg Strike. All the mechanics connected with the building trade at Winnipeg who went out on

strike in sympathy with the plumbers, have returned to work. The plumbers still remain out. It is difficult to see that anything has been gained by the sympathetic strike, commensurate with the loss entailed. The employers have consented to give preference to union men, to allow union men to persuade others to join the union (something they could never have prevented), and they have appointed a permanent arbitration board. Apparently the original cause of the trouble has been overlooked.

The value of the total mineral production of Canada, marketed in 1905, according to the report of the Geographical Survey, was

\$68.574,707 against \$60,073,897 in 1904.

The principal minerals produced were as follows:

Quantity.	Value.
Copper lbs	\$7,420,451
Gold, Yukon	14,486,833
Iron ore (exports estimated), tons 116,779	125,119
Pig iron from Canadian ore, tons 70,554	1,047,860
Lead, lbs	2,634,084
Nickel, lbs	7,550,526
Silver, oz 5,974,875	3,605,957
Cobalt.	100,000
Asbestos, short tons 50,670	1,486,359
Coal, tons	17,658,615
Gypsum, tons	
Limestones for flux in iron furna-	
ces, tons 341,614	258,759
Petroleum, brls 634,095	849,687

THE MONEY MARKET.

Although the demand for money in New York continues to be abnormally high, the strenuous situation of last week is somewhat relieved, and the price of money on call loans is easier. While the action of the United States Treasury in coming to the relief of a badly disturbed market and in artificially stimulating the importation of gold, is generally appreciated, there is a good deal of feeling not only in Europe, but in the United States that under a healthier monetary system such action would be altogether unnecessary and that the business of the nation should not be always at the mercy of conditions calling for temporary expedients by the Government for the prevention of serious financial crises. The Bank of England has raised its discount rate in order to check the transatlantic outflow of gold and one result has been to create a disposition in London to discriminate against American securities. Then it is felt in the United States that the temporary remedies for financial stringency which are adequate in times of great prosperity, may not prove effective in times of commercial depression. As a general principle the less the money market is dependent for its regulation upon government intervention of any kind, the better. The New York "Journal of Commerce" urges the adoption of the Canadian banking system which, as it says, has worked with entire success for more than thirty-five years. Our esteemed contemporary says of our system of authorising the banks under proper safe-guards to use their credit in the issue of circulating notes:

"During the season of large requirements for currency the note circulation expands regularly and easily, and as requirements diminish it contracts. There is not a safer bank currency in the world, and it has the element of elasticity to a perfect degree. Real currency reformers have been advocating this system here for years, but it seems like the voice of one crying in the wilderness. The Treasury Department has not favored it because the present system gives a fictitious value to the Government credit and enables it to borrow at two per cent., while the Secretary can play a paternal part in the money market with Government funds The larger National banks have seemed to be content, because their circulation is of comparatively small moment to them, and they can make more out of the variations in Government bonds, which would lose in market value if the banks were not obliged to have them to secure circulation."

The American Bankers Committee on Federal Currency meeting in Chicago, passed a resolution on Wednesday suggesting legislation in this direction. The revolution advises that the banks in addition to having the right to issue notes to the extent of ninety per cent. of the Treasury bonds held by them shall have the further right to issue

notes to the extent of fifty per cent. of their capital. The telegram received from Chicago announcing the fact, does not however, state whether the provisions of the Canadian law which make the Canadian bank notes "the safest currency in the world" are also adopted.

RAILWAY HOURS OF LABOUR AND ACCIDENTS.

The annual report of the British Board of Trade on the Hours of Labour of Railway servants, shews an increase in the number of complaints made upon this subject to the Department. In the year ending July 27, 1906, there were 57 complaints filed against 47 in 1904-5, and 11 in 1903-4. Thirty-two of the complaints filed in 1905-6 referred to men engaged with trains. The report explains that: "in the autumn of 'ast year owing to improved trade, there took place on some lines, particulary in the Midland districts, a large and unexpected increase in traffic, leading to congestion in working, with consequent delay to trains and the employment of train men for long hours." The question naturally suggests itself whether there is not some connection between this employment of train men for long hours, and the two terrible railway wrecks which have recently occurred in England. The wreck of the Scotch Express on the Great Northern outside of Grantham was of a similar character to that of the Steamer Special. Both trains were going round sharp curves at tremendous speed. When a train is going at seventy miles an hour round a curve the wheels practically "touch nowhere." The English fast trains have a great reputation for safety, due, no doubt, to the excellent system upon which they are run and upon which the lines are cleared for them; but this safety manifestly has its limitations. There is a weak place somewhere in the system, which depends after all for its successful working, upon the human brain working with the constant and absolute certainty of a mechanical contrivance. Is this attainable with overworked engine drivers? There is plenty of evidence that the drivers of fast trains suffer commonly from high nervous tension and the difference between an hour or two of more or less work at a stretch, may mean all the difference between safety and danger to scores of human lives.

In both cases under consideration the trains were travelling at high speed against orders; and in one case in flagrant disregard of signals.

FIRE AT CARP, ONT.

The following companies are interested in fire which occurred at Carp. Ont., on the 24th inst., British America, \$10.400; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$6,000; North British & Mercantile, \$2,000 Loss nearly total.

LONDON BANKERS AND THE GOLD MOVEMENT.

The large transfers of gold now being made from Europe to America invite an examination of the mechanism by which they are effected. It is well known, in a general way, how when foreign exchange quotations, at New York for example, fall till a certain point, called the gold import point, is reached, that gold shipments from abroad are arranged for; and how in the same manner, when quotations rise till the gold export point is reached, that an outward flow of gold is started. Also it is tolerably plain what causes exchange to fall and what causes it to rise. Nearly every financal student knows when bills on London are cheap that there is for some reason or other a greater flow of capital from London to New York than in the contrary direction. Generally this results from the fact that what Europe has to pay America for goods, services, investments, etc., is more than what America has to pay Europe for the same purposes. In other words the balance of trade, visible and invisible, is against Europe and in favour of Am-

In the present instance it is generally understood that the gold imports are the result mainly of heavy loans negotiated in London by New York bankers. But even so the fact does not upset the statement that gold imports are the result of a balance of trade favourable to America-for the loans which the London bankers are making to the New York banks constitute in reality a purchase of bills, or rather of debts which the bills represent, and these bills or debts are included among the invisible articles of international commerce. A leading New York daily thus quotes the "London Outlook," the financial writer for which is a well known member of the London Stock Exchange. "To-day there is no more shrugging of the shoulders or sarcastic smiling in bank parlors at mention of the New York gold drain. 'Finance bills,' the favourite medium with which New York pays for its gold purchases, no longer find the ready acceptance they used to do. Lombard street has ceased to be proud of the fact that it is financing \$300,-000 000 more or less of American paper. Of course, the great mass of that paper may be sound and legitimate. So far as it has arisen out of commercial and financial business with substantial values behind it, it should be welcome. But the alloy of 'finance bills' is undoutedly large, and New York needs no encouragement whatever to keep on increasing it."

There are many different kinds of bills of exchange. Among those most esteemed are the bills drawn against shipments of staple products with shipping documents attached. One of the reasons these bills are so highly regarded is that they bear on their faces eminently satisfactory evidence that they represent genuine commercial transactions, another is that they give the title to the articles of

cemmerce that form the bases of the transactions, and in the event of dishonor the holders can reimburse themselves at once, if necessary, without having to make demand on guarantors or endorsers. Another highly esteemed bill is that purchased by a mercantile debtor from a strong bank on this side drawn on the bank's European correspondent and designed for the liquidation of a claim for goods purchased abroad. These bills usually bear, when presented for discount, several names of the very highest credit.

The foreign exchange business in New York is conducted by several of the big banks there and by what are called foreign bankers. Among these latter are the agencies of our own Canadian banks. Five of our banks rank among the important dealers in exchange. They buy produce bills, as described above, bankers bills, and also, perhaps, finance bills when issued by very strong institutions, and they draw their own bills on London, selling them to people who wish to remit funds there, or to draw down an accumulating balance in London to employ the funds on this side, or they may draw on London when they have no credit balance there in order to enable them to put out funds at call or time in New York at very high rates. When a clean bill (a bill to which no documents are attached) is drawn on demand against credit balances held by London bankers, the transaction is simplicity itself, being on the same basis as the drawing of a cheque by a depositor who has plenty of funds to meet it.

But there are clean bills drawn at 30, 60 and 90 days, and the London bank on which they are drawn are called upon to accept them, becoming primarily liable on them, but they cannot charge them against the drawers' balances, or hold back their funds till the bill becomes due. The London bank, immediately it has accepted such a bill, treats it as a liability (or advance) made to the drawer of the bill. The approved custom is for the banks or financial houses on this side who wish to make a business of drawing bills on London, to deposit with a strong London bank securities sufficient to cover the total amount of unmatured drawings outstanding. Most of our banks own several millions of high class securities. As these are more or less fixed investments it is no inconvenience to have a portion of them lodged with a great London bank which will undertake, whenever asked to do so, to accept large drawings by our banks. Against bills of this class, behind which ample security rests, not much objection can be raised, particularly as the drawing banks very often hold contracts from strong houses who agree to deliver on certain dates large amounts of exchange drawn against produce shipments. The class of American bill against which the London critics are protesting is that drawn by New York banks on London with the pur-pose of enabling them to finance a big stock speculation at a dangerous time. These bills, if secured at all, are likely to be covered by deposit of the speculative stocks most active in the speculation.

CHICAGO AND THE ST. LAWRENCE.

There is nothing to be gained by prematurely making an international issue out of the project for a ship canal from Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico. The scheme is very much in embryo at present and there is a good deal to be said and will be said against it, by sensible Americans, even if we are indiscreet enough to challenge the national sensibilities of the less thoughful citizens of the United States, by blustering unduly about our neighbours' "stealing water belonging to Canada." Of course, Canada cannot afford to be indifferent to, and the Dominion Government cannot ignore any scheme which threatens to seriously affect the level of the water in the Great Lakes or the St. Lawrence. If for no other reason, the fact that up to June 30, 1905, Canada had spent \$111,639,259.35 on its canal systems, and is now with commendable enterprise spending at a greater rate than ever in improving the national water-ways; we would be justified in objecting to any project that would appreciably lower the water 'evels in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence. But we are not the only people who are interested in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence, or who have spent and are spending money on canals, and Chicago is not the whole United States!

What is not known at present about the engineering aspect, or about the financial aspect, of the scheme for constructing a ship canal from Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico, is something considerable. The only estimate of the cost worth considering, is the perfectly safe one that it would be something enormous. Give him money enough and almost anything on earth is possible to the Twentieth Century Engineer—even the canalization of the Mississippi. That the construction from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico of any canal within the bounds of financial possibility would materially affect the depth of water in Lake St. Peter remains to be proven.

There is another reason why we should not cry out too loudly before we are hurt and that is that at present the Port of Montreal, the National Port of Canada has more hostile critics in the Dominion Parliament than it has in the United States Congress.

FIRE AT ST. LOUIS DE MILE END, MONTREAL.

On the 26th instant a fire occurred in a congested district of St. Louis de Mile End. The water pressure was weak and the fire practically burned itself out. Fifteen houses were destroyed. The town valuation of property burned is stated to be \$21,220. At time of going to press we learn that the following companies are interested:

Mount Royal, \$0,000; Montreal-Canada, \$10,000; North British & Mercantile. \$700; Guardian, \$3,500; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$4,000; Western, \$4,000. Total, \$27,600.

FIRE AT ST. JOHNS, N.B.

By the fire which occurred on the 26th instant, in the Methodist Church, St. Johns, N.B. The following companies are interested: Quebec, \$9,000; Pheonix of Hartford, \$7,000; Peonix of London, \$7,000; Sun, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Guardian, \$2,000; Anglo American, \$5,000; New York Underwriters, \$10,000; Atlas, \$10,000; Esimated loss, \$20,000.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ACTUARIES.

Mr. T. B. Macaulay, F.I.A., secretary and actuary Sun Life of Canada, who was one of the delegates to the fifth International Congress of Actuaries, convened at Berlin, Germany, on September 10, has been honoured, by being appointed vice-president, for the United States, and Canada, Mr. H. L. Hoffman, of the Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, N.J., has been appointed secretary. Every important country is entitled to a vice-president and secretary. The United States and Canada are in this connection considered as one, the actuaries of the two countries, being internationally organized.

OCTOBER DIVIDENDS.

The disbursements in interest and dividends during the month of October will be very large both here and in the United States. The following is a list of the leading Canadian payments:

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Halifax Tram	11/2	p. c. quarterly.
Sao Paulo	2	"
Toronto Railway	11/2	"
Winnipeg Electric	11/2	"
Twin City Pfd	1%	**
Laurentide Paper Pfd	1%	**
Mackay Companies Com. and Pfd	1	**
Crow's Nest Coal		**
Canadian General Electric	3	"
National Trust Co	3	
Dominion Bank	3	**
Metropolitan Bank		**
Molsons Bank	21/4	"
Royal Bank	21/4	"
Montreal Steel Works		"
Trinidad Electric	11/4	"
Bell Telephone	2	"
Dominion Textile	1%	"
Nova Scotia Steel	2	"
Montreal Telegraph	2	"
Canadian Pacific	3 p.	c. Semi-Annual.
Can. Northwest Land Pfd	3	"
Western Bank	1%	44
Bank of British North America	11/2	"
Soo Railway	2	

Bonds.

Commercial Cable Co	**
Montreal Power	"
Can. Colored Cotton	**
Dom. Iron and Steel	**
Intercolonial Coal	**
Bell Telephone	**
Grand Trunk Pacific	

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

The statements of the above company continue to show handsome earnings from month to month and those for August are very favourable. There are marked increases in the different items as compared with the same period last year.

The passenger earnings were \$293,402 and miscellaneous 6,877 making the total recipts for the month \$300,279 which is larger than 1905, by \$38,270 or 14.61 p.c. The operating expenses were \$158,415 an increase of the same time last year of \$22,216 or 16.31 p.c. leaving the net earnings for the month \$141,863, an increase of 18,053 or 12.76 p.c. as compared with August, 1905. The fixed charges amounted to 16,078 being greater by \$3,692 than last year. The surplus \$82,433 shows a decrease of \$7,908 over the corresponding period 12 months ago, but this is accounted for by the sum of \$15,014 being set aside for renewals.

For the eleven months since October 1, the net earnings were \$1,108,179, an increase over the same term 1904-5 of \$195,388. This was reduced by expenses and fixed charges to a surplus of \$673,-939, being an advance of \$28,537 on the surplus a year ago.

CANADA'S AGGREGATE TRADE.

Canada's aggregate trade for the first two months of the fiscal year shows an increase of over nineteen million dollars over the same time last year. The imports were \$51,844,913, a gain of \$9,035,846, and the exports, domestic and foreign, were \$46,-216.179, an increase of \$10,647,544 over the same two months in 1905. There is over five millions of an increase in agriculture alone. The only decrease is in the produce of the mine, which shows a drop of three-quarters of a million. The details

Imports-two months ending August .

Imports—two months ending August: 1995. 1995. \$26,640,998 Duitable goods. 16,045,267 Free goods. 122,802	1906. \$30,679,475 20,508,103 657,335
Total	\$51,844,913 7,906,922
Duty collected	1906. \$4,691,141
Fisheries 1,914,285 Forest 13,493,142	1,913,726 8,928,207 16,573,447
Animals and produce 13,493,142 Agriculture 2,593,553 Manufactures 2,262,180 Miscellaneous 13,920	3,658,093
Total	\$40,600,109 5,616,070
ans 500 540	CAC 916 179

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA IN 1905.

(From the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance.)

FIRE PREMIUMS AND LOSSES CANADA IN 1904.

The cash received for premiums during the year in Canada has amounted to \$14,285,671, being greater than that received in 1904 by \$1,115,789, and the amount paid for losses has been \$6,000,519 which is less than that paid in 1904 by \$8,099,015. The ratio of losses paid to premiums received is shown in the following table: -

	Paid for Losses.	Received for Premiums,	Rate of Losses paid so per cent. of Premiums. received.	1904.
Canadian companies British	\$ 1,399,065 3,634,706 965,748	\$ 5.013,714 8,582,925 2,649.032	42.35	95.53 109.94 110.27
Total	6,000,519	14.285,671	42.00	107.06

The corresponding results for the thirty-seven years over which our records extend, are given below.-Data of

14	ow.—	Premiums received.	Losses paid.	Rate of Losses paid per cent. of Premiums received.
			\$	
١.		1,785,539	1,027,720	57.5 6
1	869	1,916,779	1,624,837	84.77
1	870	2,321,716	1,549,199	66.73
1	871	2,628,710	1,909,975	72.66
1!	872	2,968,416	1,682,184	56,87
!!	873	3,522,303	1,926,159	54.68
	874	3,594,764	2,563,531	71.31
	875	3,708,006	2,867,295	77. 3
	1876	3,764,005	8,430,919	225.58
1	1877	3,368,430	1,822,674	54.11
1	1878	3,227,488	2,145,198	66.47
1	1879	3,479,577	1,6,6,578	47.90
١	1880	3,827,116	3,169,824	82.83
1	1881	4,729,706	2,664,986	63.01
1	1882	4,624,741	2,920,228	63.14
١	1883	4,980,128	3,245,323	65.16
1	1884	4,852,460	2,679,287	55.22
1	18#5	4,932,335	3,301,388	66.93
١	1886	5,244,502	3,403,5 4	
١	1887	5,437,263	3,073,822	56 53
١	1888	5,588,016	2,876,211	55.47
١	1889	5,836,071	3,266,567	55.97
١	1890	6,168,716	3,905,697	63 31
١	1891	6,512,327	4,377.270	
١	1892	6,793,595	5,052,690	
- 1	1893	6,711.369	4,589,363	64,38
١	1894	6,943,382	4,993,750	91,92
١	1895	7,075.850	4,173,501	58.88
- 1	1896	7,157,661	4,701, ~3	3 65.69
١	1897	7,350,131	4,784,48	
- }	1898	7,910,492	5,182,03	
. (1899	8,331,948	7,774,29	3 93.31
. 1	1900	9,650,348	6,774,95	6 70.20
. 1	1901	10,577,084	4,152,25	
. 1	1902	11,384,762	5,870,71	
	1903	13,169,882	14,099,53	4 107.66
,	1904	14,285,671	6,000,51	9 42.00
:	1905			
,	Totals	215,861,289	146,310,35	5 67.78
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Taking the totals for the same thirty-seven years, according to the nationalities of the companies, the Total foreign and domestic. . . . \$35,568,549 \$46,216,179 | following are the results 1869-1905:—

	Premiums received.	Losses paid.	Rate of Losses paid per cent, of Premiums received.
Canadian companies British " American "	. 47,986,052 . 141,68 7406 . 26,406,531	\$ 32,603,528 96,300,030 17,406,797	67.94 68.07 65.92
Totals	215,861,289	146,310,355	67.78

The loss rate for 1905 (42.00) is much below the average for the thirty-seven years over which our records extend.

Obtaining an approximation to the losses incurred during the year, by excluding the payments for losses outstanding at the beginning of the year, and including the amounts estimated for those of the year still unsettled, the ratio of the losses incurred to premiums received comes out 43.30 per cent. which is 64.46 per cent. less than the 107.76 of the previous year, and is 23.83 per cent. less than the average for the last fifteen years (67.13). The following are the rates of incurred losses from 1891:-

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Companies.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1849	1001
Canadian	48.71	97.50	5 .17	42.01	DS. 2.4	83.20	53.20	55.22	69 06	60 50	65 87	79 47	70 45	70 00	
Drittish	43.07	110.34	EO.97	40 40	74 15	97.99	58 80	79.12	63 50	50 50	60 20	67 70	70 57	1000	
American	35.01	110.55	47.93	38.61	66.83	107.17	57.25	71.05	64 31	61.79	72 11	60 01	74.40	70.36	62.00
					0		0.20		04.01	01 12	10.11	00.04	14 40	75.86	61.26
TD-4-1-										-		-	-		-
Totals	43.30	107.76	50.94	40.55	70.29	97.00	57.75	74.37	64.41	61.31	69.31	68.69	75.55	68 64	62.95

The gross amount of policies, new and renewed, taken during the year by fire companies was \$1,-140,095,372, which is greater by \$137,790,267 than the amount taken in 1904. The premiums charged thereon amounted in 1905 to \$18,262,037.09, being \$2,255,067.83 greater than the amount charged the previous year. The rate of premiums (1.602) is

higher than that of 1904 (1.597). The loss ratio (4,200 is 6.06 per cent, less than the loss ratio of the previous year (107.06) and 25.76 per cent. less than the average loss rate (67.78) for the past thirtyseven years.

The rate per cent. of premiums charged upon risks taken is shown in the following table: -

	Gross amount of Risks taken during the year.	Premiums charged thereon.	Rate of Premiums charged per cent, of Risks taken,	The same for 1904,	The same for 1903.	The same for 1902,	The same for 1901.
Canadian companies British " American "	649,566.539 188,712,561	4,706,640,29 10,370,180 44 3,185,216,36	$1.56 \\ 1.60 \\ 1.69$	$1.57 \\ 1.59 \\ 1.68$	1.53 1.49 1.53	$\frac{1.46}{1.46}$	1.45 1.41 1.44
Totals	1,140,095,372	18,262,037.09	1.60	1.60	1.50	1 47	1.42

compared with 1904 among the Canadian companies is \$62,582,245. Among British companies there is

The increase in the amounts taken in 1905, as | an increase of \$39,624,246 and among American companies there is an increase of \$35,583,776.

THE AUGUST BANK STATEMENT.

The bank statement for August shows a substantial increase and is one of the gratifying signs of the continued progress which has been made during the past year as appears by the changes noted below.

The circulation increased by \$1,925,532 as compared with \$1,210,840 for the same month last year. The increase for the year was \$7,611,078. The efflux, however, begins in September for harvest purposes and is, no doubt, now becoming active. The total deposits have increased \$11,798,633 over July and are \$72,778,814 greater than in August, 1905.

Call loans in Canada and elsewhere show an increase of \$8,621,619 for the month and are \$17,592,-388 larger than a year ago. Current loans in Canada and elsewhere have increased \$8,410,998 and

for the year by \$80,538,441. Thus making the aggregate increase in loans to the public for 12 months amount to \$98,130,829.

The paid-up capital of the chartered banks has been increased by nearly ten millions for the year. This increase should facilitate matters in connection with the note circulation, but, no doubt, the extra demand which are being made from time to time will offset to a great extent any gain in this way. The immediate outlook is gratifying, the crops of the country are bounttiful and agricultural sections everywhere pros-Our large railroad systems and big industrials are still reporting large and good profits. The era of increased dividends does not seem to have passed and rumours of impending increases in this or that corporation are still current. The underlying conditions everywhere seem to point to continued prosperity.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31ST, 1906, OF THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

Comparison of Principal Items, showing increase or decrease for the month and for the year.

44	August 31,	July 31, 1906.	August 31, 1905.	Decr	ease or ease for onth.	Deci	rease or ease for ear.
Assets.		\$60,099,315	\$ 59,848,190	Inc. \$	761,548	nc. \$	1,012,673
		26,549,698	20,679,176		1,754,131 1	nc.	4,114,391
pecie and Dominion Notes otes of and Cheques on other Banks	24,795,567	4,0 3,186	3,410,334	Inc.	22,000 I	nc.	704,852
otes of and Cheques on other Banks eposit to Secure Note Issues capada secured	4,115,16	747,915	449,4.0	Dec.	10,618	nc.	238,847
eposit to Secure Note Issues ons to other Banks in Canada secured ons to other Banks in Canada secured	688,297	7,041,714	6, 20,195	Inc.		nc.	1,295,387
oans to other Banks in Canada secured oans to other Banks in Canada eposits with and due from other Bks. in Canada in United Kingdom	7,515,582	9,976,621	9,644,699	Dec.		ec.	189,090
eposits with and due from other banks, etc., in United Kingdom	9,451,609	17,6 6,673	24.022,812	Dec.		ec.	6,603,612
ne from Banks, etc., in United King	9,959,637	9.893.275	8,7*5,089	Inc.		nc.	1,174,548
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PROMINENT TOPICS.

EVEN GAY PARIS has arrived at the conclusion that it is a good thing to observe Sunday as a day of rest. The spirit of the movement in this direction is confessedly secular, but experience will tend to shew that it is hard to protect the workman's right to rest one-day in seven, without a religious basis for the Sabbatic institution. The Creator's command to cease from labour on the seventh day is really the greatest charter of human liberty ever granted.

SOME POLITICAL ECONOMISTS are already gravely discussing the question whether France can stand the diminished production that it is claimed

will result from the observance of a weekly day of rest. Whether there will be any appreciable diminution remains to be seen.

THAT A MAN CAN PRODUCE more in one week by working seven days than he can by working six days is fairly obvious. That he can produce more in a year by working seven days a week than he can by working six days a week, does not follow as a matter of course.

THE PRODUCTION OF the average workman's whole life time will we are convinced be greater if he observes the Sabbath than if he evades that duty.

INCREASED TAXATION.—The city has asked various public bodies, such as the Montreal Board of Trade, the Chambre de Commerce and the Real Estate Owners' Association for suggestion in regard to getting more revenue. We have no doubt that some valuable suggestions will be made, but it must be borne in mind that as a rule people will prefer that "the other fellow" shall pay the taxes and will not suggest what will had themselves. The City Council has to take the ultimate responsibility.

"COBALT AND ITS SILVER MINES" is the title of a pamphlet which we have received, giving some valuable information concerning this mining camp. That the deposits of silver, nickel, Cobalt and other minerals are among the richest in the world seems beyond doubt. Yet it is necessary that investors should not lose their heads, for the capitalization of some of the mines would seem to be altogether too high.

THE FIRM ATTITUDE of the United States peace delegates seems to have brought the Cuban Government to reason. President Palma and his ministers appeared to be quite willing to sacrifice Cuban independence to keep themselves in office even as the vassals of a foreign government. Until the last day or two American armed intervention appeared inevitable. No wonder Secretary Taft described the situation as disregarding.

THE CUBAN MINISTRY shewed such lamentable weakness that they were in danger of occupying the position of rebels against a stronger and more popular if unrecognized and unorganized "Government."

THE CUBAN REPUBLIC has had a close call. After the experience of the last few weeks it may be taken for granted that if the American Government is forced to land troops in the island the date of the withdrawal of the American flag will be as problematical as that of the evacuation of Egypt by the British.

THE SAN FRANCISCO fire claims appear to be much larger than the companice expected and bear rather heavily upon some offices.

MR. HART, OF EDINBURGH, secretary of the National Bank of Scotland, and Mr. J. G. C. Cheyne, of Edinburgh, secretary of the Scotlish Widows' Fund, spent a couple of days in Montreal, during last week. They sailed for Great Britain by the steamship "Dominion." These gentlemen also visited Toronto and Niagara and were delighted with the evidences of prosperity in every direction. Mr. Hart who had not been in Canada for over twenty years saw great progress. He considered

the growth of the City of Montreal reflected the growth of the Dominion generally. But he added: "What streets!"

MR. E. S. CLOUSTON, vice-president and general manager of the Bank of Montreal, occupied by the Hon. Adam Beck, of London, Ont., has been visiting Brandon, and according to the Brandon "Sun" they expressed themselves delighted with the progress of the city. Mr. E. F. Hebden, general manager of the Merchants Bank, has also been in that rising city and expresses the opinion that it has a great future. Brandon is only one of many rapidly developing cities in Western Canada.

QUERIES' COLUMN.

In order to furnish our readers with information we propose to devote this column to replies to correspondents. Letters should be addressed to "THE CHRONICLE, Enquiry Department, Montreal."

Answers will only be given to such communications as bear the writer's name, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and only to questions referring to matters of general interest in regard to which the Editor of Queries' Column will exercise his own discretion.

1590.—J. B., Toronto.—The Lake of the Woods Milling Company and the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company paid up capitalization is as follows:—

 Bonds
 7 p. c.
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 Bonds
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 Stock.

 Lake of the Woods
 \$1,000,000
 \$1,500,000
 \$2,000,000

 Ogilvie
 1,000,000
 2,000,000
 1,250,000

1591.—G. H. R., Ormstown, O.—The Canadian Salt Company, Ltd., head office is at Windsor, Ont. The paid-up capital is \$500,000. The stock is listed in Toronto, but is inactive. The president is Sir Wm. C. Van Horne. Quarterly dividends at the rate of 8 p.c. per annum are paid.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The adjustment and payment of claims in San Francisco, by the different fire companies, still continues, according to advices from that city.

Six companies, with Head Offices in Hartford, Conn., it is stated, have paid losses to the extent of \$15,952,749. One company, the Hartford Fire, having paid one-third of this amount, Hartford is well known as an important centre, for the Head Offices of fire companies transacting business in the United States.

Large amounts have been paid in settlement of losses by American fire companies with head offices in other parts.

It is difficult to ascertain the correct amount, already paid by British companies, but judging from the information received, it leads us to estimate, the losses paid, by these companies, in San Francisco, as aggregating about \$50,000,000.

ONTARIO FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

We have received the report of the Ontario Government Insurance Inspector, for 1905, some of the items of which may be of interest to our readers. Besides those companies licensed by the Dominion Government, there are: Three joint stock companies, thirteen partly stock and partly mutual companies and seventy purely mutual companies, transacting fire insurance in the Province of Ontario.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

The assets and liabilities, including paid-up capital of the three joint stock companies, are as follows:—

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The total income for the year including re-insurance was \$366,737.25, and the expenditure \$302,-046.99, the principal items of the latter being: Expenses of management \$93,598.81. Losses \$107,-021.24, re-insurance premiums \$51,268.42, rebates \$38,476.46, dividends. \$5,000; the balance consists of improvements on buildings and other expenditures.

PART STOCK AND PART MUTUAL COMPANIES.

For the 13 part stock and part mutual companies the assets including unassessed premium notes, with liabilities including paid-up capital are as follows:

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The total income for the year was \$1,651,232.12 to which sum the premiums contributed \$1,041,-159.55 and re-insurance \$104.581.23, the rest consisted of other receipts.

The losses amounted to \$573.937.13, rebate and returned premiums \$132.131.53, re-insurance \$202,-054.10 which together with other expenses made the total expenditure \$1,446,895.55.

70 PURELY MUTUAL COMPANIES.

The assets of the purely mutual companies are \$6.246,102.55, of which 5.730,400.77 is unassessed premium notes and liabilities \$17,654.85, no reinsurance reserve being calculated.

The method of giving the returns differs from that of the Dominion superintendent, the gross premiums being given in the income with reinsurance and rebates in the expenditure.

Taking the figures of the stock companies we make out the following: —

Gross premiums	\$ 89,744.88	\$310,671.56
Less cancelled insur'ce and extra premiums	11,007.07	78,744.81
Net premit ms		\$231,926.75
Losses Reinsurance	$107.021.24 \\ 17,666.47$	89,354 77
N t losses	00 200 01	34%
Expenses	93,598.81 6,564.65	87,034.16
Expenses		33%

For the partly stock and partly mutual companies the figures are:

Gross premiums	\$1,479,727.01 064.10 131.53 334,195.63
Net premiums 673.	937.13 581.23 569,355 90
Net losses	55% 582.16 5334%
Net premiums	,826.62 ,470.47 371,35 6.1 5
Losses	,772 68 ,574.83 72%

The year 1905 was a prosperous one for fire insurance in Canada, and we leave the foregoing figures to speak for themselves merely observing that there is a certain cost for insurance whether it is done on the stock or the mulual principle and that care and inspection will tell equally on both, while competition, as in all other business, will bring that cost to its market value.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INSURANCE.

The Commission in continuing the enquiry of the Independent Order of Foresters:

A clause in the constitution of the order had excited Mr. Shepley's curiosity, so he asked about it. The clause forbade the circulation of any letter or circular among the members of the order without the sanction of the supreme ranger. The witness said that the object was to prevent any movement to cause ruptures in the order and also to guard against letters of a begging nature.

Mr. Shepley went into the circumstances surrounding the formation of the Union Trusts Company, the acquisition by this concern of the Old Provincial Trust Company, and the interest of the LO.F. in these transactions.

Dr. Oronhyatekah said that Mr. Laidlaw had been the principal agent in the dealings with the Provincial Company, and various sums had been handed over to him to put through the deal whereby that company became the property of the new organization. In February, 1900, he received \$25,000; in March of the same year, \$30,000, and in April something over \$250,000. There was also an item of \$2,000 and another of \$587 relating to the transfer of stock to Mr. J. McMurty by Mr. McGillivray in June, 1901. Almost the entire stock of the company had been transferred to Mr. Matthew Wilson, and by him transferred to the LO.F. representatives, who subsequently held it.

A statement which was read by Mr. Shepley showed that the liabilities of the Provincial Company at the time exceeded the assets by \$8,551.46, and he asked the witness if he had been aware, generally, that the company had been in difficulties.

Yes, the doctor said; he knew that they were in difficulties, and wanted to get out of business.

When was Mr. Foster's name proposed to you as manager of the Union Trust Company? asked Mr. Shepley.

The doctor replied that various names had been discussed, and finally some one, he thought it was Mr. Laidlaw, had suggested that Mr. Foster would be a good manager. He had taken at once to the idea. In fact he considered it a brilliant suggestion, and he had lost no time in getting into communication with the gentleman.

"The idea was to make it a complete investment of the surplus funds of the I.O.F.?"

"Yes," said the witness, "that was the purse." Mr. Foster in his reply to Dr. Oronhyatekha's offer of the position of manager of the company strongly recommended that the concern have no connection whatever with the old Provincial Company.

"Was this the beginning of the idea that the company should have a large capital stock?" asked Mr. Shepley.

In reply Dr. Oronhyatekha said that at first they had not dreamed that the company could develop into anything very big and important. It was only after they found out what there really was in the concern that they decided on increasing the capital, though he had no doubt that Mr. Foster's advice had been considered. In a subsequent part of the letter Mr. Foster recommended that the new company should be placed at once on a sound footing by handing over to it the moneys of the order for investment at a fixed rate, say 4 p.c. The latter, the witness said, was laid before the Supreme Court and the advice was considered to be good. Of course any profits over and above the 4 p.c. would belong to the society.

"What advantage did you see in such an arrangement," asked Mr. Shepley. "Would it not have served just as well to have had the company give the order the profits without any 4 p.c. agreement?"

"The idea," Dr. Oronhyatekha replied, "was to get better men than themselves to handle the interests."

A second letter from Mr. Foster to Dr. Oronhyatehka was next referred to by Mr. Shepley. In this Mr. Foster strongly advised that half of the capitalization of \$100,000 should be paid up. He pointed out also that taking deposits for safe-keeping was a slow business, though it might be profitable in the long run. Their chief source of profit, however, would be in investing the funds of the order. He also suggested that it would be as well not to emphasize the fact that the new company was owned by the Foresters, and to appoint a board of directors, which would indicate the independence of the organization.

Mr. Shepley next turned his attention to the agreement between the Supreme Court of the I. O.

the company was increased to \$2,000,000 and the signers of the petition, with the amounts of stock subscribed for by each were as follows:

Dr. Oronhyatekha, \$196,000. Mr. H. Collins, \$1,000.

Dr. Millman, \$1,000.

Judge McDougall, \$1,000.

Col. J. I. Davidson, \$1,000.

G. E. Foster, \$1,000.

M. Wilson, \$1,000.

"How many of these," asked Mr. Shepley, "were holding stock for the order?"

The Doctor said that Mr. Foster, Col. Davidson. Dr. Millman and Mr. Wilson paid for the stock they subscribed for. The others held it in trust for the I.O.F.

A second statement, quoted by Mr. Shepley, showed that the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. held 10,200 shares, valued at \$100 each: Mr. Oronhyatekha held 1,960 shares, and the following gentlemen ten each: Dr. Millman, H. Collins, Mr. Stevenson, Judge McDougall, Mr. McGillivray, Col. Davidson, Mr. Foster and Mr. Wilson. With the exception of four of these subscribers, Dr. Oronhyatekha said all held their stock in trust for the

"We make out," said Mr. Shepley, after consulting several statements handed him by Mr. Cross, "that out of \$82,654.50, which you paid for the Provincial Trust, you received only \$50,000 from the Union Trust Company."

The witness questioned the correctness of the figures, and Mr. Shepley found that further payments had been made, amounting to something over \$5,000. A balance of \$29,618.67, was left, which Mr. Shepley affirmed had been carried by the order, though there was no doubt that it should have been liquidated by the Trusts Company.

Mr. Shepley reverted to the large amount of stock which the order held in the Union Trust Company. He had been unable, he said, to find a single minute in the records of the supreme court, or the executive, which warranted the investment of a dollar in this manner. He was quite aware that the witness would reply that the supreme court had subsequently validated the transaction, but the original investment had been made without a title of authority.

The purchase of a portion of the stock of the Union Trust Company by a syndicate, represented by Mr. E. A. Duvernet, was gone into after lunch. Mr. Shepley wished to know the reason for disposing of these shares and Dr. Oronhyatekha, who still occupied the witness stand, explained that the action of the New Hampshire Insurance Commission with respect to their license was their principal reason for deciding to sell. A former commissioner in that State had tried to force the Order to apply for a license as an assessment company. The Order was not recognized as a fraternal insurance association in New Hampshire, and in order to retain their right to operate they were told they would agreement between the Supreme Court of the I. O. have to take out a license under the assessment F. and the Union Trust Company. The stock of clause. The Doctor refused to take this course. A new commissioner was appointed and to him they applied for a renewal of their license, but it was refused, because the Union Trust Company was controlled by the Order. This decided them to get rid of a large portion of their interest in that company. Besides this, however, there were other private reasons. It was in April of the present year, the witness said, that the executive of the I. O. F.

took action in this matter. Then he went on to say that a committee had been appointed to formulate plans for the consideration of the deal. Mr. Stevenson took charge of the details of the transfer and Mr. Duvernet acted on behalf of the purchasers. The result of their negotiations was an agreement which was drawn up on May 3, 1006, between Mr. Duvernet, the I. O. F., and the Union Trust Co. According to this the Foresters were to sell 15,000 shares, which, at par value, would be worth \$1,500,000, to Mr. Duvernet at a premium of 10. Mr. Duvernet paid \$500,000 down in the form of a deposit receipt in the Crown Bank payable to the Order of the I. O. F. Under the agreement the Foresters were to hand over 80 p.c. of their surplus funds to the Union Trust Company for investment. The old

little money on hand for investment. One clause of the agreement provided that the Supreme Court of the I. O. F. should have two directors out of seven to represent it in the Board of the company, or three out of nine, or a proportionate representation in consideration of the 10,000 shares in the company which had not been sold.

agreement called for the total surplus of the Order to be given into the hands of the company, but the

witness said that many applications came to the ex-

ecutive direct and it was thought well to have a

The agreement finally provided that the balance due on the stock should be paid in five years, commenting on which Mr. Shepley asked if that were not rather a long deal.

"Oh, we are getting interest at 5 p.c.," replied the

It was next shown by Mr. Shepley that only 250 shares had been handed over, the remainder, 14.750 shares, being held as security by the I. O. F. until the payment of the purchase money had been com-Meantime the dividends on the entire amount of stock sold are to be paid to the purchasers on the payment of the interest, but the I. O. F. retains the voting power vested in the 14,750 shares which it holds as security.

"Then for five years you will remain in control of the Union Trust Company?" remarked Mr. Shepley

"Practically so," admitted the doctor.

Mr. Shepley next went into a land deal, which had been proposed to Dr. Oronhyatekha and his associates by Dr. Montague. This was the acquisition of 44,000 acres in the West, on which Dr. Oron-The witness said hyatekha had secured an option. that Mr. Foster and Mr. McGillivray, as well as himself, had gone into this transaction with Dr. Montague.

"Is it not a fact." asked Mr. Shepley, "that none of the gentlemen connected with the transaction had sufficient money of their own to carry it through, and for that reason the funds of the I. O.

were used?" Dr. Oronhyatekha said he would not go so far as that. As a matter of fact, some of them had the money, but it was thought better to use the funds of the Foresters. Dr. Montague gave the Order a

mortgage for \$133,000 on the land, which, Mr. Shepley pointed out, was signed by him alone. This was to be paid in ten years in the following installments: One-quarter at the end of 1903; a quarter at the end of 1907, a quarter at the end of 1909, and the balance at the close of 1913.

Continuing the examination of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Mr. Shepley asked:

"Have you any knowledge of the details regarding the interest that you were said to have in certain lands in connection with the Great West Land Company?"

"I know very little about it, except that there was such a company to which the Foresters loaned

money.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, in explanation of a further remark, emphasized his former statement that he looked upon the Union Trust Company and the I. O .F. as one body, and would be very likely to

use either term synonymously.

In reply to further questions, Dr. Oronhyatekha said he knew nothing at all about the beginning of the transactions of the land company of which Mr. McGillivray and Mr. Foster had charge. Dr. Oronhyatekha said there was a syndicate in which Mr. McGillivray, Mr. Foster and Mr. Matthew Wilson and himself were interested, and there may have been some others, but he did not know their names The object of the syndicate was, present. The object of the syndicate was, in the Montague Syndicate, to buy lands and sell them again at a profit, thereby making money. The Union Trust Company, he understood, would loan money to the syndicate to enable them to carry on the speculations. He could not say whether the trust company was to put up all the money and could not give any information regarding the details. At one time 100 shares in the Great West Land Company stood in his name, but he had them conveyed to the I. O. F., which meant the Union Trust Company, so that the beneficiaries of the order would get the benefit of them.

"If it turned out that your interests were just handed over to the syndicate would that surprise

you?" suggested Mr. Shepley.

"Oh, I remember now; it was conveyed to persons whom I did not intend should get the benefit. When I returned from India, I learned the shares were diverted to the members of the syndicate. I wrote to Mr. Wilson about it."

"Did you hear of 2731/2 shares of the stock that belonged to the trust company being surrendered?"

"Did you know to what extent were the funds of the Union Trust Company put up to aid that syndicate?'

"Not until recently, when I learned."

"How much was it?" "About \$590,000."

"It seems rather a pity that you were not looking after the meetings of the Union Trust Company; did you attend the meetings regularly?

"No; I was away so often. If I had had charge certain things would not have been done."

"You would not have allowed directors to take what are practically trust funds and use them for their own private purpose?"

"No, although I did the same thing at first; can I say innocently? Mr. McGillivray, I am sure, would not have entered into transactions of this kind if he had thought he would compromise himself with the members.

"What were the other transactions?"

"Well, in a general way, I don't see any objection to saying this to you, that the directors gave a certain order not to do certain things, and I understood Mr. Foster had done them in disobedience of the instructions."

"You have in mind the particular matter?"

"Yes. It was buying stocks that were not dividend bearing. I had very decided opinions in the matter, and I had got the directors to give instructions not to buy such stocks."

"What stocks have you in mind?"

"Some railway stocks. I don't remember the names. The reason that I have been hesitating is that Mr. Foster may have been perfectly right in

a sense in buying the stocks."

Hon. Geo. E. Foster, said that he was manager of the United Trust Company from June, 1901, to practically May, 1906. There had been no written agreement, but just a verbal understanding with Dr. Oronhyatekha and Col. McGillivray. According to a minute of the Union, his salary was to be \$4,000 from January 1, to March 1, 1902, and \$5,000 per year thereafter. Mr. Foster said this was correct, but that he also had a contract for five years. He added that it was understood that he was to have considerable freedom of action in two lines. He was to have full liberty to carry out any previous business engagements into which he had entered, and to enter political life at any time, to seek election and attend the House of Commons at Ottawa. He was also a director, and at present secretary, of the Great West Land Company, and its books were in his custody. He had the minute and stock books, and also admitted possession of an agreement regarding an option between the C.P.R. and Pope and Fowler, of 1903; also an agreement between Pope and Fowler and the Union Trust Company; an agreement of June 4, 1906, between certain persons interested in the New Ontario Farm and Townsite Company, and himself and two others; an agreement of the same date between certain parties for a division of their interests, an agreement between certain persons and the Union Trust Company, regarding the distribution of stock in the Great West Land Company and an agreement of December 16, 1904, between the Great West Land Company and the Union Trust Company as bankers.

Mr. Shepley asked the witness if he was aware that the commission had ruled that all the affairs of the Union Trust Company might be enquired into. The witness was not aware of the ruling, but said there was a very distinct difference between the funds handed to the Union Trust Company for investment by the I. O. F. and the funds which became Union Trust Company funds by virtue of subscriptions for stock. A royal commission had power, he said, but it must have a limit, according to the order-in-council creating it. No man ought to be charged with contumacy if the commission went, or thought it ought to go, beyond its power.

Mr. Foster gave an illustration of the effect of placing him in such a position. Mr. Shepley on the previous day had the president of the Union Trust Company in the witness box and pressed him for an appreciation of the witness's merits as a manager. The president was loath to speak but had given an instance of what he had been pleased to term his disobedience. This placed him in an invidious position, and his character as manager of

the Union Trest Company was impugned by the publicity given the incident. The only way in which he could put himself right was to review his whole position as manager, showing many considerations on the other side, going to indicate that he was not so bad a manager. To whom could he appeal? He was reduced either to taking the imputation as applying to his whole conduct as manager, or to seeking a place where he could seek vindication. If he sought to do the latter before the commission he was met by the fact that one member was the manager of a rival trust company, and it was going to the line of unreasonableness to ask that a brother manager should review his conduct. He was bound to do something, however, to protect himself.

Mr. E. G. Stevenson again went into the box, and Mr. Shepley went through a number of meetings of directors of the Great West Land Company. The land was valued at the end of 1904 at \$1,066,748, and at the end of 1905 at \$1,140,430,74. the difference being caused by the interest charges and expenses during the year. There was no financial liabilities to Pope and Fowler, and to the C.P.R. but \$958,000 to the trust company, and \$162,800 to the shareholders.

Mr. Shepley then went into the situation between the Trust Company and the I. O. F. at present. The balance due on the Western lands was \$837, 000, said Mr. Stevenson, and the entire lands were still subject to mortgage. There were oustanding contracts of sale amounting to \$1,200,000. There had been 80.050 acres sold, at an average price of \$7.69 net, and 100,000 acres at \$6.50 per acre, an average net price for all of \$7.03. That left 25,-840 acres remaining unsold, making a total of 206,800, which was the correct number of acres held. The cost on January I, 1905, with interest, was \$4.86 per acre. or, with interest to, say September 1, was \$5.03, leaving a net profit of \$2 per acre, or about \$363,000 on the property sold. Besides this, Mr. F. W. Hodgson, who was in charge in the West, said the remaining 25.840 acres would probably be sold within 30 days, and they expected to get \$7 per acre. They would, therefore, be a profit for somebody of about \$400, 000 after the Union Trust Company was paid The company also claimed a portion of the profits as 2371/2 is to the 1,500 or 1,600 shares of stock issued. Even if he had relinquished the 2371/2 shares the other four directors had as much right to protect the rights of the company as he had Besides, there was no consideration passed, and, as parties in interest, these directors could not relinquish the stock legally. They claimed the right to follow the stock into anyone's hands and secure their share. Besides this, the Foresters were interested in the Union Trust Company as owners of two-fifths of the stock.

Mr. Levesconte, solicitor, Teronto, informed the Commission, that he was engaged in transactions between Mr. Peter Rvan and Mr. George W. Fowler in the winter of 1003. Mr. Ryan had said he would sell the timber limits at \$250,000. He thought Mr. Fowler represented some parties in the State of Maine. He got Mr. Rvan to put the price down to \$200,000. Mr. Fowler said the latter figure was too high and eventually an agreement was signed calling for a price of \$175,000. Next day the parties came to his office, and wanted a

new agreement drawn calling for \$225,000. He was satisfied Mr. Fowler was to pay only \$170,000, but thought the charge was made to keep up the

price on a sale.

Mr. Peter Ryan, registrar of Toronto, and who figured for years as the official auctioneer of timber limits for the late Liberal Government, was the next witness. He thought he gave Mr. Levesconte an option on the timber limits at \$200,000, and the latter introduced Mr. Fowler, to whom he gave an option at, he thought, \$200,000. Mr. Levesconte's interest was only the amount of his commission. Mr. Ryan did not remember that he had agreed to pay 10 p.c., but could not say what the commission was. The only way he could account for the difference of \$50,000 in the two options was that they related to different properties. He had no recollection of the \$250,000 option, and could not explain why it was drawn. He had not the slightest knowledge of Mr. Fowler's intentions, but supposed he would operate the limits himself, as he was an experienced lumberman. He and Mr. Fowler had finally agreed on \$170,000, which was the real agreement, and when he came to sign the documents he found that the limits were to be passed on. He was to collect \$225,000 and pay the difference to Mr. Fowler, and he did not know to whom Mr. Fowler was selling, nor did he care. He would have signed a document for as many millions so long as he was only getting his price. He did not remember signing the agreement at \$170,000, and would venture to say it had never been signed.

"Mr. Fowler would not trust you with the entire amount of \$225,000 when he knew you were to get

only \$170,000, would he?"

"Oh, yes he would, yes he would," replied Mr.

Mr. Shepley pressed the witness to relate what Mr. Fowler had said to him regarding the disposition of the \$55.000. Mr. Ryan could not remember, and counsel asked sharply, "when did you forget," since coming into the box? You don't profess to have forgotten since you were examined in British Columbia a few weeks ago?"

The witness replied that he must have forgotten it since then, if he had said anything about it, for Mr. Fowler had never told him what he had to do with the \$55,000. He might have been told what Mr. Fowler had to do for his associates.

What did you have in mind, Mr. Ryan, of what

Mr. Fowler had to do?" asked Mr. Shepley.
"If what I had in my mind is going to be made a vehicle for slander, I decline to say it," was the

reply.

Pressed for an account of what Mr. Fowler had told him, Mr. Ryan said he had mentioned the names of his associates, McCormack, Irwin & Hale, but he did not say that he had to share with them. No mention was made of the destination of the \$55,000, and he was sure that no conversation about it occurred. He believed that every dollar Mr. Fowler got was for himself.

Mr. Shepley-"He told you for what purpose he required the money and you have forgotten?

Mr. Ryan-"Months afterwards, Mr. Fowler had said that the had had to divide, that it was not all for himself. I did not believe him then, and I don't believe him now.

Mr. Shepley-"Did he say with whom he divid-

Mr. Ryan-"That I decline to say."

Mr. Shepley-"Oh, you will reflect over your answer until Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock, and

see if you won't reconsider it."

Mr. Ryan—"I didn't think that the retailing of a slanderous remark would do any good, and I beg you not to ask it."

Mr. Shepley-"We will see about that on Monday morning.

STOCK EXCHANGE NOTES.

Wednesday, P. M., September 27, 1906.

C. P. R. was the only stock showing any activity in this week's market, and scored a new high level. The balance of the list was dull, and prices generally somewhat easier. Montreal Street manifested weakness on sales of under one thousand shares. The rest of the traction stocks were neglected. The last monthly statement of Montreal Street shows a decrease in surplus through heavy renewal expenses. The gross earnings of the Company, however, continue to show large gains, and the impression is that this security will have a good advance later on. The rumour of developments favourable to the present shareholders continue to be accepted as correct. The present state of the money market is not favourable to any decided movement in securities. Although things generally seem favourable to enhanced values, the present unsatisfactory monetary position of the United States call for conservatism. The heavy imports of gold have assisted in relaxing the money tension. Further measures of relief are also expected from the Treasury Department, but the currency system prevailing in the States continues to be a menace to stability of values. A bull campaign in crop moving period tends to make a dangerous market, and although possibly further advances may be engineered, the risks in the situation are apparent.

The Havana stocks have again been out of the trading during the past week, and were practically unquoted for the last couple of days. The political disturbances in Cuba continue to affect these stocks. Montreal Power is off a little, but the amount of stock offering at the present level,

seems limited.

There is no change in the money market in Montreal, and the ruling rate for bank loans on call is 6 per cent-In New York, the quotation to-day for call money was 51/2 per cent., while in London money was loaning on call at 41/2 per cent.

The quotations for money at continental points are as

follows:-

	Market.	Bank.
Paris	27	3
Berlin		5
Amsterdam		42
Vienna Brussels		31
Drussels		

C. P. R. advanced to 180 1-8 and closed with 179 1-2 bid, a net advance of 2 3-8 points for the week. The stock was the most active in this week's market, and 2,185 shares changed hands. The earnings for the third week of September show an increase of \$260,000.

There was only one transaction in Soo Common this week, 25 shares changing hands at 153. The stock closed offered at 152.

Montreal Street Railway sold down to 276 and closed with 275 bid, a net loss on quotation of 5 3-4 points for the week, and 825 shares figured in the trading. The earnings for the week ending 22nd inst. show an increase of \$9,615.17 as follows:-

Sunday	\$ 9,508.73	Increase. \$ 3,446.50
Monday	9,623.81	1,472.64
Tuesday	9,312.51	929.02
Wednesday	9,226.62	1,302.96
Thursday	9,105.50	677.96
Friday	8,835.80	774.92
Saturday	10,135.25	1,011.17

Toronto Railway was neglected and only 120 shares were dealt in during the week. The stock closed with 116 bid, a decline of 1 3-8 points from last week's closing quotation. The earnings for the week ending 22nd inst. show an increase of \$12,125.36 as follows:—

	Increase.
\$ 5,851.18	\$2,229 71
9,935.87	1,522.60
10,023.80	1,759.48
10,925.78	2,872.70
9,530.59	1 601.70
9,429.78	1,342,12
10,861.41	797.05
	10,023.80 10,925.78 9,530.59 9,429.78

Twin City is also lower and closed at a net decline of 1 point with 114 bid. The trading brought out 190 shares. The earnings for the second week of September show an increase of \$6,786.90.

Detroit Railway on sales of 281 shares closed with 94 bid, a decline of 5-8 of a point for the week. The earnings for the first week of September show an increase of \$43,882.

Halifax Tram closed with 102 bid, and 25 shares were dealt in during the week, this transaction being made at 103.

Toledo Railway closed unchanged from a week ago with 32 bid, and was traded in in broken lots to the extent of 92 shares.

Northern Ohio Traction closed unchanged from a week ago with 28 bid, and 25 shares changed hands during the week.

Illinois Traction Preferred on sales of 55 shares closed with 93 bid, a decline of 1-4 point from last week's closing quotation.

There were no transactions in the Havana securities this week, nor were they quoted at the close to-day.

R. & O. closed with 82 bid, unchanged from a week ago, and there were no transactions this week.

Mackay Common figured in the week's business to the extent of 125 shares, and closed with 72 1-2 bid, a decline of 1-2 point on quotation for the week. The Preferred stock was dealt in to the extent of 275 shares, and closed with 71 1-2 bid, a nominal gain of 1 full point over last week's closing quotation.

Montreal Power closed at a decline of 1 1-4 points for the week with 94 bid, and 486 shares figured in the trading.

Dominion Iron Common shows a decline of 5-8 of a point, closing with 29 bid, on sales of 805 shares for the week. The Preferred stock closed with 77 bid, the only transactions being a few small broken lots totalling 7 shares in all. The Bonds are stronger and sold up to 83 3-4, closing with 83 5-8 bid, a fractional gain of 1-8 point for the week on sales of \$27,000.

Dominion Coal Common shows a further loss of 1.2 point for the week, closing with 69 1.2 bid, and 175 shares were dealt in. There were no sales in the Preferred stock, while in the Bonds \$15,000 changed hands at 101 1.4.

Nova Scotia Steel Common closed with 68 bid, unchanged from a week ago on sales of 425 shares. There were no transactions in the Preferred stock, but in the Bonds \$3,500 were dealt in, the last transactions being made at 109 and interest.

Dominion Textile Freferred sold at 103, and 50 shares changed hands during the week. The closing quotation was 104 asked and 102 bid. The closing quotations for the Bonds were as follows:—Series A. B. C. & D. 91 bid.

Lake of the Woods Common closed with 94 X. D. bid, equivalent to 97, and 225 shares were traded in during the week. There were no transactions in the Preferred stock nor in the Bonds. The dividend of 3 per cent. on the Common stock is payable on Wednesday, 3rd October.

	Per cent.
Call money in Montreal	6
Call money in New York	
Call money in London	41
Bank of England rate	
Consols	
Demand Sterling	83
60 days' Sight Sterling	7 1

Thursday, P. M., September 27, 1906.
C. P. R. again opened strong to-day and advanced to 181 1-4, reacting to 180 1-4 and closing with 180 7-8 bid. The rest of the market was without particular interest and inclined to heaviness. The weakness in Mexican was again evident, and the stock was offered at 52 at the close with 50 the best bid. A complete list of the day's transactions will be found below.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1906.

MORNING BOARD.

75 Iron
75 " 28½ 200 " 29 40 Quebec Bank

AFTERNOON BOARD.

	C.P.R		10 Power	
100	"	180%	50 Iron	
100	Street	275	100 Can. Conv	
10	Toronto Ry	117	20 New C.P.R	180
	"		85 Bank of Commerce	
25	Detroit	94 1/2	8 Molsons Bank	
25	Ohio	29	2 "	
5	Toledo	32 1/2	\$9,000 Rio Bonds	
	Power	9436	\$4,000 Textile Bonds	91 A
100	"	94	\$3,000 Dom. Cotton Bds.	97

1,649

The gross traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern, Duluth South Shore & Atlantic railways, and the Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Twin City, Detroit United and Havana street railways, up to the most recent date obtainable, compared with the corresponding period for 1904 and 1905, were as follows:

Coavo	TOUNE	RAILWAY.
UKAND	THUME	

Year to date, July 31 \$13	190 4. 8,523,238	1905. \$20,447,421	1906. \$22,5 33 ,625	Increase \$2,086,204
Week ending.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
Aug. 7	658,833	767,307	869,037	101,730
14	687,238	763,540	854,512	90,972
21	672,857	764,122	841,478	77,355
31	1,089,209	1,206,109	1,323,216	117,107
Sep. 7	739,837	836,810	932,809	75,999
14	724,700	841,107	864,706	23,599
21	742,985	822,392	906,060	83,668

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Ye	arto date.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
Aug	31	30,083,000	32,390,000	42,049,000	9,659,000

GROSS TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

1,357,000	301,000
1,371,000	36 2 ,000
1,369,000	260,000

NET TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

Month.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
January	\$ 357,652	\$ 422,668	\$1,267,234	\$844,566
February	82,541	302,171	1,205,744	903,572
March	850,854	1,182,827	1,844,664	661,837
April	412,533	1,531,806	2,342,559	810,753
	1,391,565	1,387,935	2,187,663	799,728
May	1,449,911	1,502,933	1,938,050	435,117
June July	1,449,652	1,637,778	2,371,811	734,033
August	1,527,930	1,791,646	,	
September	1,268,808	1,776,010		
October	1,566,114	2,274,071		
November	1,669,575	2,361,311		
December	1,662,669	2,346,583		

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

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GROSS TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

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July 1st, 19		July 1st, 19		ncrease.
June 30, 19	905.	June 30, 190	06.	CO1 200
\$3,871,80		\$ 5, 5 63, 100.). \$1	1,691,300
Week ending.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
Sep. 7	\$62,600	\$73,400	\$144,200	70,800
14	63,400	78,200	148,100	69,900
21	65,600	88,700	151,200	62,500
	тн. South	H SHORE & A	ATLANTIC.	
Week ending.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
	53,313	61.596	58,237	Dec. 3,359
Sep. 7	55,089	63,144	68,563	5,419
21	54,638	60,325	66,012	5,687
		STREET RAIL	WAY.	
Month.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
January	\$182,386	\$201,096	\$236,124	\$35,028
February	167,023	184,132	211,828	27,696
March	183,689	206,726	232,859	26,133
April	184,905	200,910	232,146	31,236
May	217,341	232,999	259,931	26,93 2
June	229,565	244,436	281,211	36,705
July	223,137	254,097	285,643	31,546
August	226,764	257,463	293,402	35,939
September	216,295	244,585		
October	219,633	246,606		
November	201,147	228,601		
December	208,428	234,710		
Week ending.		1905.	1906.	Increase.
Sep. 7	51,388	56,247	63,359	7,112
14	50.799	59.288	67.217	7,929

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ı			REET RAILWA		T
١.	Month.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
		179,360 168,904	\$196,970 185,377	\$236,129 110,531	\$39,154 25,159
15	larch	183,643	207,014	233,814	26,800
A	pril	183,763	201,317 377	231,034	29,717
N	lay	198,337	225,768 231,140	248,533	22,765
	une	207,482	231,140	254,878	23,738 26,422
	uly	211,356 217,887	239,470 250,830	265,892 285,836	35,006
Íŝ	August September	246.862	282,572	200,000	
	October	202,344	230,295		
1	November	198,150	220,804		
11	December	13,662	241,489		
1	Week ending.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase
8	ep. 7	71,352	91,438	99,542	8,104
1	14	68,308	66,100	67,448 66,815	1,348 12,563
1	21	46,783	54,252	00,010	12,000
1	Twin	CITY RAPI	D TRANSIT C	DMPANY.	
1	Month.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
1		329,354	\$349,469	\$405,907	\$56,436
	January February	310,180	319,812	375,448	55,638
Li	March	338,580	350.884	414,928	55,044
1.	April	332,615	352,729	412,945	60,216
1	May	358,344	387,645	445,506	57,8 6 8 92,4 9 3
1	June	365,897 383,224	389,126 432,239	481,619 520,441	88,202
	July	386,629	420.231	603,053	182,822
	September	371,476	452,284	•	
1	October	365 , 9 3 8	419,039		
	November	352,433	415,461 435,41 5		
Т	December	374,038	1905.	1906.	Increase.
1	Week ending.	1904.		167,074	41,137
Т	Sep. 7	109,123 81,552	125,937 112 ,572	119,359	6,787
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1	HALI	FAX ELECTI	RIC TRAMWAY	Co., LTD.	
1		Railw	ay Receipts.		
	Wanth	1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
	Month.	\$10,677	\$10,256	\$11,733	\$1,477
. 1	January	9,894	7,189	10,233	3,044
	February	11,152	9,322	11,652	2,330
-1	April	11,145	10,516	12,221 12,252	1,705
1	May	12,074	10,710	15,225	1,542 2, 42 9
-1	June	14,051 17,528	12,796 1 7,2 84	10,220	2,020
-1	July August	17,402			
١	September	17,862	18,669		
- 1	October	12,434	12,833		
-1	November	11,085			
- 1	December	12,163 . 1904.		1906.	Increase.
- 1	Week ending	,			
- 1	Sep. 7	3,038 3,811			
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1		Light	ting Receipts		_
- 1		1904.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
е.	January	\$16,317	\$15,667	\$16,213	3 \$546 8 588
9	February	14,22		14,76 13,18	7 468
9	March	12,71 12,11			0 6
"	May	9,75		10,80	7 335
	June	8,99	8 8,905		5 590
e.	July	8,95	3 8,653		
28	August	9,59	6 9,619		
96	September October	11,72 14,20	0 11,986 9 14,290	5	
33	November	16,27	3 16,509	•	
36	December	17,68			
3 2 0 5		Detroit	UNITED RAIL	LWAY.	
46				1906.	Increase
39	Week endin		1905.		
	Sept. 7	100,794 98,654	111,733 122,479	155,618 115,989	
	14				
			LECTRIC RAIL		•
e.	Week endir	ъ.	1905.	1906.	Increase.
12	Sep. 2		27,8 07	29,345	1,538 1,649
29	9	•	29,306 28,77 4	30 ,9 55 28,600	Dec. 274
78	16		20,114	-0,000	

STOCK LIST

Reported for THE CHRONICLE by R. Wilson mith & Co., 160 St. James Street, Montreal.

Corrected to September 26th, 1906, P.M.

BANKS.	Closing prices of Last sale	of one	Revenue per cent. on investment at present prices.	subscribed	Capital paid up.	Reserve Fand	Per centage of Rest to paid up Capital.	Dividend last half year	When Dividend payatle.
	Asked. B	d. \$	Per Cent.	4,866,666				Per Cent.	••
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Crown Bank of Canada				934,900 3.000.000	885,625 3,000,000	3,500,000	116.66	30	oune Decembe
Eastern Townships, XD	1634		4 90	2,908,330	2,877,700	1,600,000	55,50	2.	Jan, April July Octobe
Hamilton		100		2,473,000	2,469,890	2,469,890	100.00	210	January, Apl., o Cotobe
Hochelaga Home Bank of Canada	160 1	100	::::	2,000 000 863.000	2,000,000 767,970	1,450,000	72.50	21• 31	March, June, Sept., December
Imperial La Banque Nationale	236 2	100		4,000,000	3,958,930	3,958,930	22.75 100.00	210	March, June, Sept., De
La Banque Nationale	127 1	4 36	4 72	1,500,000	1,500,000	600,000	40.00	3*	May Novemb
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Ottawa People's Bank of N. B	1 ::: :			180,000	180,000	2,952,080 180,000	100.00 100.00	5	June De emb
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Standard	248 2	17 150	4 83	1,235,950	1 218,453	1,318,453	100.00	3*	Mar June Sept., De
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western		100		550,000	650,000	300,000	54.54	8	April October Octob
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.			i						
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Can. Colored Cotton Mills Co	66	8 100	3 08	2,70 : 00 1,475,000	2,700,000	265,000		2	
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Detroit Electric St	95	100	5 26	12,500,000				12	Feby. May Aug. Nov
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	107	5 %	\$2,000,000	1st Oct. 1st Apl.	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl	April 1st, 1925		
ell Telephone Co	95	6 %		2nd Apl. 2nd Oct.		April 2nd, 1912		
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1905 FIGURES

Assurances	issued an	d pai	d for 1904	in	cash	٠.	\$18,612,056.51 2,700,152.27	
Cash Incom							5,717,492,23 1,155,556.04	
Assets at 31							21,309,384.82	
	Increase	over	1904	١.			3,457,623.90	
Increase in	surplus						1,177,793.50	

TOLOTITUDE !	
The Company completed the placing of all policies on the 34% basis, although the law allows until 1915 to do this, requiring	616.541.35
Surplus over all liabilities and capital ac- cording to the Hm Table with 3½% interest And in addition paid policy-holders in profits	1,735,698.59 166,578.30
Surplus by Government Standard	2,921,810.00 5,290,894 . 7 1
Increase over 1904	9,963,231.86

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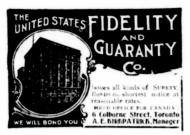
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$\frac{1899}{1901}$	321,523 $360,181$	434,112 798,785	930,443 1,344,123	7,134 625 10,524,731
1903	577,167	1,428,637	2,013,888	15,408,443
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The Court of Directors hereby give notice that an interim dividend, free of Income Tax for the half-year ended goth June last, of 30 shillings per share, being at the rate 6 per cent. per annum, will be paid on the 5th day of October next to the Proprietors of Shares registered in the Dominion of Canada. The dividend will be able to the register of the Shares of S payable at the rate of Exchange current on the 5th day of October, 1906 to be fixed by the Managers.

Managers.

No transfers can be made between the 21st inst. and the 5th prox., as the books must be closed during that period.

By order of the Court,

A. G. WALLIS,

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5th September, 1906.

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104TH DIVIDEND

The Shareholders of the Molsons Bank are hereby notified that a Dividend of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT, upon the capital stock has been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Bank, an Montreal, and at the Branches, on and after the

FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT.

The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 29th September, both days inclusive.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Share' olders of the Bank will be held at its banking house. in this city, on

MONDAY, THE 15th OF OCTOBER NEXT,

at three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order of the Board.

JAMES ELLIOT,

General Manager.

Montreal, 20th August, 1906.