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THE GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION

Following the pyrotechnic displays of the paper stocks during recent weeks, the local Stock Exchanges have fallen upon a period of dullness accentuated to some extent, no doubt, by the approach of the holiday season, and to a much greater extent by the continued stringency in money which remains unabated. Professional optimists are to be found willing to state their belief that July, the beginning of which month sees very large interest and dividend disbursements, will mark some easing f conditions in this respect, but it is difficult to hare this determination to look upon the brighter de of things in view of the conditions reported n the bank statement for the month of May which analysed below. Two of the banks are reported shaving advanced their rates for call money during be week to 7 per cent. The average trader on be Stock Market is slow to recognize the obvious d that a period of stagnation on the Stock Exlarge is a perfectly normal condition of affairs, st as normal as rapidly advancing or declining arkets. As regards the paper stocks, without traction of the brilliant future, which they aprently have, for a few years at all events, it is ear that a breathing space is in order to allow the velopments of the industry to catch up with arket quotations. No one believes that the mantic story of the rise to affluence of these comnies has been more than half unfolded, but the mainder of it will probably have to wait awhile the telling.

There have been some indications also that the rest for these particular stocks has been getting sewhat out of hand, as is particularly evidenced the heavy buying a few days ago of the stock of North American Pulp and Paper Company. It ignificant of the state of a section of the public of towards paper securities that this obscure it, which was practically neglected at its very levels ruling some months ago, should now be enly sought after at the highest prices it has hed. Its low quotation, around eight, is, of the great attraction to the unthinking specutible. But the position of the North American and Paper Company, and of its constituent

companies, is extremely obscure. The stock may or may not be worth in inherent value, its present market quotation. We have been told that all the stock was issued for considerations, which suggests the possibilities of a very handsome clean-up on the part of the insiders, if the public insists on taking the bit between its teeth. The present point is, however, the willingness to buy freely without very much information as to the real position of the security purchased, and that is decidedly not a healthy sign.

The shallowness which characterises the financial comment in our daily newspapers, even the best of them, is again very much in evidence in the discussion which has appeared in those journals, regarding the figures of the May bank statement. Stress has been laid by these commentators upon the increase in notice deposits reported for the month, and flattering conclusions drawn which have in truth no relation to the actual facts of the case, which facts are far less rosy than the general public might be led to suppose from the tone adopted by writers in these journals.

To appreciate the significance of the banking figures, it is necessary to compare notice deposits with the bank's current loans and discounts, and to look at the figures with a year's perspective. Viewed in this way, the banking figures, so far from being a matter for congratulation, not only give unmistakeable evidence of the present stringency in funds, but afford very little ground for hope of an early improvement in the situation. It is true that notice deposits, which form the back bone of the banks' commercial loans and discounts, increased by \$19,500,000 during the month of May to \$1,229,073,515. But this expansion, substantial as it undoubtedly is in itself, is by no means equal to the growth of \$28,000,000 which took place in May 1919. Taking the twelve months' figures also, it is very evident that the falling-off in the rate of increase of these deposits, to which attention has been previously drawn in this column, is continuing. The notice deposits in the twelve months ended with May, increased by \$121,000,-000, but this increase is fully \$40,000,000 less than the similar increase of over \$160,000,000 in the

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preceding twelve months. A decline of 25 per cent. in the rate of increase of notice deposits is by no means a light matter. It points unmistakeably to the conclusion that with a great body of Canadians, expenditure, possibly of necessity, is more closely approaching income than it was formerly.

Compare this condition of things with the state of the banks' current loans and discounts as revealed in the May figures. The month of may is asually one when heavy declines are reported by the banks in these loans as a result of the moving forward of commodities following the opening of the St. Lawrence and inland navigation. In May 1919, this seasonal decline amounted to over \$36,-500,000. But in May 1920, there was an actual increase in these loans, although a small one, of nearly \$2,000,000 to the new high figure of \$1,349,-At this level, the banks' current loans 079.981. and discounts, apart from their loans to the provinces and municipalities, and excluding entirely their foreign loans, show an increase over their end of May total last year of no less than \$277,632,295. Notice deposits, as remarked above, are the backlone of the banks' current loans. But these figures show that in the last twelve months, the increase in current loans has run ahead of that in notice deposits by over \$150,000,000. The fact is not only a conclusive reason for the present tightness of money, but is very fair evidence, we suggest, that no easing of the present situation in this conpection is likely to be seen for some time. A substantial falling-off in the banks' Canadian call bans, is reported for the month of May, it is time, mainly as a result of the maturity of grain bills following the resumption of navigation. But even at their reduced end of May level of \$110,114,443, these loans are \$21,000,000 higher than at the close

Apart from these accounts, the May bank statement contains no features of outstanding interest. Sirculation at \$226,335,037 is \$10,500,000 higher han a year ago, as a result of the necessity for

none currency following higher prices. Demand deposits in Canada are down by \$7,000,000 during the month to \$645,957,229, but are \$77,000,000 higher than a year ago. Deposits abroad at \$345,095,475 are no less than \$123,000,000 higher than at the end of May, 1920, reflecting not only the subtantial extension of the Canadian banks' foreign interests which has taken place during recent months, but also it may be surmised, the prosperity of the sugar industry in the West Indies, where it is to be remembered, the Canadian banks have now exceedingly important interests.

With regard to the trend of commodity prices, the outlook continues exceedingly obscure. market for at least two important staples, hides and wool, shows a decided decline from the high levels recorded a few months ago.. Hides particularly have suffered severely and in some markets are reported as being below pre-war levels. Some folks in the States are already talking of \$2.50 shoes, but that is perhaps a little previous. Many wools are now relatively cheaper than cotton, which continues remarkably high, and it is evident that in cotton goods, buyers are not likely to get any relief for some considerable time. Outside these lines, the outlook is extremely mixed, and even expert judgment is curiously and sharply conflicting. One thing seems certain, however, that the average consumer will lose nothing by witholding his purchases wherever possible. By so doing, he will be "doing his bit" towards the restoration of the equilibrium of supply and demand, which alone can bring high prices generally down to a lower level.

TRAFFIC RETURNS

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May	31	date	\$58,185,000	1919 \$61,847,000	1920 \$74,133,000	Increase \$12,286,000
	k en	ding	1918	1919	1920	Increase
June June	e 14		 2,010,000	\$2,957,000 3,062,000 3,024,000	3.660,000	\$662,000 598,000

21			Grand 7	Trunk Raily	vay	
Year May	31	date	 1918 \$17,909,748	1919	1920	Increase \$2,010,733
Week June June June	7 14 21	ding	 \$1,012,481 \$1,113,729 1,164,354			Increase \$316,656 262,404 207,689

Year May	to 31		1918	National Ra 1919 \$35,062,837	1920 \$37,798,285	Increase \$2,735,448
Week	en	ding	1918	1919	1920	Increase
June June June	7 14 21		 \$1,592,519 1,574,307	\$1,509,340 1,676,264 1,435,593	\$1,618,195 1,866,517	\$198,855 190,253 384,815

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The Sun Insurance Office, like the luminary whose name it bears, has its periods of special brightness and dullness, according as the atmosphere is clear from, or obscured by the smoke of fires. Last year (like its predescessor 1918) was one in which its radiance was kept clear from such clouds in Canada. The Sun in another respect is like the orb of day,-whatever conditions exist, they do not diminish its strength, for it possesses such resources in itself, as enables it to maintain its influence and power. The Canadian department under Mr. Lyman Root's management for the past four years, has shown most satisfactory results. Net cash received for premiums in 1919 throughout the Dominion totalled \$741,903, accompanied by a favourable loss ratio of 48.72 per cent. The increase in premium income under Mr. Root's management is very marked, and a continuance of the general prosperity of the Sun's business throughout Canada may be expected under his experienced direction.

CANADA'S WAR TIME PAYMENTS

Returns made to the Dominion of Canada Insurance Department show that the total claims during the World War paid by life assurance companies doing business in Canada amounts to \$21,738,409. In 1914, claims paid on account of war losses amounted to \$75,242, in 1915, \$2,255,826, in 1916, \$5,333,408, in 1917, \$6,714,723, in 1918, \$6,131,605 and in 1919, \$1,227,605. Figures are also available showing the losses sustained by Canadian life companies as a result of the influenza epidemic which affected Canada during the latter part of the year 1918 and during the first months of 1919. During the latter part 1918, claims arising out of the epidemic aggregated \$9,803,306 and in 1919 they amounted to \$4,559,175.

Insurance Employes Appeal to Ottawa

The following was published in "The Star" of June 26th. :-

"The Minister of Labor of Ottawa announced the receipt of a communication from the Insurance Employes' Association, with headquarters at Montreal, intimating a desire on the part of insurance clerks employed by seventy-four companies operating in Montreal to have submitted to arbitration claims which they make for a higher scale of remuneration. According to the latter, it appears that the Association has endeavoured to have action taken by the companies, but its efforts have not met with success. Many of the companies have not acknowledged the communication forwarded to them by the Association, and those who acknowledge it have, according to the letter, shown no desire for arbitration.

It is being explained by the Minister of Labor to the officers of the Association that the industrial Disputes Act applies only to the disputes relating to mines and public utilities—save where a desire is expressed by both parties for the establishment of a board of conciliation. In this case there is, apparently, no desire on the part of the insurance companies for the establishment of a board."

With reference to the contention that insurance employes should be paid enough to ensure a decent living. The Chronicle considers that this is only possible if employes really work, so as to give an adequate return. To give every employe, good, had and indifferent, the same wage, in specified positions, means a levelling down to the standard of the poorest worker. It may seem an easy thing by a mere stroke of the pen to add thousands of dollars to the total pay of the Companies. But it is very difficult to make the adjustments which are necessary therewith in order that the insurance companies may exist as solvent factors, and that they may serve the insuring public adequately.

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of London, England

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CO-INSURANCE CLAUSE CONTROVERSY IN NEW YORK

Holding last week that the co-insurance clause on fire policies is invalid, the Appellate Term of the New York Supreme Court points out that there is no provision for the clause in the new standard fire insurance policy of the State and that it does not appear that the Superintendent of Insurance has given any approval for its use. The claim of the respondent that the co-insurance clause is inconsistent with the new standard policy, is upheld by the court as correct, since the policy without such clause provides for payment of a proportion of loss, without regard to the ratio of the insurance to value. This decision has naturally caused considerable comment in fire offices in ew York, unsettling as it may, not only established practices. but the status of existing rates and contracts in many cases. The co-insurance clause is too valuable a factor in the stabilization of the business to be discarded. If the standard policy law suffers such an omission, it should be amended and in the meantime, underwriters are inclined to believe that the use of the clause might be legitimatized by special dispensation of the insurance department. The case is that of Durham against the Stuyvesant Insurance Co. of New York.

In an opinion filed last week the court said:

'The respondent urges that the co-insurance clause is inconsistent with the conditions of the standard policy. It is clear that this contention is correct, since the policy without said clause provides for payment of a loss in the ratio that the face amount of all insurance bears to the amount of the loss irrespective of the value of the property; on the other hand, when a coinsurance clause is read into the policy the company's liability is determined by the ratio which the face amount of the total insurance carried bears to the value of the property. In the absence of a coinsurance clause. the insured collects his whole loss if that does not exceed his insurance and his whole insurance if that does not exceed his loss. With a coinsurance clause present that rule of recovery is modified, and the recovery reduced if the reinsurance and the loss are both below the percentage of value.

"Moreover, it does not appear that any approval has been given by the superintendent of insurance to the addition of the coinsurance clause in connection with the standard form of policy adopted by the amendment of 1917, even assuming that such approval would be effective. While the superintendent apparently did give his approval in connection with the old form, such form was discarded by the Legislature of 1917 when the new form was adopted. The cases cited by the appellant are merely an interpretation of the coinsurance clause

and were decided before the amendment of section 121 in 1917.

Canadian Fire Underwriters Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters Association was held last week at St. Andrews By The Sea, N.B. under the presidency of Mr. J. B. Laidlaw. The meeting was largely attended by representatives, both from the United States and Canada. The reports for the year were presented, and showed in a favourable light the workings of the various departments of this Association, which is ever increasing in importance.

The following honorary officers were elected for the ensuing year, President, Mr. Lyman Root, (Sun), Eastern Vice-President, Mr. John Jenkins (Employers), Western Vice-President, Mr. Alfred Wright (London & Lancashire).

New members of Executive Committee, Mr. J. H. Labelle (Royal), Mr. W. S. Jopling (Commercial Union), and Mr. A. R. Pringle (Western).

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The permanent Golf trophy played for last week by members of the C.F.U.A. at St. Andrews By The Sea, was presented by the President Mr. J. B. Laidlaw, and won by the Toronto members. We understand that during the greater part of a well contested game the Montreal members had it all their own way, but the Toronto members anxiety to start for the 19th hole proved too much for them, and they gracefully accepted defeat. We are told, however, that the trophy will be in Montreal for 1921.

Methodist Church Insurance Scheme

From July, 1919, when the Methodist Church decided at its annual conference to organize an insurance agency, \$1,954,668 in fire insurance was placed up to April 24, 1920. This figure was given in a report to the Methodist Insurance conference at Woodstock early this month. The business is handled by the Methodist Church Insurance Commission, which is registered as an insurance agency, and obtains the commissions which formerly went to local agents when the individual churches placed their own insurance. The premiums on the business written so far have totalled \$11,369. church is still responsible for its own property, however, and whether insurance is placed at all, or whether it is placed through the commission, is at its own option. Figures submitted showed that out of 3,498 properties registered, 695 do not carry any insurance. The total number of properties owned by Methodist churches in Canada is about 5,000.



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SUN INSURANCE OFFICE

Excerpts from Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1919

Fire Account	
Premiums received, less Re-insurances Losses paid and outstanding being at the rate of 47.30 per cent. on the Premiums received Expenses of Management (including Commission to Agents and Working Charges of all kinds) being out the	\$11,333,093 5,360,690
Charges of all kinds) being at the rate of 38.83 per cent After reserving as unearned 40 per cent. of the Premiums to cover liabilities under current Policies, there is a Credit balance of which is transferred to Profit and Loss Account.	4,400,385 491,065
which is transferred to Front and Loss Account.	
Profit and Loss Account and Dividend	
The balance brought forward from last year was	2,098,010 684,000
Leaving a Credit Balance of	1,414,010
This by the operation of the year, has been increased to	\$3,110,860
Carried to Pension Fund	150,000
Leaving a Credit Balance of	\$2,960,860
An interim Dividend of \$1.75 per Share, less income tax absorbing	756,000
leaving unappropriated	\$2,204,860
Funds	
The Total Funds of the Office stand as follows :—	
Capital Paid-up	\$2,400,000
rne rund	\$2,400,000 12,533,240
Accident Fund	46.615
Phoyers Liability Fund	802,215
Burglary and General Fund	296,275
The state of the s	750,000
Tension Fund	585,135
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The suit by the estate of Alfred G. Vanderbilt against the Travelers Insurance Company to reover on an accident insurance policy of \$250,000 on the ground that his death on the Lusitania, May 7, 1915, was covered by the policy, was dismissed last week in New York by Supreme Court Justice

The estate contended that although the policy stated that it did not cover "death resulting directly or indirectly, wholly or in part from war or riot." the insurance company was liable on the ground that Mr. Vanderbilt's death was accidental.

Justice McAvoy ruled that while the Lusitania was a merchant vessel at the time and carrying non-combatants, she was sunk through the order of the German Government and in a broad sense the

death of Mr. Vanderbilt on board the Lusitania must be considered as a result of the war.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

Fire at Bridgedale, N.B.-On June 26th, the house and barn, owned by P. L. Davis, architect, Moncton, N.B., were destroyed by fire. estimated at \$50,000.

Fire at Halijax.—On June 27th, J. A. Leman & Companys stables on South St. were destroyed by fire, also a number of sleighs and other contents.

Fire at Joliette, P.Q.—On June 26th, several freight cars in the C.P.R. yards were burned, including contents. Loss about \$60,000.

Fire at Alexandria, Ont .- On June 22nd the barns and sheds owned by Mr. Bottler were destroyed by fire, also a quantity of hides and wool. Loss stated to be \$8,500 with coverage of \$1,500.

Fire at Montreal.—By the fire which occurred on the 15th June, on the premises of the National Hide Co. Ltd., 223-225 Wellington Street, the following companies are interested: Great American, \$5,000; Firemens Und., \$10,000; Scottish Union, \$10,000; London Mutual, \$5,000; Mount Royal, \$5,000; British Crown, \$5,000; Union of Canton, \$5,000; British Colonial, \$5,000; General of Perth, \$15,000; General Accident, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$5,000; London & Lancashire, \$10,-000; Sun, \$15,000; British Und., \$10,000; St. Lawrence Und., \$10,000; Union of London, \$25,-000; British Empire, \$10,000; Girard Fire & Marine, \$10,000; Nationale of Paris, \$10,000; Fire AssuranceCo. of Canada, \$5,000; National Benefit, \$10,000; Western, \$10,000. Total \$200,000. claim has been made by the insured for approximately \$60,000.

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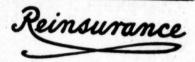
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SIZE, STRENGTH, LIBERALITY

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, with over \$340,000,000 of business in force, has all the advantages that size can bring to a life company.

With assets of over \$97,000,000 and surplus of over \$8,000,000 it has decided

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Its policy conditions and dividend record have earned for it an envisible reputation for liberality, while its record for fair dealing is unexcelled.

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DEPARTMENTS:

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Paid for new business in Canada during 1919. Ordinary \$61,559,058

Industrial.. Total \$95,357,111

Largest amount ever issued in Canada by any Company. Amount of Insurance in force in Canada

December 31, 1919... ... \$336,193,990 Largest amount in force in Canada by any Company.

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Largest number in force in any Company in Canada. Investments in Canada exceed..... \$57,000,000 Subscriptions to Victory Loans \$24,137,550

The Company had nearly 1,500 employees in Canada at the end of 1919.

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Fire Insurances at Moderate Rates

The Guardian Insurance Company of Canada

TRANSACTS

Accident, Liability, Automobile. Guarantee, Plate Glass, Burglary and Fire Insurance

APPLICATIONS FOR AGENCIES INVITED

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Head Office

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Liberal Agency contracts may be secured by men of high standing and business ability on

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LIFE DEPARTMENT

LIBERAL POLICY CONDITIONS LOW NON-PARTICIPATING RATES CONSISTENTLY HIGH PROFITS TO POLICYHOLDERS.

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