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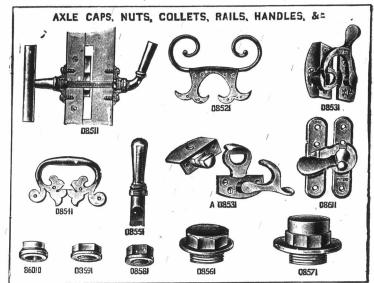
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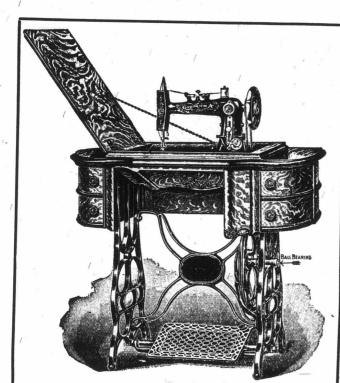
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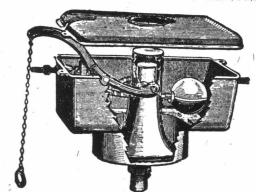
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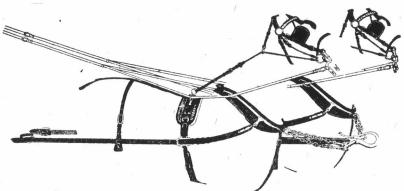
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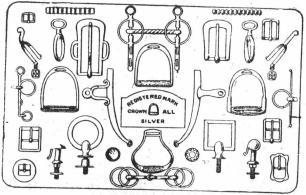
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-The French census shows that France has a population of 39,252.267. an increase of 296.322 over that of 1901.

The year 1906 was a record year for British trade. For the first time it not only reached, but overstepped, a total of \$5,000,000,000.

Japan's foreign trade in 1906 amounted to 420,000,000, exports showed an excess of \$2,000,000 for the first time in

-The Board of Directors of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association decided to co-operate with the Wisconsin Horticultural Association to secure a reciprocal tariff.

The price of artificial gas at St. Catharines, Ont., has been reduced to \$1 per thousand for all purposes. The prices formerly paid were \$1.50 per thousand for lighting and \$1 for heating and cookMany Printers use

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At the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, held last week, Wm. J. Bettingen was elected president to succeed C. Tilt. A resolution was passed calling upon the Dominion Government to increase the capacity of the Welland Canal, in order to allow of direct through traffic for grain cargoes to Montreal.

The gold yield for the Yukon during the year ending June 30th, 1906, was \$6,539,402, as compared with \$8,227,200 for the year previous. The decrease is attributable to the exceptionally dry summer and to the fact that operations on many mining properties have been suspended pending the installation of dredges and hydraulic plants.

According to the report of the statistical officer of the Welland Canal, the amount of tells on the canal during 1906 exceeded that of 1905 by \$12.000. The tells in 1905 exceeded those of the previous year by \$30.000. Vessels passing down the canal carried 1.009.473 bushels of wheat, 112,622 of corn. 2.102 of barley, 13,659 of flax, and 29,111 of oats.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of New Brunswick, to be held on January 21, the following statement for the past year will be submitted:—The net profits for the year amounted to \$116.479.50, compared with \$94.812.01 in the previous year. The rest fund is now \$1.190.442, and the capital stock \$706.280. The usual half-yearly dividend of 6 per cent, will be declared.

The output of gold at the Rand in December was 550,167 fine ounces, against 533.373 fine ounces in November, and 431,594 fine ounces in December, 1905. The out-turn last month was the largest in the history of the field. The following shows the output of gold at the Rand (in fine ounces) for a series of years:—1906, 5,786.617; 1905, 4.897.221; 1904, 3,771,672; 1903, 2.953,749.

The contract for the locomotive shops at Moncton, N.B., for the Intercolonial Railway to replace those recently burned has been awarded to E. A. Wallberg, of this city, at a price of about half a million dollars. The shops will be built entirely of concrete and steel. This is the last group of the shop system to be built at Moncton. All the others are being built by the same contractor.

The appointment of Mr. G. E. Shepley to investigate express and telephone rates for the Railway Commission will, it is said, be followed later by a still more important investigation, in which Mr. Shepley will likely be retained. This is the probing of standard freight rates. Although no official announcement has been made, it is understood that a searching investigation will be ordered.

The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association have written to Mayor Ekers calling his attention to the need of an investigation and remedy for the present lack of fire protection. The association threatens to raise the rates or else reduce the amount of insurance they are carrying in the business districts. Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed with the management of the fire department.

-William O. Butler died in a St. Louis hospital from ptomaine poisoning, due to drinking milk in the dining car of a Chicago and Alton train. The beneficiary under his accident policy for \$7,500 is suing the United States Casualty Company for double indemnity under the terms of the policy, claiming that the poisoning was an accident sustained while riding as a passenger on a railroad train.

-The Royal Scottish Insurance Company (Limited) is being organized at Glasgow, Scotland, with a capital of £300,000 in 60,000 shares of £5 each. Subscriptions are being invited for a first issue at par of 30,000 shares. The company is about to

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be incorporated primarily for the purpose of transacting the business of fire insurance, but power is also being taken for transacting any class of insurance other than life insurance.

—A report from Toronto says the Union Bank has applied for an injunction against Isaac R. Brigham, Thomas G. Brigham, E. F. Reiffenstein, Victoria R. Hall, Mary M. Brigham, and the E. J. Smith Estate Co., of Ottawa, to restrain the defendants from wasting the assets of the estate till the bank has realized upon its claim. Allegations of losses by unwise investments are made by the bank. Judgment was reserved.

The London Chronicle says that if the Newfoundland courts uphold legislation as against the interpretation of treaty rights agreed on in the modus vivendi, a very serious situation will arise. The position somewhat resembles that in which the United States finds itself in regard to the San Francisco school question. The conflict in each case is between State rights, and the authority of the central Government. The matter is of international concern.

—A petition has been presented to Parliament from the Management Committee of the Montreal Corn Exchange Association, asking that the enlargement of the Welland Canal be forthwith undertaken by the Government, and completed at the earliest possible date, so that the water traffic from ports west may be retained in Canadian channels, and not as now diverted to other routes, greater despatch obtained in the movement of grain, and lessened cost of transportation secured.

—Canada's Revenue for the six months ended December 31 was, total receipts on consolidated funds account \$43,694,716. while the expenditure under the same heading was \$26,695,166. The receipts are nearly \$6,000,000 ahead of the amount received at the same time a year ago, while the ordinary expenditure is more than \$1,000,000 less. For December the receipts were \$7.172,000, as compared with \$6.314.633 for the same month in 1905, while the expenditure was \$3,963,334, as against \$4,376,065.

—A report from St. John's N.F., says the Colonial Legislature will meet on January 31. The Government will deal vigourously with the matter of the rights of Americans to fish in Colonial waters, with the alleged interference of the Imperial authorities in the premises, and the alleged surrender, by the British Ministry, of Colonial rights to the United States. It is expected that both Houses will protest strongly against the Imperial attitude, and demand the abrogation of the recently enacted modus vivendi.

—At two stockholders' meetings held at Hamburg, Germany, Friday last, the Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. and the North German Fire Insurance Co. resolutions to dissolve and fiquidate were unanimously approved. It was also announced that the Hamburg court had decided that the North German

Fire Insurance Co. must pay the losses which it incurred as a result of the San Francisco earthquake of last year, and that the Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. should reimburse two English companies, which had reinsured San Francisco risks with it, for losses already settled.

—The report of the Insurance Commission will, it is expected be presented to Parliament within a week or ten days. The commission has had the report under consideration since the latter part of November, but it was no light matter to go through the mass of evidence and voluminous documents. The work, however, is now so well advanced that the commissioners expect to hold their final consultation this week. There is naturally a good deal of speculation respecting its recommendations, but there is no intimation yet of what they will be, though the report promises to be bulky.

The Government has leased the Beauharnois Canal to Messrs. Robert and McIntyre, of Montreal, for power development. The canal has been a bill of expense upon the Dominion. The lessees assumes the cost of maintenance, \$20,000 a year, and must make an immediate expenditure of \$60,000, and other outlays from time to time. They will have to pay the Government a rental of \$12,000 a year, and will have to supply power to Montreal, Valleyfield, and other municipalities at rates subject to the control of the Government. / In this way the municipalities will get cheap power.

The Lands. Forests and Mines Department estimate that the timber cut in Ontario during the present season will be as follows:—Pine. board measure, 1,000,000,000 feet, hemlock, 70.000,000 feet; spruce, 1,500.000 feet; squared timber 1,250,000 cubic feet; railway ties, 4,500,000 feet; pulpwood, 100,000 cords. The estimates are all larger than the actual cut of last season, but it is expected that they will be realized in every case owing to the great demand for timber of all kinds. The large estimate for railway ties is fully warranted by the many railway undertakings upon which active work will be commenced or resumed this year.

—The chief food inspector of the city has completed the following table showing what animals, food, etc., were confiscated in the city last year:—At the abattoirs: Cattle, 289½; calves, 1,087; sheep, 58; hogs, 30; livers, 2,011; heads, 92; bruised meat, 12.380 pounds.—At the markets and shops in the city, total of pounds of meat confiscated, 145,323.—At the bakeries, confectioneries and groceries: Goods (sundries), 8,777 lbs.; goods (sundries) Montreal Biscuit, 228,027 lbs; total, 236,804.—At the stores: Fruits. 38 840 lbs.; vegetables, 24,238 lbs.; fish, 40,267 lbs.; confectionery, 631 lbs.; candies, 15 lbs.; sundries, 26,368 lbs. Ice confiscated, 382,000 lbs.

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cotton mills, the Vermont and the Southern, at Bessemer City, in Gaston county, near Charlotte, had gone to the wall. The plants were closed down on January 10. It is understood that application is to be made at once by creditors to have Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, appointed receiver. The Southern mill was incorporated in 1895, and has 15,000 spindles and 401 broadlooms. It made Madras and yarns. The Vermont was chartered two years ago, has 5,000 spindles and 96 looms. No details are ascertainable as to the cause or extent of the failure.

Capt. Worsnop, the English ship owner, who in November last entered into a contract for the establishment of a direct steamship line between Canada and Mexico on the Pacific, is in Ottawa making final arrangements for putting the service into operation. There will be monthly sailings from Vancoaver to the Mexican ports of Manzanillo and Salina Cruz. The first steamer, the Georgia, sailed Monday from Liverpool, for Mexico, and will make her first trip on the Mexican-Canadian route early in March. The Lonsdale, sister ship, will sail three weeks later. The service is subsidized by both Governments, each contributing \$50,000 a year. The same subsidy is paid for the direct service on the Atlantic, which is proving a success.

A despatch from Victoria, says negotiations, it is just learned, have been in progress for over a year, and conducted by Fowler. Perks and Co.. one of the biggest firms of brokers in London, which will probably result in some of the ship-building firms of the Tyne and Clyde transporting a portion of their plant and a large force of workmen to the Pacific Coast. The plan is to consolidate the British Columbia Marine Railway, the Vancouver Engineering Works, the New Westminster Foundry and the big holdings of iron and coal lands on the west coast into one concern. This will include a floating dry dock for Vancouver, the ultimate intention being to build steel vessels at Esquimault. Mr. H. F. Bullen, of Victoria, left for England in connection, with the project

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries/has taken practical measures for carrying into effect a scheme that has been under consideration for years past for the transport of fresh fish from the Maritime Provinces to the markets of Ontario and Quebec by means of cold storage. A vote of \$25,000 has been placed in the estimates to encourage the railway companies to establish the necessary cold storage service, and the Hon. Mr. Brodeur is now in communication with the railway companies to secure their co-operation. The service will go into effect next summer, and will, it is hoped, fill a long-felt want in Montreal. Toronto, Ottawa, and other interior centres, for the magnificent fish of the eastern provinces. By properly just cars there is no doubt that fresh fish could be delivered in splendid condition.

—Chas. McGill, formerly manager of the Ontario Bank, was formally committed for trial Jan. 10. on two charges of stealing from the bank. It is unlikely, however, that McGill will be tried at the present sessions. He was released on his former bail. The two charges were that McGill had stolen \$136,000 and something over \$1,150,000 from the bank. On the first case the magistrate said it was a clear case of theft as the money had been traced from Ames and Co. back to McGill. Upon the second charge, the evidence taken by the commission in New York was accepted by the magistrate. Mr. Gideon Grant, who appeared for Mr. McGill, objected to this evidence being taken, on the grounds that it had been irregularly secured, but the magistrate paid no attention to the objection. One of the items in the New York evidence traced the payment of \$2,000 to Mrs. McGill.

In a paper read by Mr. Hodgman, president of the Michigan Engineering Society, at the closing session of its annual convention, Mr. Hodgman said the sum of eight hundred and ninety million dollars in round numbers had been saved shippers during the past twenty years as a result of the difference in rate between railway and lake shipment. Last year alone the saving was nearly ninety million dollars. Since 1824 the United States had spent about eighty million dollars on improvements of the Great Lakes, on which investment she had enabled her citizens to have nearly nine hundred million—a pretty good investment. Canada in the same time had expended seventy millions on her waterways, but mostly in the St. Lawrence district. With a twenty-five-fcot channel at mean low water from Duluth to Buffalo. said Mr. Hodgman, it might be possible to make lake freight rates as low as those charged to transatlantic lines

-Canadian Patents Granted to Foreigners.—For the benefit of our readers, we publish a list of Canadian patents recently granted to foreigners through the agency of Messrs. Marion and Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal, Can., and Washington, D.C. Information relating to any of the patents cited will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above-named firm. Charles E. Flint, West Hobart, Australia, tape measures; Messrs. Holmes and Allen, Wellington, New Zealand, trolley heads for electrical tramway systems; Alexander Lenart, Budapest, Hungary, extracting metals by electrolytic means from ores, etc.; Lucien Jumau, Paris, France, process for obtaining pure copper; Frederick A. Kjellin. Stockholm, Sweden. methods and furnaces for reducing metals or metalloids fom their combinations; Johann D. Hennings, Neuenfelde, Germany, process for the manufacture of artificial slate; Patrick Fitzgerald, Lawlers, Australia, the decantation of cyanide and like solutions contained in crushed ores, pulps, sands, or slimes; Rene E. Trottier, Hussein-Dey. France, apparatus for classifying solid materials by their linear dimensions and their specific gravity.

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A despatch from Findlay, Ohio, says:—The January panel of the Hancock Count Grand Jury, which has been in session for the past-week, reported on Monday to Judge Schroth. In the report 939 separate indictments against the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio; the Ohio Oil Co.; the Buckeye Pipe Line Co.; the Solar Refinery Co.; the Manhattan Oil Co.; John D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, Wesley Tillford, John R. Archibald, Frank Q. Barstow, Wm. Rockefeller, and F. T. Cuthbert. They are formerly charged with being members of a trust for conspiracy against trade. There are in the indictments a total of 452.975 words. Each case will be docketed separately, and the county clerk and sheriff's office will be swamped for some months to come. Sheriff Groves and his deputies will begin at once to serve a copy of the indictments on each of the defendants. If Hancock county wins in each case when they are tried, fines can be assessed aggregating \$58.000,000. When the report of the Grand Jury was filed. Prosecutor David. on his own motion mullified the indictments returned last September against John D. Rockefeller, M. G. Vilas, J. M. Robertson, and H. P. McIntosh, the last three named being officials of the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.

-A new cereal manufacturing company is to start business at London. Ont.

-Another advance in the price of lumber has been announced by western dealers.

A scheme for a new fast line of steamers to Canada will be submitted to the British Parliament this session.

--A Royal Commission has been appointed to enquire into the methods of fire insurance companies in Manitoba.

—The Columbia Insurance Company of Jersey City, N.Y., has been granted an initial license to transact business in Ontario.

—Mr. Charles Pettigrew, of Quebec, has been elected director of La Banque Nationale, in place of Mr. Narcisse Rioux deceased.

—Mr. Henry Blatchford has been appointed general agent for the Province of Quebec of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Co.

—The Bank of Yarmouth premises, Yarmouth, N.S., were sold at auction Monday, and purchased by Willard M. Kelley for \$3,500.

—The largest mills in Cohoes and Waterford, N.Y., have closed down rather than accede to the demands of the strikers for increased wages.

—The Russo-Chinese Bank, one of the largest European financial institutions, will open a branch in New York. It will be under the management of Walter Kutzleh.

-Ottawa Clearing House total for week ending Jan. 10, \$3,-240,236; corresponding week last year, \$2,336,259.—London Clearing House total for week ending Jan. 10, \$1,679.012.

—The long sought early closing by law went into effect in Ottawa last Saturday. The drygoods stores closed their doors at six o'clock, an hour earlier than called for. The grocers shut up shop at nine.

—Canadian Pacific Railway return of traffic earnings from Jan. 1 to 7, 1907. \$1,059,000; 1906. \$1,021,090; increase, \$38,000. —Grand Trunk Railway traffic earnings from Jan. 1 to 7, 1907. \$756,517; 1906, \$613.954; increase \$142,563.

-Complaints having been made by Superintendent Boyd with reference to the administration of affairs at the Sault Stet Marie Canal, the Government has commissioned Mr. Charles Murphy, to make an enquiry and report.

—Nominations for office-bearers of the Montreal Produce Merchants' Association closed last Friday, and the offices were filled by acclamation as follows:—President, Mr. A. A. Ayer; Vice-president, Mr. F. Fowler; Treasurer, Mr. Isaac Hiblert.

—The Department of Railways and Canals has awarded a contract to Rhodes, Curry and Co., of Amherst, N.S., for the building of three motor cars for suburban and short branch railways on the Government line. They will be after the best type now used on European railways.

—New Branch Banks:—The Bank of Ottawa is opening a branch in Tisdale, Sask.—The Home Bank has opened in Cannington, Ont.—The Eastern Townships Bank intends to open in Knowlton, Que.—The New Brunswick Bank has opened handsome new offices in Summerside, P. E. I.

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### RAILWAY ENTERPRISE.

Significant voices have been heard from the Capital and other centres of intelligence from time to time lately commenting on the extent to which railway construction is being promoted in Canada. One who writes with long experience and patriotic watchfulness refers to these newer enterprises-always saving the Transcontinental-with strong deprecation, dwelling with the consciousness of the seer upon the lines of rust which future travellers may see with feelings somewhat akin to those of Macaulay's New Zealander "on the ruins of London Bridge." The people of Canada have long ago been fed "ad nauseam" upon such possets of advice. One of the ablest of Canada's steamship owners remarked during the time the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway was in contemplation that the traffic therefrom would "not pay for the grease of the wheels." People who go to England equipped with a prognostication which has been so remarkably belied and with quotations of the stock from the time when it was quoted at 35 in 1885, to the figure of 202 recently attained, have a strong argument in favour of the newer schemes being hatched out in their brains. Much of the accrued value is doubtless due to the character of the settlement and the perennial fertility of the almost illimitable prairies of the North-West, extensive enough to accommodate all the farmers in Europe.

reflection, however, will show people that there may be a limit, however remote, to the demand for breadstuffs in the United Kingdom and the Continent, where it costs more to produce grain than on our Canadian prairies with their virgin fertility of soil, almost inexhaustible. It will also be considered that every immigrant that comes to us or to our neighbours means one mouth less to be fed where our markets chiefly lie.

The vast region along which the Grand Trunk Pacific is being pressed forward is believed to be little, if any, less fitted for settlement, besides which there is almost a certainty that deposits of mineral wealth will be found in great abundance. Our geological surveyors of the latter 30 years of the XIX century are now known to have been eggregiously mistaken in their reports that coal did not exist much beyond our eastern seaboard. The Northern Railway will also likely justify itself in time, and no one can deny that it is doing good service all along the route.

In connection with this subject attention has been directed to a contribution recently appearing in an influential London paper wherein one who can read between the lines may gather that intending borrowers visiting the great leaders across the sea, especially those in Lombard Street and vicinity, must be prepared to combat views, the seeds of which have been sown latter-

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ly in financial centres wherever such journals are read. The writer, who dates his contribution from Toronto, is probably known to some would-be heavy borrowers in both our principal cities, not so much for railway purposes as for other public requirements. He claims over forty years' experience in the railway traffic of (anada which would take his readers back to the time when two or three of the now prominent officials of the great railway companies came to Canada from the United Kingdom equipped with high ambitions and a knowledge of stenography. He says that he feels it his duty for the future financial credit of this Dominion, to write a few words of warning to those who will be asked to subscribe for the stock and bonds of the very many subsidiary lines now under promotion and construction, or for which Parliament is being asked to grant charters. He begins by saying that no person has even suggested that he should take this course, and, therefore, trusts that his remarks "will be accepted in the fair spirit they are intended."

He says he speaks with the knowledge of much travel throughout the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oreans, and any encouragement to railway extensions in that vast fertile territory West of a line drawn through Port Arthur appears to be in the interest of sound policy and future good results. The proposed extensions from Sudbury, or any other similar point, to the Hudson or James Bay, require very careful consideration, to say the least, and will be in the nature of an experiment, from the best information now at hand.

The route for the Transcontinental, Railway, Winnipeg to the Atlantic Ocean, as selected, will, he consid ers, give excellent traffic results in the near future, as it will open up a new territory known to be rich in timber and minerals, as well as large sections available for agriculture. In regard to the older settled portions of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, new railway projects are certainly verging close upon the "wildcat" type of venture; especially is this the case in Ontario. The population of old Ontario is not increasing, but is practically at a standstill, owing largely to the drain made upon it by the known advantages of the Northwest, and also "New Ontario," which has become especially attractive to the young men of the Eastern provinces. Manufacturing industries of the Province are unquestionably increasing at a rapid pace and in a very substantial manner. But glance at the railway schemes which are, or will be, placed before the British public by promoters more interested in the construction of such railways than in their continued success after completion. These projected lines are of a competitive

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character, reaching points of limited productive capacity, and competitive with old and well-established railways, and such new railways for many years to come will be classed as unnecessary lines.

The present railways have excellent double tracks, with trunk lines extending from Montreal to the Detroit River and the Niagara frontier, reaching all important cities and towns in the Eastern Provinces, with lateral branch lines serving the country to the extent of fully meeting all the requirements of the somewhat restricted local territory that is considered suitable for cultivation. In addition, there is the magnificent Great Lakes and St. Lawrence water route throughout the season of navigation (a period of over seven months), the canals, rivers, and lakes affording a water route not excelled in the world; including the new canal, "The Trent Valley,' from the Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario, which is near completion, a couple of hundred miles being already open for traffic. Then the Dominion Government of Canada has under survey a canal via the Ottawa River and the French River, from the Georgian Bay to the River St. Lawrence, which will still further multiply competitive conditions in Ontario.

"Yet," he says, "in face of all these existing transportation facilities, and with a comparatively limited population, it is proposed to construct a railway from about Belleville, or adjacent thereto, which will parallel the water route as well as existing and established railways, 100 miles to near Toronto. The company proposing to build this line is evidently prompted more by a spirit of revenge than by a businesslike interest in its shareholders, but, being a strong concern, may be able to withstand the drain that is sure to result from this certain to be unprofitable line. It means British or other capital competing against itself." The payagraph quoted is rather more vigorous than convincing.

"The Canadian Northern," he says, "is also asking power to build branches into the very territory already so well served by existing routes, for what purpose it is difficult to conceive, unless to unload unprofitable bonds upon the investing public, and repeat the unfortunate experience of many who invested in similar bonds and shares issued by American railways but a few short years ago."

As a further illustration of the railway construction mania existing in Canada, he takes the two railway lines now being built from Sudbury to a point near Toronto, both being located over practically the same route, and so close to one another as to be within sight of each other in many places, and extending through a country which for its major portion is almost unsettled,

and practically unfit for cultivation, with its best timber cut and sent to market via available water routes. In the latter Northern Territory, he says, it is a common saying that there is "not land enough for a crow to live off, or to find a grave deep enough to bury a man"

He, therefore, draws the attention of investors to the danger of loss they will likely incur if they assist, what he calls, "the present reckless railway building in the older portions of Ontario and Quebec." These provinces are being what may be termed gridironed with railways, the later constructed or projected ones being mostly in close competition with the older lines, capitalized with money invested in the Canadian Pacific, Michigan Central, Grand Trunk, and their affiliated railways.

To illustrate his point, he states that upon reference to the Government reports of Canada and the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States (1904), it will be seen that (according to the last census) the Ontario Railway mileage now equals 7,352 miles, or 33.7 miles per 10,000 inhabitants, while the well-settled territory, rélatively situated in the United States, such as Indiana and Ohio, have but 25.7 and 20.7 miles respectively per 10,000 inhabitants. also points out that whereas the net receipts from operation of the 24,000 miles of railway in Indiana and Ohio and adjacent States, included in "Group III." of the Interstate Commerce Commission's Report (1904), amount to the sum of \$3,023 per mile, the average net receipts of all lines in Canada, with a mileage relatively the same (or 20,000 miles) are only \$1,308 per mile of line. Thus, the railways of Ontario, with a greater mileage in proportion to number of inhabitants, now earn about 41 per cent, of the revenue earned by competing lines located through territory relatively situated in the United States-many of which railways were struggling for existence and in the hands of receiver's but a few years ago.

The new or additional railways in Ontario (for which route maps have been filed with the Government, as provided) contemplate an increased mileage in Ontario of 1.763 miles, bringing the average per 10,000 inhabitants (as per last census) up to 41.8 miles, or over 25 per cent. in excess of railways in the United States included in "Group III." (30 miles per 10,000). It is notorious that the last census was remarkably deficient, as already pointed out in these columns.

### THE BANK OF TORONTO.

The 51st annual general meeting of the Bank of Toronto, held in the Bank's headquarters on the 9th instant, was signalized by some features which have to a large extent heretofore been kept in the background through what must be interpreted as the innate modesty, or conservatism, of the management and directorate. On the present occasion—the opening of a new half-century in the history of the Bank by another year of unexampled prosperity, the successful issue of new stock during the year and the passing of a by-law to increase the Capital to ten millions of dollars as required

—rendered it timely that some reference be made in detail to several features of the Statement and to the growth and prosperity of the country which tend to produce them.

The President in his address dwelt upon the business expansion of the country, especially its commercial life during the past year, as evidenced by the trade and navigation returns, its railway activities, the pressure on our domestic manufacturing facilities so manifest on every hand, immigration with settlement and cultivation of new lands, the evidences of enormous expansion afforded by the statements of the banks and the general improvement in the condition of our population apparent wherever we turn-to the details of which in the Report elsewhere in this issue we invite the attention of our readers. In dealing with the Statement presented by the Bank itself the President refers with becoming reserve to the expansion in the business of the Bank during the past year, the details of which he introduces by saying:

"It would, however, be very little satisfaction to us as stockholders of the Bank of Toronto to know that general conditions were in such a satisfactory state in the country if this bank were not sharing in the prosperity and growth everywhere manifested. But I am satisfied that a comparison of the figures presented to you in the statement of to-day shows that we have been participating in the growth and have received our fair share of the increases."

The net profits of the Bank of Toronto for the year amounted to \$544,296—that is, after making the usual provision for all bad and doubtful debts, deducting expenses, interest accrued on deposits and rebate on current discounts and expenses of safes and all furnishings for new offices-making 13.8 per cent. on the paid-up capital. This, with balance of \$109,046 brought forward from 1905, and the premium of \$483,-945 received on new stock, left \$1,137,287 available for distribution. It was appropriated to the payment of two half-yearly dividends of 5 per cent. each, making \$370,294; \$10,000 was devoted to the year's pension fund; \$100,000 went to reduction of Bank Premises Account; \$483,945, the total received from premium on new stock issub, was transferred to Rest Account, leaving a balance of \$73,048.50 to be carried forward to next year.

"The circulation of the notes of the Bank'—we quote from the President's address—"has increased from \$3,088,664 to \$3,546,905; deposits from \$21,367,075 to \$24,737,123, an increase of \$3,370,048; loans, from \$23,763,628 to \$28,326,025, an increase of \$4,563;397. And as an indication that the bank has not been behindhand in assisting the commercial and industrial interests of the country, your attention is called to the fact that we have withdrawn part of our money from call loans and have increased the amount of our commercial loans, so that the difference between the current commercial loans of a year ago and of to-day shows an increase of \$6,749,270, being from \$19,538,928 to \$26,-288,198."

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ed at a commendable percentage of deposits. President Beatty closed his remarks with a high encomium on the unwearied efforts and high business capacity of the General Manager, Mr. Duncan Coulson. Mr. Coulson made many friends for the Bank during his years of management in the Montreal branch, whence he was promoted to his present position nearly 30 years ago.

In responding to the appreciative terms employed by the President, Mr. Coulson spoke for the Directors and officers of the Bank and their efficient and loyal assistance throughout. The third, fourth and fifth paragraphs of his brief discourse contain much pregnant wisdom which it is to be hoped the public will take to heart—"read, learn and inwardly digest." There is much to be read between the lines through the whole of the reply.

The Bank will pay quarterly dividends henceforward.

—The customary balloting for directors resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:—William II. Beatty (President), William G. Gooderham (Vice-President), Robert Reford, John Waldie, Hon. C. S. Hyman, M.P., Robert Meighen, William Stone, John Macdonald, Albert E. Gooderham, Nicholas Bawlf.

The business of the Bank in this city continues to be conducted by Mr. Thomas F. How with his usual industry and circumspection.

### CITY GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

The long drawn out wrangling in the City Council over the light and power question seems to continue without any prospect of an early termination that may be satisfactory to the citizens at large, unless there be a change of heart on the part of certain aldermen, which it is perhaps too much to expect.

The much heralded proposition of Alderman Payette, that on its face looked at first sight so plausible, was found by the citizens generally so one-sided in favour of the Light, Heat and Power Company that it has been denounced and opposed—it may be fairly said—by the whole community in the most vigorous terms that could be employed.

This was felt so keenly by the promoter and supporters in the Council, favourable to the idea for various reasons, that secret caucuses were held to devise means for changing the wording of the measure so as to appear to take away the utterly objectionable feature of a monopoly. The result of those secret conclaves was made manifest at the meeting of the City Council on Monday last. The practical effect of the changes proposed would, if adopted, be to give as effective a monopoly to the company as if the exclusive monopoly clause in the first proposition had been maintained.

The principal feature of the change in the first proposition was that the company shall place all its wires in conduits underground in the streets for their own use only, and all other companies desiring to enter into competition shall do the same.

That on the surface may look fair enough, but it won't work out so! The present company is established, its system of overhead wires has grown gradually,

and as it is only to be asked to construct its conduits by degrees, spread over, a length of years, this can be done without any derangement or loss in its earnings. On the other hand, any new company will have the handicap of having to start with constructing the conduits, which would place them at a serious disadvantage.

As the city grows in importance, there will be more and more demand for electricity, and more than one company will eventually find means of entering into competition for supplying it. In view of such a certainty it seems absurd to have a number of these conduits laid under our streets with all the disturbances and inconveniences attending them.

The changes proposed provide for expropriation of the conduits whenever the city may deem it advisable. That eventuality will only come when the city is forced to construct conduits large enough to take in all electric, telegraph and telephone wires. In such a case, the conduits laid by the different companies would be too small to be of use in the general systems, and to purchase them by expropriation would prove an utter waste of public money.

The changes proposed to be made in Ald. Payette's scheme made the whole question more complicated, and yet, almost incredibly, an effort was made to press the whole matter through on Monday evening, against the reasonable demand for time, for further consideration as to how the changes should affect the interests of the citizens at large.

The original proposition was condemned by the citizens of Montreal with, perhaps, greater unanimity than any measure ever proposed to them, and it is only due to them to have time to consider the proposed changes. That is their right, but they very narrowly escaped being deprived of it, for on the division to grant it, it was obtained only by the casting vote of the Mayorthe Council being evenly divided-20 members voting for the adjournment and 20 against it, and a short breathing time was secured wherein they might consider how nearly they escaped from the wiles of the "friends," who, by a peculiar arrangement of presentday processes, are supposed to represent the people, but in reality are the influenced advocates, of would-be monopolists among us. There are various ways of reaching the position of advocate-in-general to a wealthy client.

Looking backwards—which sometimes is proper and healthful—it is of interest to learn how the two separate questions of gas and electricity came to be locked together as they are now. The movement at first was in connection with gas only, the quality of which was so poor, from the antiquated methods of production, and the management generally, as well as the high price charged for the inferior article in order to bolster up the electric company, and which excessive charge placed it beyond the reach of the great body of citizens who would gladly indulge in the luxury, to them, of gas lighting in their houses if within their means as it, in most cases, would be if the cost were based on a reasonable profit to the company producing it and using the public streets for distribution, without which privilege they could do no business.

The simple way now would be to dislocate the two

questions by dropping the whole proceedings now before the City Council, and devoting all the energies of the aldermen and the mayor to secure the authority of the Legislature for the financial powers that the Council has properly applied for. If judiciously pressed the present government under the management of Premier Gouin, can doubtless be depended upon to grant the reasonable relief required to put the city in a position to defend itself from the incubus that is retarding industrial developments and depriving the citizens of some of the comforts of life and the benefits of a wholesome competition and equal treatment to all.

With power to construct a new and modern gasworks, the gas question could be easily settled on a satisfactory basis. With power to construct a main system of conduits in which all companies should be required to place their wires and be charged a mileage rate for the use thereof, the city would derive not only a revenue, but advantages in various ways. The citizens would then have a healthy competition in all electric matters, and the present inequalities in the charges, whether from influence or expediency, would disappear and they could patronize those companies who best serve them, as they now do the dry goods, groceries and other stores that supply the necessaries of life

These publicly owned conduits have long been discussed and admitted to be a necessity for the future. Time and again the previous City Councils have leon-sidered the matter seriously and sent deputations to distant cities to obtain information on the subject. The reports were always favourable, but nothing came of them, simply because not one man amongst them all had the persistent courage and determination to follow up the work to a conclusion.

All the information is yet at hand, and it is not too much to expect that out of all the individual ability now in the City Council, some one member, at least, will rise equal to the occasion and ensure the final carrying out of such a beneficial measure as these public conduits cannot fail to prove.

We have mentioned "equal treatment" as regards charges about which, for whatever reason, but very little is said.

In all cases of public utilities and where public property is used, the public are entitled to be served on equal terms. This is not the case now as regards electricity, either for light or power. The prices paid now under favour, or the possibility of the user being able to secure the electricity he wants from a more friendly or competitive source. When so situated he can at once obtain a decided advantage in prices over a less fortunately situated competitor in his own line of business.

Such ways of doing business is not right, and is utterly indefensible. In the arrangement made lately by our astute neighbours, of Quebec, the City Council secured to the citizens the right of a reduced uniform rate, for all users, large or small, from the two companies supplying that city with electricity. Why not have the same system here?

In this connection we may say that in the city of New York this very question has within the last few days been decided upon in the law-courts in favour of the principle of equal rates to all parties using electricity.

In that particular case—the first of the kind—a large-factory found that the Edison Company was discriminating against them by supplying a nearby competitor with electricity at a much lower rate than they were charged, and entering suit to recover the excess they had paid, the result was a judgment in their favour for over \$4,000 to be recovered from the electric company. Other parties are following the example thus set, and it is said that "lots of litigation" is in prespect in that great cap re of electricity.

### THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

The 37th annual statement of this institution—to be found on another page—shows that it fully shared in the business expansion and consequent profits of last year.

The deposits exhibit a still greater increase as compared with 1905. In that year they advanced from \$21,945,144 in 1904 to \$26,435,658, or by \$4,490,514; the deposits during the past year rose to \$32,365,546, an increase of \$5,929,888 over those for 1905. The circulation stood at the end of the year at \$3,780,348 slightly closer to the increased paid-up capital of \$3,900,000 than a year before, an evidence of the extent to which the currency of the Bank was availed of after the recent harvest gathering.

The net profits of the year equal upwards of 15 per cent. of the increased capital, or \$604.195, which with \$990,000 derived from premium on issue of new stock, and balance of \$37,162 brought forward from last year, shows \$1,631,658 available for distribution. this there were paid three dividends at the rate of 9 per cent., and a fourth dividend at the rate of 10 per cent., an advance as compared with the preceding year; the shareholders must feel highly gratified; the sum of \$20,000 was transferred to Officers Pension fund: \$150,000 was written off Bank Premises account; \$73,000 appropriated to writing £300,000 worth of British Consols held by the Bank, down to 80 (quoted about 8612); and \$990,000 transferred to the Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$4,390,000, or \$490,000 over the paid-up capital of the Bank, truly a remarkable showing.

The immediately available assets of the Bank are again considerably in advance of the preceding year, being \$21,578,097 as compared with \$18,398,913, for about 60 per cent. of the deposits.

The considerable addition made in call and short loans during 1905 by the Royal, in common with other leading banks, is not so pronounced during 1906, being only about \$632,000, as compared with an increase of \$2,320,000, as shown in our review of a year ago. The Current Loans and Discounts show an increase largely in excess of this diminution, or 5½ millions during the year, the total now being upwards of 23½ millions. The increase in both classes of loans amounted to 6¼ millions which again utilized the increase in deposits less some \$325,000. It goes without saying that as

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We can only repeat that the 37th statement of the Royal is eminently satisfactory, and that it reflects the highest credit upon the General Manager, Mr. Edson L. Pease, who, with his officers, has accomplished the great results before us and brought the Bank since the establishment of its headquarters in Montreal to its present prominent position.

### FAILURES AND THE OUTLOOK.

The great Mercantile Agencies are enabled to furnish at least once a year a list of failures in business occurring in the course of the twelve months preceding—that is, as nearly as practicable. The weekly or biweekly change-lists are supposed to furnish a record of these yicissitudes pretty promptly after they take place. But there are included in the yearly summaries many cases that it is not deemed advisable to publish more frequently, and there are, doubtless, also not a few instances of private adjustments which are never divulged beyond the parties chiefly concerned. Herein lies the cause of the rather wide differences that sometimes appear between the respective returns.

The figures given in these columns last week would be more discouraging to readers were it not for the fact that the numbers of failures and the amounts of liabilities lag far behind the growth in population, for although less in number by 163, and in amount by \$768,886, as shown by the right-hand column, the total nevertheless, is not inconsistent with the general roseate view of the business of the year taken by representative men in a position to form a tolerably correct judgment in the matter. The assets (middle column) also are closer to the liabilities than in 1905.

After making due allowance therefore for increase in population and business, the fallings by the way are not at all disheartening. Some consideration must be had also for the great influx of traders from central and south-eastern Europe, poor wights accustomed to but little protection from the minions of the law in their own land, and who are too eager to test its impartiality in the "land of promise." The protection afforded to the trading debtor in Canada is irresistibly tempting to too many newcomers, and the consequence is that the "death" ratio is disproportionately high in Montreal and a few smaller places. It has been recommended in limited, though influential, quarters that the vicissitudes referred to should have a special foreign classification. It is somewhat significant that the largest number of failures contributed to any one mercantile line in 1906 was 65 in the clothing trade. General store and grocery stocks, which are responsible, respectively, for 237 and 202, comprise a variety of goods. We have to reckon yet another class of business

troubles not generally considered. There is quite a

large proportion of well-to-do business and professional

people and earners of salaries who cannot forego the

tables of quotations or bulletin boards. Many of these men, possessing the instinct of the gambler, lose considerable money every year, for the broker must have his commission, and there is no raw material but cash, which merely changes hands and loses a percentage by attrition on the way. Those who may be said to afford the occasional heavy losses incurred cannot be said to fail in business; their names do not appear in the "Agency Change Lists," and the world of trade and commerce is not any wiser, as a rule, than is the operator himself, who usually treats the affair as a joke, an occasional dose of medicine which he swallows without a wince. They all, as a rule, obtain "tips" or "pointers," and they keep on trusting, season after season, to the information which many may share. Blanc, who founded Monte Carlo, when asked for advicewhich colour was the best to bet on-replied, "Rouge gagne quelquefois; Noir souvent; mais Blanc toujours": Red wins sometimes; Black often; but White (Blanc himself) or neither,—always. Over the border by far the greatest calamity that be-

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Over the border by far the greatest calamity that befel them in 1906 and for many years, were the San Francisco earthquake and fire losses. Almost the whole of the city was effaced and the country round about also received a severe set-back. Although the leading city of the State in population and as a distributing centre, California is reported by Dun's as aggregating in 1906 only 380 failures and \$2,048,259 liabilities, against 519 failures and \$2,955,689 liabilities, against 519 failures and \$2,955,689 liabilities in 1905. Instead, therefore, of showing an increase in casualties and liabilities in 1906, on account of the catastrophe, there is more than 26 per cent. decrease in both items. Consequently, this great calamity leaves in the record no discoverable marks of its influence.

The New York Chronicle, referring to the above feature in the California troubles, is of opinion that the discrepancy is not because the figures are wrong or that the system is necessarily wrong. Just so, also, there are many other of the 1906 happenings that have materially interfered with the progress of trade and commerce and yet make no show in the failure records; some have not yet worked out their results, while others are incidents having little relation to failure figures because probably not so serious as to cause at the moment casualties. Of this character was the car shortage and freight embargo—matters of very grave inconvenience in numerous sections, but in the failure records not even noticeable, where the pressure was most severe.

Living at the vortex of the class of operations which we follow on a small scale in Montreal, our contemporary expected to have met with distinct traces of some other of the prominent characteristics of the year's business. Take, as it says, the wide speculations that have prevailed, the extreme tension in money, most prominent in New York, testing credit severely, and the rapid conversion there and in its vicinity of floating capital into fixed forms. These certainly are all of cankerous growth, and as a practical fact have been in a measure prominent in every part of the country. In

all these respects New York has had a fearfully bad name. Indeed, it would seem that the best orators of the land have searched through their lexicon for words strong enough to describe the evil work being carried on by speculators at that centre; and what a hubbub has been made over its habits and capacity for absorbing capital, which, whenever out of occupation, flows into New York bank vaults by force of a natural law, to the loss of its use at interior centres—a capacity so great as to lead their Secretary of the Treasury in all his distributions of cash to discriminate against New York Yet, after it all, New York State shows only 1,-14! failures in 1906, against 1,290 in 1905; to be sure, the aggregate of liabilities is \$23,859,101 in 1906, against only \$20,380,214 in 1905, a difference which, according to the teaching of to-day, is of no great account, since the decrease in number shows that the loss comes out of the larger capitalists-the troublesome millionaires. "In the same connection it is interesting to note that the State of Illinois, wherein is the more saintly town of Chicago, advanced/materially in 1906 both in number of failures and total liabilities.

The Chronicle does not recall any prosperous year in which a spirit of caution has been so pronounced a feature of business as in 1906. This is due largely to the words of caution uttered by bank managers and the better class of business newspapers. The buoyant state of confidence with which the year set out and continued for some months, began to be somewhat overcast, according as the war of the many against capital began to make itself felt, "making capitalists less venturesome, capital more exclusive, what is called 'money' dear, and rendering securities unsafe and enterprise injudicious." And once commercial and financial affairs have been pushed down hill, it is harder to get them back. "People who understand the influences governing the flights of capital, and how easy it is to give it wings, were well aware where effairs would land when the agitation of the inter-State commerce rate bill began. The descent has not been as rapid as anticipated,/because, though hostile bills have been passed and disturbing threats uttered, their execution, in large measure, has been simply delayed. "If the spirit continues in 1907 as in 1906, we shall," says our contemporary, "before a decided recovery is reached, get where we shall secure our schooling in money wisdom through more serious suffering than we have had yet."

There has been another force adverse to easy production accumulating influence in the last two years. Higher prices for raw material and higher prices for wages call for the absorption of more capital in manufacture and in the stocks carried. Larger expenses and a smaller net profit on a given unit of capital have become the rule. "As a consequence, those who make the most money must be those who handle abundant capital and who can afford, if need be, to lose interest in carrying the more costly stocks; besides that, those who have not large capital stand at a disadvantage in buying the supplies of materials they need." Thus it comes to pass that every advance in wages and in the

values of commodity has an influence in discouraging the smaller trader. The expansion of the departmental store type is the main characteristic of modern business.

The following tables show the total of failures with assets and liabilities:

Total Commercial.

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	No.	Assets.	Liabilities.
	 1184	\$6,449,052	\$9,085,773
	 1347	6,822,005	9,854,659
	 1246	8,555,875	11,394,117
	 978	4,872,422	7,552,724
	 1101	7,772,418	10,934,777
	 1341	7,686,823	10,811,671
$1900 \dots$	1355	8,202,898	11,613,208
$1899 \dots$	1287	7,674,673	10,658,675
1898	1360	7,692,094	9,821,323
1897	 1809	10,574,529	14,157,498
$1896 \dots$	 2118	12,656,837	17,169,683

### Total Manufacturing. Total Trading.

Year.	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.
1906	293	\$3,482,511	863	\$5,145,142
$1905 \dots \dots$	289	3,129,262	1039	6,552,821
$1904 \dots \dots$	307	4,136,968	914	6,577,788
$1903 \dots \dots$	227	3,043,248	725	4,243,543
1902	209	$4,\!247,\!723$	874	6,221,017
1901	289	3,595,095	1029	6,845,329
1900	308	3,201,665	1010	7,252,340
/1899	318	4,594,153	950	5,953,138
1898	303	2,229,083	964	7,412,240
1897	459	3,659,135	1315	9,931,806
$1896 \dots \dots \dots$	590	5,692,977	1503	11,381,482

### Total Other. Total Banking.

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Year.	No.	Liabilities	No.	Liabilities.
$1906 \dots \dots$	28	\$ 458,120	1	(Ontario).
$1905 \dots \dots$	19	172,576	5	\$3,672,268
1904	25	679,421	$^{\prime}$ 2	30,749
$1903 \ldots \ldots$	26	265,933	6	2,199,225
$1902 \dots \dots$	18	466,037	6	269,000
$1901 \ldots \ldots $	23	371,247	1	600
1900	37	1,159,203	6	1,386,971
$1899,\ldots$	19	111,384	3	2,348,000
$1898 \ldots \ldots$	33	180,000	õ	512,307
$1897 \dots \dots$	3.5	566,557	5	154,000
$1896 \dots \dots$	25	95,224	3	212.000

The gradual betterment along the line, with the exception of 1904, is worthy of note. The exception, as may be seen, is largely due to the very marked improvement in 1903.

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<sup>—</sup>The City and District Savings Bank favours us with a Calendar for the New Year. Strength is its principal expression, vaults, shields, chains and men-at-arms, as in the "brave days of old"; or, as the legend in the foreground hath it. "Protection, Surety, Solidity." The shields held by the men in armour, bear the inscription "Founded in 1846," and "Sixty years of Progress," respectively. The legends in the four corners are very appropriately illustrated.

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### THE DUTY ON ITALIAN LININGS.

Some little confusion and much correspondence have resulted latterly through applying a provision of the new tariff to the inclusion of Italian linings, or what is known also as Farmers' satin, among articles of which wool is the sole or chief ingredient. There are no Italian linings made of wool. In the item No. 566 of the new tariff, the words "of wool" should be scored out without any delay. Importers and officers of the customs have had much wrangling over these two innocent looking little words since the new tariff came into force.

### THE DOMINION BANK

The advance Statement of the Dominion Bank comes with convincing evidences of prosperity during last year. The net Profits for 1906 was \$539.360, or nearly 18 per cent, on the paid-up capital. Four quarterly dividends at the rate of 12 per cent, per annum were paid the shareholders, and \$400.000 was added to the Reserve Fund, which latter has now reached \$3,900,000, or 133-1-3 per cent, of the \$3,000,000 capital paid-up. The Deposits again show a considerable advance, being about 12-1-3 times the paid-up capital. The available assets still betoken strength and caution.—The Report of the annual general meeting, which will be held on the 30th instant, will appear as usual.

### THE KINGSTON, JAMAICA, EARTHQUAKE.

Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica, W.I., was almost wholly destroyed by earthquake in the afternoon of Monday last, and it is probable that other places in the eastern portion of the Island have suffered also. It will be some days before anything like accurate estimates of losses of life and property can be formed, but enough is gathered to warrant the belief that some hundreds of lives have been lost, and that property has been destroyed by the shocks and consequent fires to the extent of several millions of dollars. The population is about  $800{,}000$ , mostly/of negro descent, only about  $25{,}000$  to  $30{,}000$ being whites. The city of Kingston has a population of about 60.000 in all. Since the emancipation of the slaves in 1833-4, for which Great Britain paid equal to one hundred millions of dollars (\$95 for each negro) the growth in the black population has rapidly increased, while the white has remained almost stationary. Coffee, pimento, tobacco, rum, sugar, ginger, chinchong, logwood and fruits are exported. The oranges brought to Canada are inferior compared with those from other exporting places, but could be vastly improved by grafting or hudding under intelligent direction such as that employed in California or in Florida. Kingston is an important seaport; built upon a plain on the south-eastern coast which slopes gently to the mountains, which in some parts of the colony rise to 7,400 feet in height. In 1692 the chief part of the then chief town of Port Royal was slipped, by an earthquake, from its sandy shelving foundation into the sea. Spanish Town, the former seat of government, is 10 miles/distant. The area of Jamaica is about 4,200 square miles. It has often suffered from hurricanes. The insurance losses are not likely to prove heavy, as all the policies have the earthquake clause. Bank of Nova Scotia has maintained a branch at Kingston.

—The North West cattle trade shows a record year, upwards of 130,000 head having been distributed from the Winnipeg yards. Of these 90,000 were shipped to Great Britain. The price at point of shipment was about \$47 per head. About \$3,000 reached Winnipeg during the year. That city is gradually becoming the largest hog market on the continent. It can pack 1,500 a day.

# Meetings, Reports, etc.

### THE BANK OF TORONTO.

The fifty-first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Toronto was held at their banking house on Wednesday, 9th January, 1907.

The President, Mr. W. H. Beatty, took the chair, the General Manager, Mr. Duncan Coulson, was requested to act as Secretary, and Messrs. E. M. Chadwick and A. H. Campbell, jun., were appointed scrutineers.

The following report was read:-

The Directors of the Bank of Toronto beg to present to the Stockholders their annual report, accompanied by a statement of the affairs of the bank.

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss on 30t November, 1905, was	. \$ .109,046.27
	- \$1,028,240.8 <b>5</b>
	\$1,137,287.12
This sum has been appropriated as follows	_
Dividend No. 100, Five per cent.  Dividend No. 101, Five per cent.  Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund  Written off Bank Premises  Transferred to Rest Account from Profit and Loss Account Transferred to Rest Account from Premium on New Stock  Carried forward to next year	\$ 570,293,62 10,000.00 100.000.00 583,945.00 73,048.50
	\$1,137,287.12
REST ACCOUNT.  Balance as on 30th November, 1905  Transferred from Profit and Loss Account  Premium on New Stock  Amount at Credit on 30th November, 1906	100,000.00 483,945.00

The prosperity of the country, to which reference was made in the report of last year, has continued. There has been a large increase in its capital and population, the development of resources has progressed rapidly and the general business of the country has been both active and profitable.

During the year 21 new branches of the bank have been opened, bringing the total number of branches up to 67. Of these new branches 12 are in Ontario, 5 in Manitoba, and 4 in Saskatchewan.

All the expenses of opening and equipping these new offices, including safes, furniture, stationery and alterations to buildings, have been charged against the profits of the year.

The sum of \$190,000 having been expended upon new buildings during the year, and further sums being required for this purpose during the ensuing year, the Directors have deemed it

advisable to write off \$100,000 from the amount represented by bank premises.

The new stock issued in May, 1905, has been fully paid, and to meet the requirements of the bank for increased note circulation, consequent upon its enlarged business, the Directors decided to increase the paid-up capital stock of the bank to the full extent authorized, and an allotment of \$500,000 new stock was made on the 3rd of June, 1906.

At the closing of the books on 30th November last there had been subscribed of such allotment \$464,400, on which \$443,530 had been paid making the paid-up capital on that date \$3.943,-530.

As the capital stock now authorized is \$4,000,000, and this amount has been almost fully paid, the Directors propose asking the stockholders at this meeting to authorize a further increase in the capital stock to the extent of \$6,000.000, which would make the total authorized capital \$10,000,000, and to give powers to the Directors to issue this new stock from time to time as the interests of the bank may require.

The Directors deem it worthy of mention in this report that the bank has completed 50 years of its history, having opened its doors for business in July, 1856.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. BEATTY, President.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 30th November, 1906.

### LIABILITIES.

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Notes in Circulation	\$20.369,665.29	\$3,546,905.00
Deposits not bearing interest	4,367.458.53	
		24,737,123.82
Balances due to other Banks		142,120.49
Half-yearly Dividend, payable 1st		
December, 1906		195,751.10
		\$28,621,900.41
Capital paid-up	\$3,943.530,00	
Rest	4.443,530.00	
Interest Accrued on Deposit Re-	4.446,660.00	
ceipts	10.000 00	
Rebate on Notes Discounted	12,900.00	
Balances of Profit and Loss Ac-	127,000.00	
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count carried forward	73.048.50	
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Dominion Notes on		
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27	\$2,856,978.53	
Notes of and Cheques on other		
Banks	1,283,309.77	**
Balance due from other Banks	1.359.254.38	
Deposit with Dominion Govern-		3
ment for security of Note Cir-		1
culation	145,000.00	
Government, Municipal, Railway	I = I	
& other Debentures and Stocks	2,671,193.51	
Call and Short Loans on Stocks	-,	
and Bonds	2,037,826,69	
		\$10,353,562.88
Loans and Bills Discounted \$	226 229 109 40	φ10,000,002.00
Overdue Debts (estimated loss	20.205,190.40	
provided for)	10 147 00	
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Bank Premises		26,298,346.03
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D. COULSON, General Manager.

The President, Mr. W. H. Beatty, in moving the adoption of the report, said:-

Gentlemen, I have pleasure in rising to move the adoption of the report which has just been read in your hearing.

It is not necessary for me to dwell at very great length on any of the points that are touched upon in the report, for to a very large extent it speaks for itself.

Your attention is called therein to the prosperity of the country, and, happily, there is no need to present many statistics in order to substantiate the truth of the statement. Evidences of this prosperity are manifest on every hand. Every department of our country's commercial life is prosperous to a very high degree. The wealth of our fields, forests and mines, the activity of our factories, and the largely increased demand for, and consumption of commodities of all kinds, are so well known to each one of us that it is hardly necessary to follow the reference to them with any degree of detail.

And yet it seems desirable to mention a few figures that will bring these evidences under our notice in a concrete form.

The trade and commerce returns issued by the Government for the year ending 30th June last show that the total exports/ and imports of the Dominion amounted to \$546,000.000, an increase over the previous year of more than \$81,000.000. figures that have been published for the five months succeeding that date show an increase of \$44,000,000 over those for the corresponding months of the preceding year. These amounts relate only to the foreign trade of the country, and while it is impossible for us to estimate the volume of the domestic trade, each one here knows that it has been of a most active character. Every factory is running as its full capacity, and the owners of most of them have to tell the story that they have a larger number of orders on hand than they can fill, and that the volume of their business has never attrined such dimensions.

The railways are unable to carry the amount of freight that has been offered, although they have spent over fourteen millions of dollars during the year in increasing their equipment. More than 3,300 miles of new railways have been constructed at an expenditure of over \$62.000,000.

There has been added to our population by immigration from different countries about 200.000 people, and the amount of land that has been brought under cultivation has very largely increased in consequence.

The combined statements of the chartered banks present other evidences of the enormous expansion that has taken place. In November, 1905/ the amount of bank and Government notes in circulation and in the hands of the public was \$83.000,000; in 1906 the amount had increased to almost \$93,-400.060. At the same time deposits in Canadian banks have grown from \$566,000,000 to \$660,000,000, an increase of \$94,-000,000, / This increase in deposits has been largely used in assisting commercial and industrial undertakings, the loans of the banks having increased from \$600/000,090 to \$700,000,000.

Further evidence, therefore, is hardly required, and I do not deem it necessary to go into particulars about the different branches of trade, as has been done on some former occasions.

It would, however, be very little satisfaction to us as stockholders of the Bank of Toronto to know what general conditions were in such a satisfactory state in the country if this bank were not sharing in the prosperity and growth everywhere manifested. But I am satisfied that a comparison of the figures presented to you in the statement of to-day shows that we have been participating in the growth and have received our fair share of the increases.

The circulation of the notes of the bank has increased from \$3.088.664 to \$3.546,905; deposits, from \$21.367.075 to \$24.737.-123, an increase of \$3,370,048; loans, from \$23,763.628 to \$28,-326,025, an increase of \$4.563,397. And as an indication that the bank has not been behindhand in assisting the commercial and industrial interests of the country, your attention is called to the fact that we have withdrawn part of our money from call loans and have increased the amount of our commercial loans, so that the difference between the current commercial loans of a year ago and of to-day shows an increase of \$6,-749,270, being from \$19,538,928 to \$26,288,198.

In connection with the bank's operations for the year, the report informs you that we have opened twenty-one new

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These have already added to our resources and have increased/the volume of our business, and we trust they will all prove profitable offices and aid in strengthening the position of the bank. The expense of opening so many new branches and thoroughly equipping them has amounted to a very considerable sum. They are all provided with burglarproof safes of the latest construction, and are also provided with furnishings and adapted for the purpose of carrying on the business of the bank. These safes and flxtures are really a very valuable asset of the bank, as they form part of the machinery which enables us to do our work in a satisfactory manner, but it has been our invariable practice to charge all such expenditure against the profits of the year; and this year, although the amount has been much larger than usual, we have not hesitated to charge the whole amount to our expense account, which has been debited with over \$00,000 for this purpose.

We are at present engaged in building new offices in Toronto. Winnipeg and Sty. Catharines, and in connection with these buildings there has been expended during the year \$190,000. While it is no doubt true that these buildings are worth all they cost and serve useful purposes, not only in providing the bank with its working places, but also in advertising the bank in an effective manner, yet it seems a prudent policy to reduce the valuation of these properties in our statement and to keep the valuation of such assets always under their cash value rather than above. Your Directors have, therefore, thought it well to apply \$100.000 in reducing the amount of bank premises

The paid-up capital of the bank has now nearly reached the limit of \$4,000,000 heretofore authorized. Of the last allotment of \$500,000 there had been subscribed up to 30th Novem ber, 1906, the sum of \$464,000, on which \$443,520 had been paid, making the paid-up capital on that date \$3,943,530. The time for subscription had not then expired, and some amounts have been subscribed since our financial year closed, but shares representing the unalloted fractions and unsubscribed stock will very shortly be available for sale. These shares will be sold to the best advantage and the premium to be added to the profit account of the bank, and be available for further additions to the rest account.

Your Directors deem it desirable to obtain authority to make further issues of new stock as the business of the bank is considered to require it. The obligation has been laid upon the chartered banks of this country to provide the circulating medium which enables the necessary exchanges of commodities to be made. The banks have received the privilege from Parliament under their charters to issue their own notes up to the amount of their paid-up capital, and as the business of the country expands and as new demands are made upon us from time to time, we feel ourselves bound to share in discharging the duty which banks owe to the country in providing the currency to assist in facilitating and developing its trade.

For this reason the Directors are about to ask the stockholders for authority to make application to the Treasury Board for permission to have the authorized capital increased to the sum of \$10,000,000, and further to ask you to give the Directors power from time to time to issue the capital so authorized in such sums and at such times as it may be in

the interests of the bank to have increases made.

As the report has stated, we have now completed fifty years of bank history, and I think I may safely say that the bank is to-day stronger and better equipped for business than at any time during its long life. The policy pursued by the bank has been of a conservative character, and we consider ourselves justified in stating that on the whole this course has proved to be not only the wisest but the most profitable one in the interests of the stockholders. Throughout the whole of this period of fifty years the bank has never failed to pay a dividend to its stockholders every six months. The average rate of yearly dividend during this long term of years has been 9.32 per cent., and, in addition to this, the stockholders have, in connection with the issues of new stock, received rights and privileges which had cash value, and if such value were taken into account and distributed over the period of fifty years the return received by our stockholders would be increased to an average of over twelve per cent. throughout

the period. In addition to this, a reserve fund of \$4,500,000 has been built up, of which not less than \$2/500,000 has been accumulated out of the earnings of the bank, making an average addition of \$50,000 per year to the rest account from the bank's earnings.

When we take into consideration the many periods of depression and severe financial crisis through which we have passed, the long years during which the country made very slow growth, and the number of banks that have been unsuccessful, it is a matter for congratulation that stockholders of this bank have received such a steady and adequate return upon their investments, and that the bank occupies the position of great strength that it does to-day.

I need not say to you, gentlemen, to how large an extent the success of the bank is owing to the unwearied effort and high business capacity of the present General Manager, who has for 30 years past filled that office, and whose connection with the bank in various capacities has extended over very nearly fifty years, for in April next he will have completed that period of service in the bank. I am sure that you, gentlemen, will join with me in expressing to him our very hearty thanks for the care and fidelity which he has exercised over our interests during these many years, and, not least, in the year which has

I beg also to state that the Directors recommend to their successors in office that hereafter dividends of the bank be paid to the stockholders at quarterly periods instead of halfyearly, as heretofore,

I now beg to move, gentlemen, seconded by the Vice-President, that the report which has been presented to you be adopted and printed for distribution amongst the stockholders.

A motion was passed adopting the report, and Mr. Coulson, in responding to the words of appreciation expressed by the President. said:

I have difficulty in expressing my thanks as I could wish for the more than flattering manner in which you have called attention to my long connection and service with the bank. The period of this service may be said to mark the space between youth, and, shall I say, approaching old age, and while during all these years I have, to the best of my ability, aided in building up the bank and placing it in the proud position which it occupies to-day, there has ever been associated an able body of Directors and an efficient and loyal staff to whom must be given credit for much of what has been accomplished in this

It is sometimes said that this bank might have accomplished more than it has done, that its policy has been one of overconservatism, and that we have not expanded as rapidly as we might have done, and have been less ready to adopt modern methods of business than some of our neighbours. We are quite ready to admit that others have shown greater aggressiveness, and in many cases have spread themselves over extended territory; but I will venture the opinion that none have builded deeper or on a more solid and enduring foundation than has the Bank of Toronto.

Looking back over a period of fifty years, we are reminded of the changes that have taken place in the banking institutions of the country. We are prepared to find changes in a business community amongst the ordinary mercantile houses, but in connection with financial institutions we are led to consider it natural for them to exhibit greater stability. The record of the past, however, does not show that this is a necessary result.

When the Bank of Toronto opened its deors in 1856 there were twelve chartered banks in the Province of Ontario and Quebec. Of these there are only five doing business to-day. In the next succeeding ten years, thirteen new banks were formed; of these five are left. In all twenty-two banks in these two Provinces have gone out of existence since we began to do business. Including these mentioned, eighty banks have opened for business in various parts of the Dominion, and of these only thirty-six now remain, the others having passed out of existence, either by suspension, liquidation or having been absorbed by some of the remaining banks.

The remembrance of these facts will. I think, tend to show that banking is a business that is attended with its own share of risks, and the fact that we have survived and are to-day

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### BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

Recent assignments in Ontario include the following:—J. C. F. Brain, hotel. Believille; Lee Bros., groceries and meats, Hamilton; Wm. Marshall, trader, Sault Ste. Marie; H. C. and C. A. Philip, mfrs., cigars, Chatham; N. Phillips, clothing, Cornwall; J. W. and R. Brennan, contractors, Cornwall; B. Dun. general store. Hawkesbury; Ed. Bussard, oil driller, Leamington: Swinn Bros., grocers, St. Thomas, Toronto; Plaster and Supply Co., Toronto. Henry Miller, new and second-hand goods, Ottawa, is offering to compromise.

In this Province, the change have been few and comparatively unimportant. The assets of M. Bedard, dry goods, etc., Hull, have been sold, and those of the American Costume Mfg. Co., city, are to be sold on the 22nd inst. F. Augi, dry goods, city, has effected a compromise. V. E. Marchand, general store. St. Stanislas, has assigned. Jos. Cote, general store. Isle Verte, and Duquette and frere, plumbers, city, have assigned. A-demand of assignment has been made on 1. Slomensky and Son, dry goods, city. Nap Couture, fils, traders, Murray Bay, has corpremised at 50c on the dellar, cash. The Dominion Shog-Co., Quebec, has amended its offer of compromise to 75c cash. Mrs. Alphonse Roy, confectioner, etc., Sherbrooke, has assigned.

Advices from the north-west state that a meeting of the creditors of S. Feller, dry goods, Brandon, has been held. J. M. Haddad, restaurant, Winnipeg, and the Norris Implement Co., same city, have assigned.

From New Brunswick we learn that F. G. Robertson, general store, Bathurst, is offering 40c on the doilar. T. W. Foley, grocer, St. John, has assigned to the sheriff.

In Nova Scotia, Daniel Anderson, general store, Harbor au Bouche, is seeking to compromise at 50 per cent.

Commercial failures last week in the United States, as reported by Dun and Co., are 311, against 256 the previous week, 187 the preceding week, and 309 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 20, against 17 the previous week, 17 the preceding week, and 51 last year. Of failures last week in the United States, 116 were in the east 105 in the south, 70 in the west, and 20 in the Pacific States, and 93 report liabilities of \$5,000 or more. Liabilities of commercial failures for January to date are \$3,268.450, compared with \$2,173,227 a year ago.

### FIRE RECORD.

The stone dwelling and stores at corner of Fort and St. Catherine Streets, were the scene of a bad fire Friday last. The following being burnt out:—Baker and Co., grocers, loss \$4,000, insurance \$3,000; I. Gauthier, butcher, loss \$1,300, insured; R. E. Parker, owner of furniture in dwelling, loss \$4,000, insured; W. B. Foster, owner of building, loss \$7,000, covered by insurance.

A blaze at Taylor and Mulveney's crockery establishment at Hamilton Friday last did damage estimated at \$35.000.

The planing mill of the George Wilson Building and Contracting Co., St. Catharines. Ont., was totally destroyed by fire, Saturday; forty thousand feet of lumber was also consumed. Loss. \$20,000; no insurance.

The large departmental stores of the Hudson Bay Co.. Winnipeg. were damaged by fire Friday last. The fire was confined to the basement, but the damage to stock from smoke and water will amount to considerable; fully covered by insurance.

Cummings and Sons' steam saw mill, Coaticooke, with about fifty thousand feet of lumber was totally destroyed by fire Morday; also Mr. Rousseau's and Mr. Colombe's houses badly damaged by fire. Loss is between seven and ten thousand dollars, partly insured.

The C.P.R. roundhouse and shops at Napinka, Man., were destroyed by fire Monday.

C. E. Butler's furniture store, Qu'Appelle, was burned Jan. 14.

Fire on Monday last completely gutted the Chisholm building, Edmonton. The loss on the building alone is \$30,000, besides the stock of the Oscar Brown Co., fruit and produce merchants, and Williamson Bros., grocers, etc.

The Russell Hotel, Strathclair, Man., was destroyed by fire Sunday last.

Hurr's elevator, Boissevain, Man., was burned Monday last. Loss \$25,000, partly covered by insurance.

Fire last Monday destroyed the warehouse of G. A. Crosby Co., Sarnia, later Canada Machinery Co., at Point Edward. Total loss \$15,000; insurance small.

Fire did considerable damage to the Y.M.C.A. building at Moncton. Wednesday. Those occupying the ground floor were the Bank of Montreal; S. M. Leger, jeweller; R. A. Borden, barrister; and C. A. Steeves, barrister. On the second floor were the classrooms of the association, the law offices of D. I. Welch and F. W. Emmerson, and the Board of Trade offices. The third storey/was occupied by the Oddfellows and the Y.M.C.A. The loss will be heavy

The Catholic Church at St. Leonard. Port Maurice, Que., was destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss \$75,000.

—The People's Mutual Building Society of Montreal is exceedingly concerned over the malfeasance of its secretary-treasurer, W. J. McGee, who has been making too free with some of its funds. He admits, it is said, thefts footing up \$6,000. Securities handed over may balance a portion of the amount embezzled. Speculation, followed by unwise habits of living are the causes. He has been remanded for trial.

—Details of the Nort-West wheat crop, in round figures, show the total to be 90¼ million bushels, of which about 53 millions have been marketed. With 9 million bushels held for seed, the area to be sown next season will probably reach nearly 4 million acres.

—One of the vacancies on the board of the Dominion Coal Co. has been filled by Mr. G. H. Duggan, formerly assistant general manager, now vice-president; the other by Mr. C. H. Fergie, superintendent of mines.

-Mr. J. H. Mayne Campbell, of Toronto, has been appointed a director of the Bank of British North America, to succeed Mr. H. R. Farrar, deceased.

-Mr. A. A. Aver has been elected president of the Montreal Produce Merchants' Association in succession to Mr. H. A. Hodgson.

### BANK OF MONTREAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVI-DEND OF TWO-AND-ONE-HALF Per Cent. upon the paid up Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for the current Quarter, and that the same will be PAYABLE at its Banking House in this City, and at its Branches, on and after FRIDAY, the FIRST DAY of MARCH next, to Shareholders of record of 13th February.

By order of the Board.

E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager.

Montreal, 15th January, 1907.

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### FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Montreal, Thursday evening, Jan. 17th, 1907.

The Stock Exchanges have as yet shown but little active signs of recovery from the torpor of the holiday season, and all speculative securities are neglected to a degree that tends to lower prices. The local arena is do little more than marching time. The table subjoined is sufficiently descriptive.

Bonds are considerably affected by the alternative to which many insurance companies were obliged to resort after the great losses of last year—leading to the sale of securities, many of them long accumulated as reserves which had been finally provided against possible needs. While the withdrawal of these investments on so large a scale is scarcely felt in this country, the general effect must be taken into consideration sooner or later by municipalities and other issuers, who can hardly hope to escape the inevitable influence upon prices and demand.

The Northern Pank, Winnipeg, has earned \$50,500 net during its first year's Lusiness.

The Pank of England rate has been reduced to 5 per cent., and the reserve shows an increase from 59.97 to 45.30 per cent. The local money is firm at 6 per cent. for call loans.

Sterling sixtics sold at 8-3-16, demand sold at 9-5-32; United States funds sold at par to buyer and seller. Closing rates were: Sterling sixties, 8-3-36; sight 9-5-32 to 9-3-16; cables, 9-5-16 to 9-11-32; francs 5, 1936, minus 1-16; marks 94-11-16; New York funds, 1-64 discount to par.

In New York, money on call, casy; hit he t, 4 per cent.; lowest, 3 per cent.; ruling rate, 3½ per cent.; /last loan, 3 per cent.; closing bid, 2½ per cent.; offered, at 3 per cent. Time loans, casy; 90 days and 60 days, 6 per cent.; 6 months, 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 to 6½ per cent. Sterling exchange, firmer at 4.85.15 to 4.85.20 for demand, and at 4.81.05 to 4.81.10 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, 4.81½ to 4.82 and 4.85½ to 4.86. Commercial bills, 4.80½. Bar silver, 68¼. Mexican dollars, 52¾. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular.

London, Spanish 4's, 951/s. Bar silver, steady, 31–9-16d per ounce. Money, 3½ to 3¾ per cent. Discount rates: Short and three months' bills, 4¾ per cent. Gold premiums. Madrid 7.80. Lisbon, 2.00. Berlin exchange on London 26 marks 50 pfgs. Paris exc. 25 francs 21½ centimes. Consols 87–11-16 for mency and 87¼ for account.

The following is a comparative table of stock prices for the week ending January 17, 1907, as compiled by Messrs. Meredith and Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:— STOCKS.

/				Last.	Vour
Banks:	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.		ago.
Montreal	123	256	256	256	260
New Molsons			210	215	
Eastern Townships'	16	161		161	
Merchants	197	. 170	168	1681/2	1661/4
Royal	18	2411/4	2411/4	2411/4	225

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Quebec	. 7	1371/2	135	1371/2	1411/2
Hochelaga	28	159	159	159	1551/2
Sovereign	4	1333%	1333/8	/1333%	140
Union	30	152	152	152	
New Branswick	20	270	270	270	
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Miscellaneous:				¥	
Can. Pacific	1012	1921/2	1881/2	189	177
Mont. St. Ry	585	228	225	226	240
Do. New	269	225	223	2231/4	
Toronto St	184	1143/4	114	114	1111/2
Halifax Elec. Ry	15	104	104	104	1041/2
Can. Convert	63	62	61	62	
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co	105	$82\frac{7}{8}$	821/2	827/8	76
Mont. Light, H. & Power	930	947/8	921/4	921/4	901/8
N.S. Steel & Coal	67	72	701/2	71	713/4
Dom. Iron & Steel, com	255	241/4	24	241/4	283/8
Do. Pref.,	91	66	62	62	78
Dom. Coal. com	175	631/4	63	631/8	801/2
Mont. Teleg. Co	10 /	162	162	162 -	167
Laurentide Paper	100	93	93	93	110
Ogilvie, pfd.	25	120	120	120	126
Textile. pfd	5.	99	$98\frac{1}{4}$	99	1071/2
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Bonds:					
Dom. Cotton	500	94	94	94	
Dom. Iron & Steel	2000	80	80	80	108
Ogilvie	1000	118	118	118	
Textile A	2750	93	91	91%	
Textile C	4000	92	92	92	97
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### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Montreal, Thursday, Jan. 17, 1907.

Although trade returns are slightly irregular on account of the severe weather in the west, the general trend is satisfactory. The railways have made special efforts to expedite deliveries of goods and in the eastern parts of the country the comparatively open weather has been in their favour. A large amount of future business on the books of manufacturing plants is still a feature and tends to inspire confidence. Bargain sales are reducing retail stocks of winter goods in preparation for the spring openings. Building operations have continued to furnish a good deal of outside work, and wage-earners as a rule are well employed and able to pay their way. The cotton and boot and shoe factories resumed full work after the holidays with plenty of orders ahead. Travellers' reports from the road are favourable, and new business is coming forward as well as expected. Remittances have been a good average.

ASHES.—Market firm. Pearls \$6.50 to \$7.50; first pots \$5.75 to \$5.85 and seconds \$5 to \$5.10.

BEANS.—Beans quiet, steady and unchanged at \$1.30 to \$1.35 for choice primes in a jobbing way; car lots \$1.25.

BUTTER.—There is a firm market and a continued steady demand for desirable grades. Finest creamery 25c to 25%4c; seconds 24c to 25c and dairy 21c to 23c.

CHEESE.—The market is quiet but firm. October makes are quoted at 12½c to 13c.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Market moderately active, and about steady. Business in turkeys at 12c to 14c; chickens 9c to 10c; fowls 6½c to 7½c; geese 9c to 10c and ducks 10c. to 12c.

DRY GOODS.—Quotations locally have undergone no recent change, but advices from abroad speak of advances in tapestry carpets and squares, and carpet manufacturers give enhanced cost of raw material as the cause. It appears that both wool

and cotton recent adva Oriental lace since the fir in the north caused some month have closed stead Gulf, 10.95c 8 points low 6.14d; midd 5.25d; ordin erican middl ruary, 5,46d 5.45½d; Ap and July. 5. tember, 5.36 November. 5

EGGS.—Accessive and parallel 22c a fresh from the business at 3

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FISH.—Dersteak cod 5 8c; weak fish 8c; mackerel, Standard bull \$1.60; shell of 2-lb. bricks, p in 25-lb boxes Scotch cured \$2.00 to \$2.10 N.S. \$5.

FLOUR.—T spring wheat wheat patents in bags, \$1.60

TURS.—Ar competition, a Raw furs at p northern and e tory and wests lower values. dark. \$200; fai as to size Marten, B.C. large brown Western, No. Mink. Halifax \$3. Territory Ont.. Que. and 2e to 5e; North to 5c. Otter, medium dark, dark No. 1, lan coon, black, No No. 1, large. \$ thirds and four black, \$1.75; sl stripe 20c; unp

GRAIN.—Eng Manitoba wheat oats a fair loca

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and cotton yarns are dearer in Europe. There has been recent advance in Nottingham laces of 5 per cent. and in Oriental laces of 71/2 per cent. Travellers have been doing well since the first week in January throughout the older districts in the north-west heavy snowfalls and extra cold weather have caused something of a tie up. Obligations falling due this month have been well cared for. In New York, spot cotton closed steady, 10 points lower; middling uplands, 10.70c; do., Gulf, 10.95c. Liverpool cotton, spot, in fair demand, prices 8 points lower; American middlings, fair, 6.62d; good middling. 6.14d; middling, 5.86d; low middling 5.60d; good ordinary 5.25d; ordinary 5.00d. Futures opened and closed easy; American middlings, g.o.c., January, 5.461/2d; January and February, 5.46d; February and March, 5.44½d; March and/April 5.451/2d; April and May, 5.43d; May and June, 5.43d; June and July, 5.421/2d; July and August, 5.42d; August and September, 5.361/2d; September and October, 5.301/2d; October and November, 5.36d; November and December, 5.251/2d.

EGGS.—Active and firm. Supplies coming in are not excessive and prices are held up. Sales of selected at 26c; No. 1 candled 22c and city limed 21c per dozen. A few lots of strictly fresh from the States have been offered at fancy prices with business at 36c to 38c.

FEED.—Contineed good demand; market firm. Manitola bran in bags, \$21; shorts \$22 per ton; Ontario bran, in bags, \$21 to \$21.50; shorts \$22 to \$22.50; milled mouillie, \$21 to \$25 per ton, and straight grain, \$28 to \$30.

FISH.—Demand has been better. Fresh haddock, 4c; fresh steak cod 5c; halibut 9c; grass pike 6½c; white fish 8c; weak fish, 8c; B. C. salmon frezen. 9c; Qualla salmon, 8c; mackerel. 10c; dore. 8½c; new ton cod, \$1.90 per brl.; Standard bulk oysters, imperial gallon \$1.40; selects. bulk, \$1.60; shell oysters in bbls. Malpeques, \$8. Boneless fish, in 2-lb. bricks, per lb., 5c; boneless cod 6c; boneless fish, loose, in 25-lb boxes, per lb., 4½c; skinless cod, 100-lb, boxes. \$5.50; Scotch cured herring, 25-lb, kitts. \$1. Herring, new, per 100, \$2.00 to \$2.10; No. 1 Labrador herring \$5.50 per brl.; No. 1 N.S. \$5.

FLOUR.—The market was quiet, and closes steady. Choice spring wheat patents, \$4.50 to \$4.60; seconds \$4; winter wheat patents \$4 to \$4.15; straight rollers, \$3.55 to \$3.65; do., in bags, \$1.60 to \$1.70; extras, \$1.45 to \$1.55.

TURS.—Arrivals are fair, for which there is considerable competition, and the complaint is there are too many buyers. Raw furs at present being actively traded in are quoted: Fisher, northern and eastern, No. 1 dark, \$7; brown \$6; pale \$5; territory and western \$1 less; seconds, thirds and fourths at usual lower values. Red fox. No. 1 \$2 to \$3.50. Silver fox, No. 1 dark. \$200; fair \$150; pale \$100. Cross fox, No. 1 \$5 to \$10, as to size and colour. Lynx, No. 1, \$3 to \$7. Marten, B.C., and similar, No. 1, large, dark, \$10; large brown \$6: and large pale \$5. Territory and Western, No. 1, \$5 to \$8; Ont. and Que. do., \$4.50 to \$6. Mink. Halifax and Eastern, No. 1 large, \$8; medium \$5; small \$3. Territory and Western, No. 1, \$2.50 to \$6. Muskrats, Ont.. Que. and East., winter, 18c to 20c; fall 10c to 18c; kitts 2c to 5c; North-Western 8c to 15c; fall 7c to 12c and kitts 1c to 5c. Otter, Labrador and N.E., No. 1, large dark, \$35; medium dark, \$25; small dark, \$20; Territory and Western, dark No. 1. large, \$18; medium \$15; small, dark, \$10. Raccoon, black. No. 1 large, \$2.50; medium \$2; small \$1.50; dark No. 1, large, \$1.75; medium \$1.50; small \$1.00; seconds, thirds and fourths at lower walues. Skunk. prime, No. 1, all black, \$1.75; short stripe \$1.25; long stripe 50c, and broad stripe 20c; unprime, No. 2. all black, \$1; short stripe. 75c; long stripe, 30c. and broad stripe 10c. Culls worthless. The jobbing season is practically over, but not because of the weather, which has again become steadily cold.

GRAIN.—English cable offers did not result in business for Manitoba wheat, as they were below the held prices here. In oats a fair local trade was done. No. 2 white sold at 421/2¢; No. 3 at 41½c, and No. 4 at 40½c per bushel, ex-track. In Manitoba barley the feeling is steady with No. 3 quoted at 44¢ and No. 4 at 43c per bushel, ex-track, Fort William. There continues to be a steady demand for American corn at 54½c for No. 2 yellow and at 53½c for No. 3 mixed, per bushel, ex-store. The stocks of wheat at Fort William for week ending Jan. 12th are 1.601,000/bushels, as against 1.332,000 for week ending Jan. 5th. 1905, and at Port Arthur 1.574,000 bushels, against 1.278,000 bushels for the week preceding. The Chicago spot wheat market was quoted: May, 76½; July, 76‰. The Winnipeg wheat market was quoted for January at 72½; May, 76; and Jaly 76¾. Winnipeg oats, January, 34½; May, 35¾; July closed at 35.

GREEN FRUITS. — Business has been fair in this market. Quotations:—Oranges: Fresh sweet Floridas. 126, 150, 176, 200, 216, \$3.25; Jamaica oranges, barrels repacked sound \$4.—Grape fruit: Finest Florida grape fruit. 64, 80, 96, \$4. Lemons: /Mount Royal brand, are \$4 for 300s; Statute of Republic, fancy, 300s, \$3.75; do., 360s, \$3.75.—Cranberries: Cape Cod / cranberries. fine stock, per bbl., \$10.—Grapes: Almerias, large stock, \$5 per bbl., do. medium, \$4.50.—Dried fruit: New Hallowi dates, 5c per lb.; new figs, 10-lb. boxes net weight, 6 crown, \$1.10; do. 5 crown, 90c; do. 3 crown, 80c; glove boxes, 16-oz. size, 9c.—Onions: Spanish onions, cases, \$2.25; red onions, in 100-lb. sacks, \$1.65.

GROCERIES.—The January demand to far has been good and probably above the average. There is a fair demand for refined sugars at the recent decline of 10c per 100 lbs. Teas and evaporated apples have been selling friely. The latter are held at 91/4c to 10c. Canned goods are well enquired after, and packers are likely to advance the market on certain lines. Gallon apples are up 30c, the new listed prices being \$2.95 and \$2.97/2. Advices from New York say that blive oil has advanced in all producing countries from 10 to 20 per cent, and further advances are not unlikely. Western salmen packers have been making enquiries in the New York market of late as / to the stocks of their goods on hand, not only in that city, but in all castern markets. In explanation they state that they teel the necessity for making a naterial advance in prices shortly, and some of them have even withdrawn their available stocks from the Pacific Coast market. In the New York coffee market there was continued liquidation and some European selling on the decline, but there was also covering and support from local trade interests, and the market rallied partially on a/renewal of the rumours that some of the big roasters were preparing to take up all the coffee tendered on March contracts. The close was steady at a net decline of 5 to 10 points. Spot, steady; Rio, No. 7 invoice. 67/8c; Santos. No. 4 77/4c. Mild, steady; cordova. 9c to 12½c. New York, molasses, steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 37c to 48c. Currants are firmly held both here and abroad. The statistical position in Greece on the 1st instant proved to be, if anything, stronger than expected, the estimated supplies at that time being about 17,000 tons only, as against about 55,000 tons last year at the same time. With the requirements of the world or the balance of the crop year far in excess of this quantity there is no reason to expect anything but higher prices as the available supplies in Greece become more reduced. London, raw sugar, muscovado. 9s; centrifugal. 10s 6d; beet, January, 8s 111/4d. York, sugar, raw, quiet; fair refining 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 31/2c; molasses sugar 23/4c. Refined steady; No. 6, \$4.30; No. 7, \$4.25; No. 8, \$4.20; No. 9, \$4.15; No. 10, \$4.05; No. 11. \$4; No. 12. \$3.95; No. 13, \$3.90; No. 14, \$3.85; confectioners' "A," \$4.60; mould "A," \$5.15; cut loaf and crushed, \\$5.50; powdered, \$4.90; granulated, \$4.80; cubes, \$5.05.

HIDES & TALLOW.—Business is fair. Quotations for fresh city stock:—No. 1 hides. ½c to tanners, 12c; No. 2 hides, ½c to tanners, 11c; No. 3 hides. ½c to tanners 10c; No. 1 calfskins, per lb., 12c; No. 2 calfskins, per lb., 10c; lembskins, 95c; No. 1 horsehides, each. \$2; No. 2 horsehides, each. \$1.50; tallow, rendered, per lb. 3c to 5c; tallow, rough, per lb., 1½c to 3c.

HONEY.—Market quiet; prices unchanged. White clover comb at 13c to 14c; white extracted at 10c to 101/2c; buckwheat 8c to 81/2c per lb.

Jan. 17, 1907.

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IRON AND HARDWARE.-Reports continue favourable, and there is a good movement in the staple lines. Buyers frequently have to await deliveries at some inconvenience. New York pig iron, steady; northern \$22.50 to \$26.25; southern \$22 to \$26.50. Copper, firm, \$42.50 to \$25. Lead, quiet; \$6 to \$6.25; Tin. steady; Straits, \$41.15 to \$41.30; plates, market, steady; Spelter, steady; domestic \$6.65 to \$6.75. In Europe the principal feature in copper has been the great activity and buoyancy in standard warrants, prices continuing to adyance, breaking all records for fifty years. The result has been a more active demand for refined metal for both nearby and future delivery at steadily advancing prices, sales being made at £1141/2 to £115 for nearby delivery. Standard copper spot, closed in London at £108 12s 6d and 3 mos. at £109. In tin the result of the fluctuations at London has been a net advance of Cl 2s 6d on spot and Cl 17s 6d on futures. The Singapore market closed at the equivalent of £190 10s c.i.f. London, but this was entirely nominal. In London tin, spot, closed £188 158; 3 mos. £189 178 6d. Bar iron mills are holling firmly generally, but consumers are demanding concessions. For early shipment current sales are made on the basis of 1.70 to 1.75c base Pittsburg and 1.84½ to 1.89½c tidewater, base half extras. The jobbing trade is demand 21/4 to 21/4e base full extras from store. The increased activity in basic iron in the East has been the latest feature of interest at New The demand was evidently encouraged by more disposition on the part of producers who have unsold capacity for the first quarter of the year to make contracts. The inquiry from Eastern plants has been more urgent within the last few days. The result has been the placing of orders for probably 50,000 tons of metal for delivery over the first three months of the year. Lead.- The New York market has been quiet but firm, with spot saleable at 61/1c in car lots and held at 6,30c. Job bing lots bring 6.30 to 6.35c. St. Louis has been firmer, with soft Missouri saleable at 6.10c spot and special brands held at 6% e spot. London has advanced 5s, with soft Spanish closing at C19 17s 6d. against C19 12s 6d on the preceding week, and against £16 17s 6d on the corresponding day a year ago. Refined spelter has been firm at New York with light offerings and spot nominal at 6% in carloads. London has been unchanged, with G. M. B. closing at €27 15s, and against €29 2s 6d at the corresponding time last year.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.—A moderate movement at steady Syrup at 55c to 65c per tin of one gallon, wine measure, and at 75c to 85c per tin of imperial gallon, and at 61/2c to 7c per lb., in wood; maple sugar 8½c to 9½c per lb.

NAVAL STORES.—Pine pitch, \$3.75 brl.; pine tar, \$4.50; oakum. 4c to 7c per lb.: coal tar, \$4 brl.; roofing pitch, \$1 per 100 lbs.; cotton waste, coloured, 5c to 7c per lb.; white, 8c to He. Rope:—Sisal 7-16 and upwards, 10½c; 3/6. He; 3-16. 11½c. ManiHa, 7-16 and larger, 15c; 3/6. 15½c; ¼ and Manilla, 7-16 and larger, 15c; 3/8, 151/2c; 1/4 and Lath yarn, 10e to 101/2c.

OLLS, PAINTS, LEADS, ETC.—A good business has been done in petroleum, but demand is beginning to slacken a little. Acme prime white is steady at 151/2c, water white at 17c and astral at 191/2c. Gasoline is steady at 221/2c and benzine at 20c. Leads and paints are in fair demand for the season and steady in price. London, Calcutta linseed, Jan. and Feb. 42s. Linseed oil. 21s 41/2d. Sperm oil £34. Petroleum, American, refined, 6 13-16d; do. spirits, 73/d. Turpentine spirits, 50s 9d. Rosin, American, strained, 10s 4½d; do. fine, 15s. Antwerp, petroleum, 20 francs. New York, rosin, firm; strained, common to good, \$4.35 to \$4.40. Turpentine, quiet, 72c to 721/2c.

POTATOES.-Keep steady, with a good demand for small lots at 85e to 90c per bag, and car lots were quoted at 75c to

PROVISIONS.—Keep fairly active and are firm. Lard and pork in fair demand, and other lines are quiet. Abattoir fresh killed hogs are quoted at \$9.50 to \$9.75 per 100 1bs. Heavy Canada short cut mess pork in tierces \$32 to \$32.50, brls. \$21.50 to \$23. Compound lard in tierces, 375 lbs., 8 to 81/4°;

tubs 50 lbs., parchment lined 81/4c to 81/2c; kettle lard tierces 123/40 to 13c; pure lard tierces 12c. Hams, extra large sizes, 25 lbs., upwards, 13c; large sizes, 18 to 25 lbs.,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ c; medium sizes, selected weights, 12 to 18 lbs., 14c; extra small sizes, 8 to 12 lbs., 141/2c hams, bone rolled, large 15c; do. small, 16c; English boneless breakfast bacon, 15e; Wiltshire bacon backs, 15c.

ROLLED OATS .- The market keeps dull, there being no improvement in the demand, and prices are quoted at \$1.95 to \$2 per bag. Commeal \$1.35 to \$1.45 per bag.

WOOL .- The demand is moderate, and prices are firm owing to the strong position abroad. Supplies are not large, but the call is quite moderate. Dealers quote the following prices for wool, Montreal:-Canada fleece, tub washed, 26 to 28c; Canada fleece, in the grease. 18 to 20c; Canada pulled, brushed, 30c; Canada, pulled, unbrushed, 27 to 29c; pulled lamb's, brushed, 30 to 32c; pulled lamb's, unbrushed, 30c; North-West merinos 18 to 20c

### Tenders for Debentures.

The Town of Selkirk (in Manitoba population 2,991, total assessment \$1,280,-000.00) invites tenders, to be addressed in sealed envelopes to the undersigned, up to Twelve o'clock noon, February 10th, 1907. for the purchase of the whole or any part (not less than \$25,000.00) of its debentures (authorized by special Provincial Act) as follows:4

A.—\$70,000.00 WATERWORKS DE-BENTURES: 140 of \$500.00 each, payable as follows: -1 in each of the 15 years commencing A.D. 1907 and ending A.D. 1921; 2 in each of the 10 years commencing A.D. 1922 and ending A.D. 1931; 3 in each of the 10 years commencing A.D. 1932 and ending A.D. 1941; 4 in each of the 10 years commencing A.D. 1942 and ending A.D. 1951; 7 in each of the 5 years commencing A.D. 1952 and ending A.D. 1956; each debenture to be payable on the first of December. Each debenture to bear interest (in the form of coupons) at five per cent. per annum, payable on June 1st and December 1st throughout its currency.

B.-\$80.000.00 SEWERAGE DEBEN-TURES: 100 of \$2,196.00 each (that sum representing the aggregate amount payable for principal and five per cent. interest, half-yearly: there being no coupons): 50 of them payable as follows:-1 on May 1st in each of the 50 years commencing A.D. 1907 and ending A.D. 1956; and the remaining 50 to be payable as follows: - 1 on November 1st in each of the said 50 years. These sewerage debentures are secured by law by a special rate or lien charged upon the particular frontages benefitted.

The Town proposes to deliver the debentures in instalments from time to time as the work progresses throughout the present year, and the successful tenderer will be expected to accept delivery and pay accrued interest accordingly.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

THOMAS PARTINGTON. Secretary Treasurer of the said Town. Dated at Selkirk, Manitoba, this 10th day of January, A.D. 1907.

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FARM PRODUCTS.-Con.-

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Figs, new layers

Windsor 1 lb. bags, gross

3 lb. 100 bags in brl.

5 lb. 60 bags

7 lb. 42 bags

200 lb.

Coarse delivered Montreal 1 bag

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Insect Powder lb.
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Morphia.
Oil Peppermint lb.
Oil Lemon
Opium
Phosphorus
Ovalic Acid
Potash Bichromate
Potash Iodide
Quinine
Strychnine
Tartaric Acid

Stick, 4, 6, 8, 12, & 16 to lb., 5 lb

Acme Licorice Pellets, cans .... Licorice Lozenges, 1 & 5 lb. cans ...

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Tin Crystals 0 28 0 30

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 Townships Dairy
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 Western Dairy
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 Manitoba Dairy
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### Debenture Issue.

TENDERS will be received up till 4 p.m., January 17th, 1907, for an issue of \$315,825.30 in City of Vancouver debentures. Particulars regarding issue will be furnished upon application to City Comptroller, Vancouver, or to the Bank of B.N.A., Toronto, Montreal, or London, England.

Tenders must be accompanied by marked cheque for 1 per cent. of amount of tender payable to the City Treasurer as an earnest of good faith.

Interest and coupons will be payable at the Bank of British North America at Vancouver, B.C. or at the Bank of B. N. A., Toronto, Montreal, New York, or London, England.

GEO. F. GIBSON,

Vancouver, B.C., Comptroller.

6th of December, 1906.

### WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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INSURANCE REFORM IN MASSA-CHUSETTS.

The Massachusetts legislative recess committee on insurance made its report to the General Court January 9. report deals with fire, life and fraternal insurance. The committee submits three bills, which are substitutes for -sections 118, 119 and 120 of the revised laws on insurance. Chapter 118 straight life/ and fire Chapter 118 deals with insurance, 119 with fraternal and 120 with assessment insurance. The so-called "over the counter" insurance and savings bank insurance are favoured in the abstract.

The committee accompanies the three bills with a long document commenting on the different changes recommended in the law.

The principal recommendations in the straight fire and life insurance make a document of great length. The committee recommends, among other things, that the Insurance Commissioner be given power to audit books and accounts of the insurance companies for the purpose of ascertaining possible mismanagement, and the employment of expert assistants for such examinations, and also a uniform system of bookkeeping.

Relative to reinsurance by fire insurance companies, the changes recommended conform with the New York law. A new section is provided limiting the amount of any fire risk to one-tenth of the net assets of fire insurance companies. Relative to marine companies the prevision for capital and surplus are stricken out and "net assets" inserted in its place. Political contributions by insurance companies are prohibited, the committee recommending a law making it an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment for any director, or officer or agent to contribute to any political party or candidate.

Officers and directors, the committee think, should not be pecuniarily interested in the transactions of insurance companies, except to the extent entitling them as policyholders. The committee ecommends that no company shall be allowed to invest more in real estate than may be necessary for convenient accommodation of its business, and in no case to exceed 10 per cent. of its assets.

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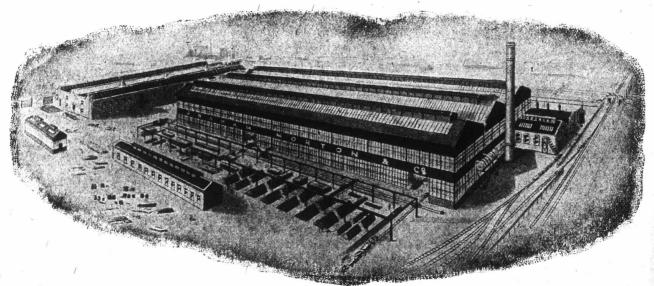
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committee believes three years to be the limit advisable to guarantee a salary.

Fire insurance companies may insure against explosions of any sort provided the companies have a minimum capital of \$300,000. The capital required for personal accident and health insurance be reduced from \$200,000 to \$100,000. The committee believes that more latitude should be allowed directors in the matter of investment of funds and instead of the present law of naming particular securities the new one provides investments under certain general qualifications. Mutual fire insurance policies of the same duration should have equal rights of dividends, dividends should not be forfeited and notices of dividends to be sent to all policyholders.

The restrictions on mutual fire insurance companies as to location of risks are removed. One of the most notable recommendations is that of a standard form of life insurance policy in accordance with the Armstrong Commusion report to the New York Legislature. The committee believes in prohibiting the soliciting of proxies and that same right of access to lists of policyholders should be given to all policyholders. The guaranteed capital of mutual companies is to be retired automatically whenever the surplus is twice the amount of the guaranteed capital. Deferred dividends are prohibited on all policies in the future and all surplus is to be distributed annually.

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the company. The suitability of domestie agents should be determined by the Insurance Commissioner.

The committee believes in a new form of annual statement from every company, a detailed accounting, and that companies doing both an industrial and ordinary life insurance business should render separate accounts of each.

The committee joins with the Governor in recommending that the Insurance Commissioner prepare new mortality tay. bles for Massachusetts. insurance bill is modelled on the so-called uniform bill, and provides that new fraternal beneficiary corporations shall use the National Fraternal Congress mortality table, the same as provided in the present law in that regard. The bill also provides a representative form of govern cent, annual valuations and distribution of surplus. The assessment insurance bill prevents the organization of new assessment companies, and allows old ones to reorganize under Sec. 118. with a capital of not less than \$100,000. In relation to the so-called "over the counter" and savings bank insurance, the committee realizes the necessity of opening an avenue of insurance at proper cost for wage-earning people, and recommends that the Legislature provide for insurance on the so-called "over the counter" plan, extending thereby insurance on a m ch lower b sis than now attainable.

The plan of industrial insurance and that of giving savings banks the privilege of opening an insurance department paid in cash upon sixty days' notice to and issuing small policies, the committee

says would be an obvious gain to small wage earners, and would be so very great as to rank as one of the most practical and beneficial forms in , a generation. Such insurance, however, should be pro-

### TIPPING.

Ever since the announcement of the enormous profits which the Pullman company has made during the past eight years the newspapers in every section have been discussing the other side of the question, that is, the wages of the company's porters and conductors and the tax on the travelling public in the ways of tips to these men, says the Philadelphia Press. It has also aroused fresh discussion of that most un-American practice, "tipping."

The extent which this habit has reached and the attitude assumed by Pullman employes that a tip is their prerogative was shown two years ago on a western railroad. A transcontinental excursion of Christian endeavour societies was en route from Chicago to the coast. When the train reached Denver the entire staff of one dining car struck and refused to proceed farther. They gave as their reason that on the trip between Chicago and Denver they had not received any tips and they did not, under the circumstances, propose to continue longer with the party. The ridiculous affair was patched up in some way ultimately and the excursion proceeded on its way.

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The German papers recently contained rope and this man's experience apparently amusing accounts of the experience of a Swiss hotel keeper who undertook to demonstrate that it was possible to travel without tipping. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, and the outcome of their experience was ludicrous From beginning to end they were victims of the most exasperating and ridiculous episodes. It has been frequently declared that there is a close bond of union between the lackeys of Eu-

justified the assertion.

The trunks and bags of the party were covered with hieroglyphics which made them marked personages wherever they went. Their baggage was neglected and smashed, their clothes ruined and the trip was finally cut short in despair. Complaints without number were lodged with proprietors, but in every instance the guilty servants were prepared with such admirable excuses that it was impossible to fasten upon them any dereliction of duty.

There is no doubt that the custom of tipping in the U.S. has become firmly established. The evil of it is its indiscriminate character and the fact that in 99 cases out of 100 the gratuity is out of all proportion to the service rendered. The wise European regulates his tips by the character of the service and the size of his bill. The curse of the custom in the U.S. is that the foolish or newly

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THE BOND MARKET.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Securities Corporation, Mr. E. R. Wood, vice-president, delivered an interesting address upon Canadian bond business in 1906. Mr. Wood began by pointing out the well-known rule that when money is dear business in bonds is poor and when it is cheap business in bonds is good. Last year the price of money ruled 1.10 per cent. higher in Canada than during the previous year, and as a result all loaning institutions almost abandoned the bond market. The San Francisco disaster in April not only left the fire insurance companies without funds for investment, but also threw upon the market large blocks of bonds. Only life insurance companies have done any buying, and as they disposed of low bearing securities in order to purchase securities bearing higher rates, they probably sold more bonds than they bought. Cobalt mining speculation also diverted funds from investment. Commercial activity also required large sums, which might otherwise have sought investment. Mr. Wood then drew attention to the rapidity with which Canadian capi-

tal is accumulating. He showed that the assets of the people invested in fire insurance companies, life insurance companies, savings banks, loan and trust companies, chartered banks, Canadian assets in foreign insurance companies and deposits with the Post Office and Dominion Government savings banks reached the great total of \$1.446,567,668. Mr. Wood expressed the opinion that when the hostile influences cease the Canadian market will be much larger than ever. The total issue of Canadian bonds for 1906 was \$53,987,000, as compared with \$134.074,000 in the previous year, and with \$34,249,-000 in 1904. He pointed out that 1905 High money was an exceptional year. rates had resulted in a decline in the value of bonds, but Canadian bonds had stood the pressure of the years better than standard United States issues. the \$53.987.000 bonds issued Canada took \$23,304,000, the United States \$4.116,000, and Great Britain \$26,563,000.

### INSURANCE BY SAVINGS BANK.

The movement in Massachusetts to have the savings banks take up industrial insurance appears to be gaining ground. Undoubtedly the Legislature will take the matter up and there is the possibility that it will go through. Industrial insurance is the common term of life insurance of the minor classes, says the New York Banker and Stockholder.

For a few nickels per week, small policies are written, largely on the lives of children. The premiums are collected weekly and a large force of agents is required to keep the business going. It is the experience of these companies that constant solicitation is necessary. The collectors get a percentage on their receipts, but they find that continuous solicitation is necessary to induce people to keep up even the payments.

The nature of the business, therefore, makes it comparatively costly, and the question has arisen whether it would be any less costly under savings bank auspiecs. Certainly it cannot be made much cheaper if the savings banks will be compelled to hire agents to solicit trade and collect the premiums. The banks might, however, get the trade of their own depositors. This would facilitate the collection of the premium, since a mere book entry instead of a personal demand would suffice. It might also be possible to get customers among depositors without any special solicitation, but all this remains to be demonstrated.

Representatives of the Joya Shokai, a Japanese company of Nagasaki, are in Victoria, B.C., to contract for a supply of 500 tons monthly of whale meat, which, it is said, will be used for food. Heretofore whale flesh has been converted into fertilizer.

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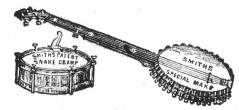
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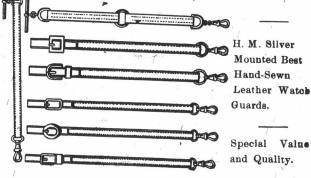
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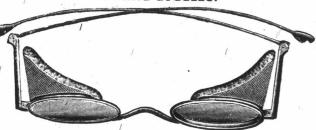
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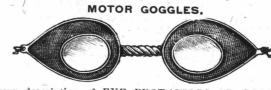
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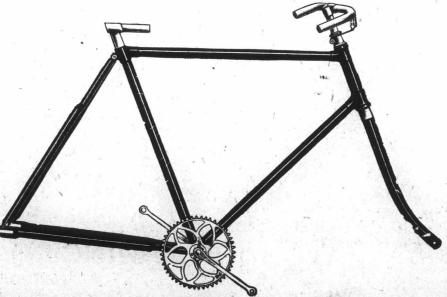
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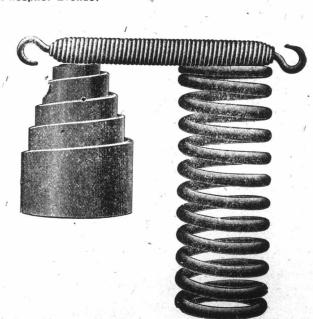
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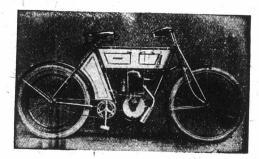
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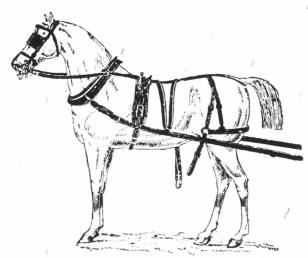
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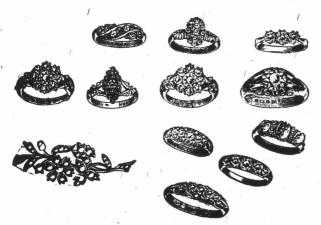


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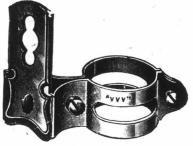
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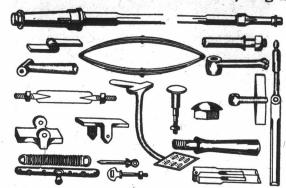
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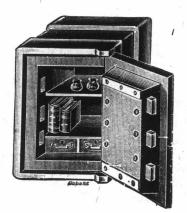


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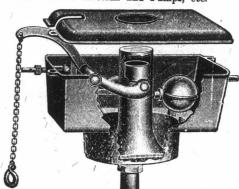
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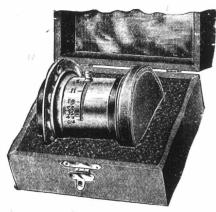
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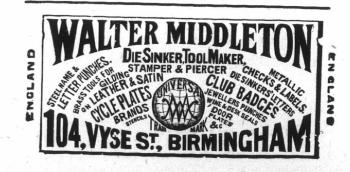
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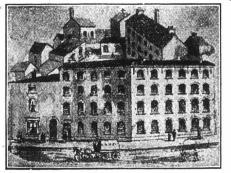
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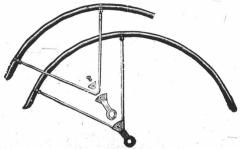
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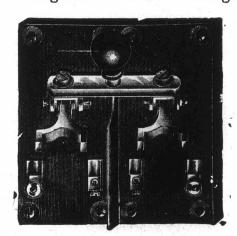
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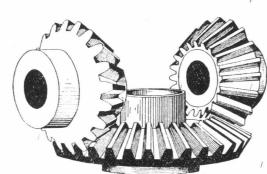
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