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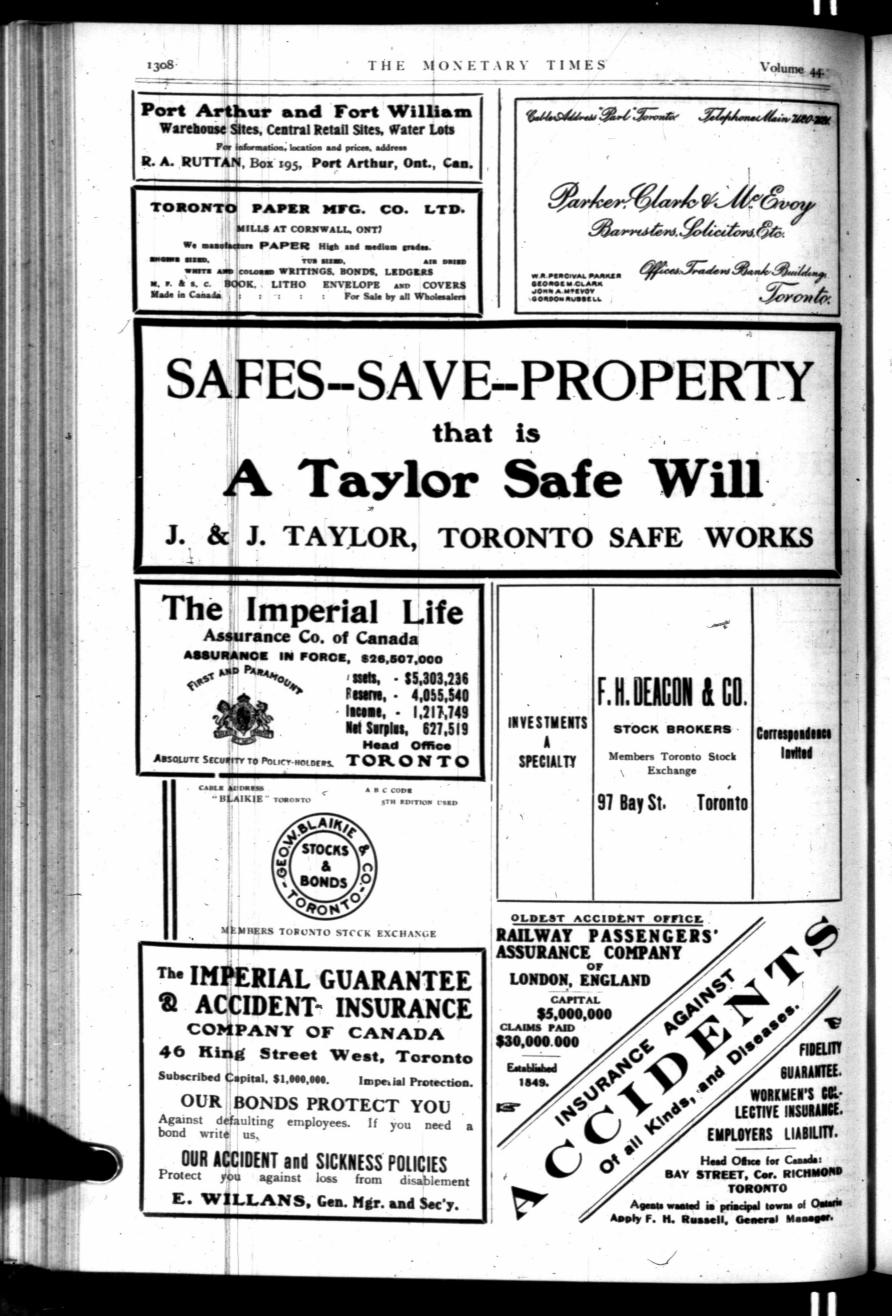


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is almost insatiable. This refers not only to the overseas investor, but also to Canadian demand. One recent issue was completely taken off this market in a few hours by British and United States interests, leaving none for the Canadian investor who desired them. While this marked change may be to some extent

temporary, it is reasonable to suppose that we have entered upon a new era in investment buying, with the result that part of this speculative taste will remain as a permanent market factor. One naturally wonders what will be the result on municipal debentures. They offer a smaller return and more security than do industrial bonds. Yet, taking all facts into consideration, the demand for Canadian municipal debentures is not as large as one would suppose it should be. The question arises as to whether the municipal bond is offering sufficient attractions, admitting the fact that it affords more safety than does the industrial bond.

Four years ago Ontario county bonds were selling on a 31/4 per cent. basis, Toronto city bonds at the same figure and town debentures at about 31/2. All these classes are now yielding to the purchaser approximately I per cent. more. Some think that they must yield still more to become adapted to present conditions, some of which will probably remain as a market influence. On this point opinions are divided. Others argue that this brand of speculation is a passing craze, and that in due would have prevailed before these issues could have met time investors will seek again municipal bonds with greater zest than ever. One broker remarked that a loss bond issues are supported strongly by national expansion in a bond investment of a highly speculative character possibilities in every direction. That fact is a good foun- would soon swallow profits made in many others. Canadation. With substantial, responsible and clean sponsor- dian municipals are having better success in England than ship, the appetite of the investor for our industrial bonds at home. This is reasonable, as security overseas is

The Canadian bond market appears to be undergoing important changes. These seem due to the speculative trend of investment, trade expansion and the hardening of the money market. The first factor deserves perhaps most attention, as upon its temporary or permanent nature the future of the market will largely depend. The higher prices of commodities and of living generally, the almost unconscious transference of luxuries to the necessities list, have probably helped to induce the investor to seek a higher return upon the capital placed. Some authorities carry this argument so far as to say that the investor is compelled to obtain a big yield to keep pace with these new developments.

Industrial bonds naturally offer the greatest inducement in view of the present market sentiment. As an additional incentive to the purchase of these securities is the education of the investor within comparatively the past few years. The industrial bond gives a return of from five to six per cent., and is usually backed by good security. The difference in its yield and that of a municipal or government bond is about represented by the comparative degree of safety.

Large Canadian industrial bond issues have recently been absorbed in London, and in many cases considerably over-subscribed. Less than ten years ago some hesitancy with even a moderately favorable reception. Canada's

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perhaps regarded as a more important factor than in America. It would be unwise to make any definite statements regarding these changes. The next twelve months should afford incidents and indications on which to base contain some lessons for the American of to-day. After indisputable conclusions as to whether the investor's appetite has changed temporarily or permanently.

AFTER FIVE DAYS. .

United States editors apparently are in a position little less difficult than that of President Taft. They remind one of the brave boys astride the damp log, and trying to believe rain was not falling. Several writers have found this make-believe trying. With a "what'sthe-use" resignation they decided that it was actually raining. Editorial umbrellas then became fashionable. In other words, to place the responsibility for a tariff war upon Canada is reasonably impossible. With a rigid minimum worse in practice than the schedules of the Dingley tariff, says one authority, the maximum becomes per cent. in 1908. The lack of capital is the most notable merely a means of provoking reprisals. "Theoretically, it is good for us to get a little of our own medicine. Unfortunately, the people who may be compelled to take the medicine are not those chiefly responsible for the tariff which is causing all the trouble." Another thinks there should be no ground between Canada and the United States for trade jealousy or for defence against each other. "Making trade relations difficult and unfriendly and reaching out for trade with distant continents by taxing our domestic industry and trade to make it profitable to those who engage in it is about the blindest and narrowest policy with which a great nation could be afflicted.'

The meeting of Mr. Fielding, Canada's Finance Minister, and President Taft at Albany last week has cleared the way to a better outlook for commercial peace. Mr. Fielding, already firm in opinion, has been in a peculiarly happy position in conducting the negotiations. The independent and party press, the various interests in parliament, trade and commerce-indeed, the whole community-has supported the principle that Canada must state its terms, the United States receiving them in the best possible way. It is obvious that with the imposition of the maximum duties, trade would immediately become diverted to Great Britain, Germany and other countries, proving a serious matter for American commerce. Once the tide commenced to turn strongly it would require much damming to change the flow.

The United States national position is, as one writer puts it, peculiarly delicate and distasteful, because the tariff act shifts the burden of negotiation to the President. "He is asking concessions from Canada with nothing to concede in return, armed with no argument but the maximum club." That is largely the trouble. The President is requested to knock off the top bricks of the tariff wall, and Congress has failed to give him the proper tools with which to do so. A London critic of the crisis asserts that Americans do not deceive themselves about the spirited independence of the Canadians. "They know that their northern neighbors are not disposed to adopt or abandon any line of acton under the threats or the aggressive measures of the United States government."

The hope is that an adequate solution may be found. It would not be presumptuous to suggest that the United States legislative machinery is practically useless to cope with the present critical situation. The tariff act evidently has insufficient elasticity to stretch to an emergency such as is now confronting the two countries. The incident whole country is borrowing for development in various should prove instructive to a powerful group of manu- ways. The numerous opportunities for the individual in facturers who have been able in the past to tickle the ear Canada perhaps has led to incompetent men leaving their of the United States Senate. After five days we shall particular rut to seek a small fortune in new and unprobably know how much diplomacy and commonsense familiar spheres. The making of a business nation brings has triumphed over the seemingly impossible.

WHY BUSINESS MEN FAIL.

The American failure statistics published by Bradstreets many years' experience it is found that eight leading causes are subjective and attributable to those who fail. They are incompetence, irrespective of other causes; inexperience, without other incompetence; lack of capital; unwise granting of credits; speculation, outside regular business; neglect of business, due to doubtful habits; personal extravagance; and fraudulent disposition of property. Three other causes exert their influence from circumstances existing without the individuals themselves. These are specific conditions, such as disaster, etc.; failure of others, of apparently solvent debtors; and competition. Last year 81 per cent. of the failures in the United States were attributed to the faults of those failing as against 77.5 per cent. in the previous year.

The three causes classed as beyond the individual's control accounted for 19 per cent. as compared with 22.5 single predisposing cause of failure, the proportion last year being 34.5 per cent. These figures are low compared with those of 1907, when financial stringency was prevalent. During the past two years the money markets have been easy, and this fact has apparently accounted for the decrease. Incompetence was responsible for 24.2 per cent. of the failures and fraud for 10.8 per cent. The most astonishing feature of that cause is the comparative permanence of its percentages during the past four years, in which the highest variation is only 1.5 per cent. Inexperience accounts for 4.9 per cent., neglect 3 per cent., unwise credits 1.9 per cent., speculation eight-tenths of one per cent., and extravagance nine-tenths of one per cent. Competition was more injurious than in either of the three preceding years.

Three-fourths of the failures in Canada in 1909 were due to the faults of those failing, while four-fifths of the liabilities belonged to the same division. As regards the number of failures, the proportion is not materially different from 1908; but respecting the liabilities, it is to be noted that the proportion was 79.9 per cent., in 1909, against 86.8 per cent. in 1908. Incompetence and Lack of Capital represent a smaller portion of the total number of the failures embraced in our data for 1909 than fell to them in 1908, while Fraud, Neglect and Competition were larger in their effects. Lack of Capital remains the leading source of trouble, with Specific Conditions second and Incompetence third. The first mentioned cause produced 42 per cent. of the failures and 43.3 per cent. of the liabilities; the second accounted for 22.4 per cent. of the failures and 18.4 per cent. of the liabilities, while to the third goes 15.7 per cent. of the number and 17.5 per cent. of the liabilities. Fraud, the fourth most detrimental cause, originated 7.8 per cent. of the failures and 5.9 per cent. of the liabilities in 1900.

In the case of Canada, lack of capital was the first cause of failure and incompetence the third. Competition also was a more potent influence than in preceding years. In the next few years, with the large sums of money coming into the country, the cry of capital starvation will grow more faint. To some extent the small traders have suffered more than the others. Frequently they have possessed the necessary basis for a successful business without the necessary capital, and often without sufficient business acumen. Many individuals correctly see in the Dominion a money-making proposition. Sometimes they begin with insufficient money, finding it difficult to obtain their capital requirements, owing to the fact that the out the qualities of men. And it grinds down the incom-

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petent. These theories seem to be reflected in the Canadian failure statistics.

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Competition was an important Canadian factor last year, judged alone from the number of industrial amalgamations consummated. Broadly speaking, the mergers might be divided into two classes, successful companies desiring to obtain greater market power, and moderately successful concerns, who saw in combination perhaps the sole hope of weathering the business seas.

Fraud and neglect accounted for a slight proportion of the failures which, in view of the large amount of increased business transacted and the number of new companies incorporated, were comparatively small. There are sufficient strong men in the Canadian commercial and financial world, with enough assisting influences, to keep Canadian finance and business clean. The credit of Canada is being well maintained in business spheres.

FIRE INSURANCE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Of chief interest to Canadian fire insurance spheres is the evidence being given before an Insurance Commission appointed by the British Columbia Government. The outstanding phase of the investigation is some curious evidence. For instance, one witness thought that the Government should frame whatever regulations it chose so long as it did not prevent the public from placing insurance wherever it liked. This is a further version of the assertion that the government can do what it pleases so long as someone is allowed to slip through the intricacies of the law. A witness stated that all his insurance was placed with Lloyds, but admitted that he had lost business by not patronizing local agencies. A commercial man, having given outside companies his insurance, said he had had some difficulties with some of them as a result of the recent Vancouver fire. Indeed, the accounts carried by four companies have not yet been paid. Lloyds' insurance agency received recognition regarding their fire policies, it being forgotten that Lloyds' guarantee refers particularly to its marine and not to its fire policies.

A curious objection was made to the provincial government's proposal contained in its draft insurance bill, that inquiries be instituted into the cause of all fires. A witness thought this investigation was an unwise innovation unless there was presumption of fraud. The cost of government, he added, would be greatly increased. The witness's attention unfortunately was not drawn to the fact that last year fire waste in Canada accounted for the burning of \$20,000,000 worth of capital and the sacrifice of more than 200 lives. If the cause of a fire is ascertained, it is a help to future prevention. The investigation of every fire in every province is one of the needs of to-day. In the following pages will be found a full report of the evidence, which will be read with interest. We trust that the provincial government will not give way to the popular but somewhat empty demand that its proposed bill shall be shelved. Some modifications may be necessary, but past events have proved that British Columbia insurees badly need some form of government provision.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Roosevelt Sails to See Great Dam" is a Chicago headline-the Long Sault, of course.

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With long hours of brilliant sunshine, champagne atmosphere and Europe's June weather in March, we may reasonably ask that continent to take a few climatic lessons from Canada.

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the proposed freight increases are unjustifiable. This is a new stand for a steamship corporation-\$

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The cities of Winnipeg and Toronto invited tenders for civic works involving large sums. For divers reasons both cities refused to accept the lowest tenders received. This created annoyance, just as when bond houses bid for debenture issues, and the municipality rejects all tenders. Unless special circumstances exist, it is a ruinous policy to obtain tenders without intending to accept them. It it almost a breach of faith, and if it becomes general will attract the attention of financial circles. The effect of restricting competition in this way must be ultimately to leave supplies in the hands of a limited number of producers, who, by agreement, may make their own prices. At the same time the door is open to corrupt practices, as was once the case in Montreal.

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Professor Cerebotani, a German, was said by a French newspaper to have invented a pocket wireless telegraph instrument. He denied the story, although the editor did not publish the letter. The only vindication seemed to be actually to invent the apparatus described. That he did. Such a worthy example opens innumerable possibilities. The Grand Trunk could pay dividends on its ordinary stock in order to vindicate rumors that it would do or had done so. The Canadian Pacific Railway might purchase the Allan steamship line, while Mr. Forget could gird on his armor and obtain control of the Nova Scotia Steel Company. The best denial of proposed industrial mergers would be their consummation. Cerebotani's axiom is that to disprove a rumor do what the rumor says.

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A curious change has occurred in the provisions' market. Since 1905, butter shipments have declined rapidly. In the past four years a decrease occurred in exports of 534,000 packages, or 1,369 per cent. The reason given is that prices in the home market have been too high for the British and continental markets. Canadian eggs spurn the foreign yoke entirely. Wholesale provision merchants predict that if the present farming conditions continue, Canada will become as great an importer of eggs as it has hitherto been an export medium. Last season a well-known Montreal provision house imported eggs from Russia for the first time in this market's history. To bring eggs into an agricultural country from a distance of several thousands of miles is the twentieth century rendition of the coals-to-Newcastle

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The heavy demands for capital for speculative purposes, government requirements, Canadian and foreign loans in the London market, constituted a fairly good signal that last week the Bank of England's discount rate would be advanced. Many anticipated the change from 3 to 4 per cent. The British budget has been made the scapegoat of the situation, and to some extent it is responsible for the rise. Unusual borrowings have been made owing to the condition of the Treasury. While in some ways politics have disturbed the money market, Great Britain's credit does not seem to have suffered considerably, nor has Britain decreased its loaning strength. On February 7th, 14th and 23rd, the British Government invited tenders for £3,000,000, £3,500,000 and £4,000,000 treasury bills. Applications were received respectively for £5,870,000, £6,749,000, and £4,565,-000. The Bank of England had met heavy demands for gold and apparently its reserve could only be protected by a higher discount rate. In October the Bank entered The St. John River Steamship Company has refused the supply of loanable funds. It raised its rate from 3 to to enter into any arrangement with other navigation 4 and then to 5 per cent. Within two weeks foreign had

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FEBRUARY BANK STATEMENT

Deposits and Call Loans Declined - Domestic Credit Was Extended and Loaning Abroad Sharply Curtailed

-	Feb.,* 'og.	Jan., '10.	Feb., '10.	Inc. order. Month's	Increase Year's
Deposits on demand	\$192,968,536	\$238,423,785	\$236,697,987	- 0.7	+ 22.6
Deposits after notice		508,207,804	507,307,733	- 0.1	+ 14.9
Current loans in Canada	507,349,748	590,984,344	602,454,539	+ 1.9	+ 18.7
Current loans elsewhere	35,055,266	37,865,549	42,403,784	+ 11.9	+ 20.9
Call loans in Canada	47,555,140	63,945,539	61,855,519	- 3-3	+ 30.07
Call loans elsewhere	. 101,443,902	127,934,880	120,374,681	- 5.9	+ 18.6
Circulation	67,348,359	73,378,676	74,686,443	+ 1.7	+ 10.8
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One may draw several significant inferences from the Banks statement. The outstanding features are withdrawals and credit curtailment. This would February Banks statement. deposits, indicate not only business expansion but investment buying. Had only legitimate trade, commercial and manufacturing the loan account of our twenty-eight lines been extended, chartered banks would probably have looked different during last month. Possibly the investment phase has influenced marked extension credit and, in turn, real estate activity may partly account for the check which bankers have evidently placed upon the situation. This refers more particularly to Canada. Abroad the changes are drastic. Withdrawals from foreign agencies of Canadian banks amounted, during February, to marly to million dollars, while call loans out of Canada exhibit a decline of 7 million dollars or 5.9 per cent. The only exception abroad is current loans, which gained 5 millions, or 11.9 during the month.

Loans	-													Feb. '07.
Current	n Canada			 										\$562,678,044
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February 602;454.530 61,855,519 Current domestic loans exhibit a gain in the year of 18.7 per cent. They showed an increase every month, with the exception of last January, when they declined 2 million dollars, while last month they increased 8 million dollars, bringing credit up to its highest point in thirteen months. De spite this fact, some had anticipated a larger growth in this item during February. Call loans have experienced almost a satisfactory gain, changing from 47 millions last year to 61 millions in February, 1910, with very few declines.

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Withdrawal of Deposits

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The Canadian situation shows a total withdrawal of de posits amounting to approximately 3 million dollars. percentage decreases in deposits on demand and after notice being 0.7 and 0.1 respectively.

Credit extension at home is seen in current loans, which show a gain of 12 million dollars, or 1.9 per cent. This seems about commensurate with the period of commerical activity now being enjoyed. Despite these changes, the February statement shows large increases in every important item, when compared with the figures of the previous year. These gains range from 30 per cent. in the case of Canadian call loans to to per cent. in circulation,

Deposits Have Cained During Year

The following table shows the course of deposits for the past thirteen months :

	• ~		On demand.	After notice.
	February		192,968,536	441.390.540
	March		200,843,084	445,626,884
	April		207,039,031	450,450,722
4	May		216,016,204	453,599,117
	June		226,480,468	445,178,476
~	July		222,555,749	466,337,816
-	August		228,397,679	472,591,818
	September		239,967,052	474,103,790
	October .		250,968,487	480,837,606
	November		264,285,803	493,253,823
	December		261.268,387	499,082,024
	1910—Jani	ary	238,423.785	508,207,804
	February		236,697,987	507.307.733

Deposits on demand were lower in February than in any month since august. Deposits after notice have a better re-cord being higher last month than at any period, with the exception of anuary, during the thirteen months under re-These latter deposits are generally regarded as the p cople's savings and if this is actually so, the statement is gratifying.

Course of Current Loans

The figures below illustrate that the banks have gradually extended gredit to their clients during the past year

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	1909Feb	ruary	507,349,748	47,555,140
	March		520,109,936	48,911,736
	April		524,168,988	50,213,950
*	May		528,313,141	49,771,929
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	July	*****	539,21,041	54,603,054
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-	and the second s	On Demand	After Notice	Total
e	1906	149,621,785	373,693,731	523,315,516
e	1907	168,482,383	406,307,052	574,789,435
	1908	140,005,192	396,710,995	537,706,187
h	1909	192,968,536	441,390,540	634,359,076
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Credit has been extended considerably, both at home and abroad. Current loans in Canada in four years have ex-panded by 40 millions and call loans by 6 millions. Loans out of the country have grown in the case of current by \$ millions, while call loans have more than doubled. Deposits have perhaps made the best record. the total in Canada having changed from 523 to 744 millions, a gain of 221 millions or 42 per cent.

ZWICKER & COMPANY TO REMAIN.

Some weeks ago, details of an amalgamation of Nova Scotia fish companies were given in these columns. It was stated that Messrs. Zwicker & Company, of Lunenburg, would enter the combine. The whole article was based upon information from what has hitherto invariably proved to be a reliable course, but an error was made in stating that Messrs. Zwicker were interested in this merger. This fact was briefly corrected in our issue of March 12th. The firm in question was established in 1789, since when it has been continuously in business. The business will be continued under the same name and style indefinitely. Although not Although not connected with the merger, Messrs. Zwicker & Company have every reason to believe that their prosperity and substantial financial position will continue and be maintained. The error was aunoying and we are glad to correct it.

Mr. Justice Osler, who recently announced his resigna-tion from the Court of Appeals, has been appointed President ent of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, succeeding Mr. John Hoskin, K.C., who resigned in February.

On Tuesday at Toronto Magistrate Kingsford committed Athol George Robertson, Joseph W. Gurofsky and Milton Worth de Lhorbe on a joint charge of conspiracy arising out of the promoting of The Canadian Eatables, Limited. Dr. W. C. Harriman stated that his name had been printed on the prospectus as vice-president and director without his per Some interesting evidence was given as to alleged mission. false statements in the prospectus.



NEW TRADE RECORD

For Canada-Eleven Months' Figures Show Twenty Per Cent. Increase-German Enterprise a Lesson to America and Britain.

The total trade of Canada for February was \$46,291,201, an increase of \$8,202,374 over February of last year. For the eleven months of the fiscal year the total trade has been \$610,577,981, an incrase of \$104,113,307 or over 20 per cent. as compared with the corresponding eleven months of the last fiscal year, and constituting a new record for Canadian trade. The imports for the month totalled \$30,341,462, an increase of \$7,152,794. For the eleven months the imports totalled 332,391,669, an increase of \$68,131,239. The exports of domestic products for February totalled \$15,337,043, an increase of a little over \$1,000,000. The exports of domestic products for the eleven months totalled \$257,012,262, an inrease of \$32,805,650. Of this latter increase about \$17,000,000 was in agricultural exports, about \$7,500,000 was in exports of the forest and about \$2,000,000 in exports of manufactures. Exports of foreign products for the eleven months totalled \$21,174,050, an increase of a little over \$3,000,000. The total customs revenue for the eleven months was \$53,781,333, an increase of \$11,389,085.

Cranting of Credit.

American manufacturers have already survived one scare with respect to the Canadian trade, a British contemporary points out. "It was feared when Canada granted a pre-ferential tariff to Great Britain that British trade with the Dominion would increase very rapidly and the Canadian demand for American merchandise show a corresponding shrinkage." For various reasons this expectation has not been fulfilled Canadians have continued to turn to America been fulfilled. Canadians have continued to turn to America to supply their needs and have continued to turn to America amount of American merchandise since the preferential tariff was put in force. It would appear that this is mainly due to the reluctance of British manufacturers to allow to their Canadian customers the same amount of credit that they are prepared to grant elsewhere.

Cermany Loses No Time."

Germany intends that the Canadian import market, a commercial morsel, shall not be obtained by any of its rivals without considerable struggle. No sooner was the announcement cabled to Berlin that the surtax had been removed, than an avalanche of mail including catalogues, price lists and samples, slid into vessels steering Canadaward. As a typical instance of enterprise, a number of those interested in Gerinstance of enterprise, a number of those interested in Ger-man-Canadian business relations have established in Berlin a "Canada House." The purpose of this, says a circular issued therefrom, is to provide a central information bureau concerning all things Canadian; to distribute literature— which will be translated here into German if desired—re-lating to the various provinces, cities and towns of Canada; to make known the agricultural, industrial and other conto make known the agricultural, industrial and other con-ditions and to call attenion to the business opportunities offered and to the enterprises established or in contemplation; to furnish moreover a medium for trade inquiries be-tween the two countries. Statistical and other information relative to the German market for Canadian products will be prepared from time to time and sent out. Many of the Canadian official publications, as well as trade journals, will be kept-for purposes of general reference, and visiting Canadians are invited to make use of the facilities offered. It will be a Canadian publicity bureau in the widest sense of the word, and will assist in establishing business connections and in promoting commercial intercourse between Canada and Germany.

Canadian Exhibition in Berlin.

A permanent exhibition, on a small scale, of the principal Canadian products, with a display of photographs and other views, forms part of the plan. Unmistakable evidences are forthcoming that Germany will make a bold bid for a large share of Canada's import trade and it will probably be willing to make sacrifices in order to finally compensate for lost busi-ness during the period when the surfay was mension and to ness during the period when the surtax was operative and to obtain a strong foothold in this market, with the future in v.ew. Both the United States and Great Britain have good reason to look to their commercial laurels in the Canadian market. Germany not only gathers data, it knows how to distribute information with good effect.

TORONTO'S BUSINESS PARLIAMENT

Will Double Their Membership to Handle the City's Present and Future Problems.

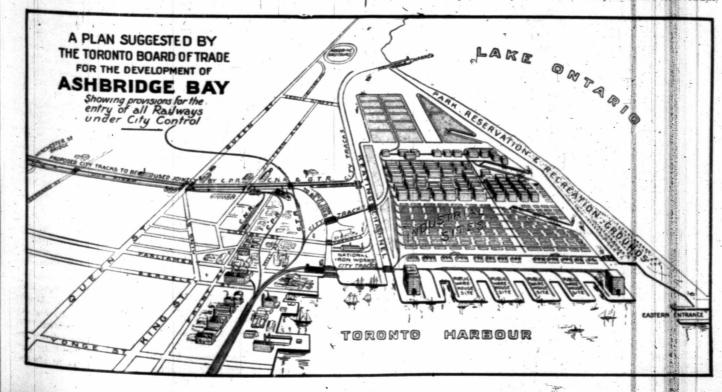
The Toronto Board of Trade have two immediate objects in view—the government of the Queen City's waterfront by a capable harbor commission and the increase of the board's membership to the number of 2,500. Reference has already been made in these columns to the unanimous opinion of four hundred Toronto business men, voiced at a special meeting, that the harbor board is an imperative necessity. The am-bition to increase the membership of the Queen City's busi-ness parliament will be supported by all those who have at heart the interests of the progressive municipality.

Suggested Development Scheme.

The Board of Trade have drafted a scheme, shown in the accompanying illustration, for the development of Ash-bridge Bay, a property which in almost any other city of similar size and importance on this continent would have been turned into a commercial asset instead of remaining practi-cally a waste land. Montreal has pursued a policy of harbor development which has attracted attention throughout North America. The harbor commissioners there are fully activities development which has attracted attention throughout North America. The harbor commissioners there are fully entitled to the six million dollars loan which has just been granted by the Dominion government for still further improvements of the waterfront. The result of these events is the paving of a channel for the diversion of trade from ports which have shown less enterprise. Toronto can well afford to discuss without delay a harbor improvement plan and the establishment of a commission for the government of its water front.

Must Have Larger Membership.

The campaign inaugurated for a larger membership will, if successful, as it should be, prove of considerable assistance in undertaking important reforms and developments with a view to making Toronto one of the finest cities, commercially and artistically, on this continent. Every business man should recognize the value of membership of such an active board of trade. It helps the city and the country and the individual.



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BRITISH COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMMISSION

Sits in Victoria and Vancouver-Too Much Commission and Too Little Inspection-Rates Compared.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, March 20.

Vancouver, March 20. Mr. Christopher Spencer, who has been on the witness stand previously, was recalled and briefly stated that in their Vancouver store they were forced by the board of fire under-writers to spend \$4,000 on fire equipment without gaining the reduction of a cent. in their rates. The witness of the day was Mr. J. Y. Ormsby,, member of the insurance and brokerage firm of Messrs. Burnett, Ormsby & Clapp, of Toronto, Montreal, and Winnipeg. He was called by Mr. Shallcross. Mr. Orsmby gave evidence as to his practice in fixing rates, and said his firm often made rates at its own discretion. subject to inspection, not being rates at its own discretion, subject to inspection, not being bound by the schedule. His firm had cut loose from the board because it did not believe in the board's methods, and it was for this reason that his firm did not join what is called the All-Canadian Federation, formed to watch legislation at Ottawa. Asked by Mr. Shallcross, Mr. Ormsby gave ex-amples of big risks that were placed entirely in the hands of his firm. His firm did considerable business with board companies, and his own companies were licensed, but he sub-mitted there were certain other risks that could not be covered without going outside. Asked about eixsting rates, Mr. Ormsby said that the practice of doing business through agents was carried to the point of an abuse. Mr. Ormsby placed the causes for the endless trouble met with now in fire insurance as too much commission and too little inspection. He had himself tried to have the commission rate to agents cut to i o per cent. in order that about half the agents of the country might be cut out, and that the business might go to agents who would attend to it intelligently and seriously.

Could Not Figure Rates.

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To Mr. Shallcross, Mr. Ormsby gave illustration of the method of expert rating, mentioning several instances where the board rating of deficiencies differed materially from his rating. He also gave features of the imposition of penalties on mill construction.

As to mill rating, witness said he was fairly conversant with schedules throughout the country, and yet he could not figure out how the rates of British Columbia were arrived at. Moreover, he had found many instances where mill owners had gone to expense at the suggestion of underwriters with-out making their equipment one bit better.

Asked whether or not he thought that Victoria possessed a big hazard last year , he said that he certainly did, but that he considered a flat increase of 30 per cent. excessive. Referring to boards, witness said that he was a strong

believer in boards and did not think that insurance business could be carried on without a board. He did not think that any board should be allowed to fix an arbitrary rate. It might fix an advisory rate. Speaking of the abuses in the Ontario Act, witness said that the clause requiring a man to take out a permit to place insurance outside had driven practically all the Canadian lake marine insurance into the United States.

Difference of Sixty Per Cent?

As to the difference in rates, he said that it would be possible to build ident cally the same factory and carry on the same process in each in five different provinces and find a difference of from 30 per cent. to 60 per cent. in board rating.

Mr. Bodwell questioned the statement and said Mr. Ormsby could not prove it.

"Very well," said Mr. Ormsby, "if you challenge me I will just take you up, I will take the schedule in each pro-vince and figure the thing out."

There was some discussion as to the interpretation of of certain clauses of the proposed bill of the underwriters between Mr. Bodwell and the chairman.

On the question of the appointment of a good fire marshal in British Columbia, witness was of the opinion that nothing better could be done.

In the matter of arbiters of rates, witness could not see that it would not be practicable to have any. Even if the government did fix a certain rate in a certain instance lower than the rate the companies asked, the government could not forrce the companies to accept it.

Caused a Small Sensation.

Witness was of the opinion that if the government would require a higher efficiency among men doing insurance work it would do more good for the general public than anything else.

To Mr. Shallcross, witness said that Lloyds should not be required to put up a deposit in British Columbia because Lloyds was a group of units and each writer would have to be asked to deposit. He would not consider it suspicious if brokers formed a company to use as a leader in Lloyds. Witness mentioned the name of two companies this agent

had used in the East.

At this point, Mr. Bodwell created a small sensation by stating that two companies of these names were now doing business in Prince Rupert.

In illustrating the working of the indemnity exchanges, witness pointed out that in some cases this was good reliable insurance. He gave one instance where he had discovered that the late Mr. Timothy Eaton, of Toronto, once stood in danger of being imprisoned for violating the Canadian law because his name was placed on a Canadian policy as an underwriter.

At the opening of the sitting at Vancouver, B.C., on the 14th, Messrs, L. G. McPhillips, K.C., and D. G. Macdonell, counsel representing interests who place insurance with outside companies, stated that they were satisfied with things as they were and since it was the insurance companies who were asking for a change, they were the plaintiff and should state their case. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K.C., representing the Board of Underwriters, replied that the idea seemed to prevail that this hearing was a fight instead of a simple receiving of evidence by a Commission, and there was no case to state. An adjournment was made for a day, so that counsel could look over the evidence which had been taken in Victoria last week.

Could Not Collect Taxes.

Mr. Bodwell stated that they had decided to withdraw section 46 of the proposed Insurance Act, which proposed to penalize anyone doing business with outside companies, and in its stead to ask the government to impose on the person insuring with outside companies a tax of an indefinite amount, but equal to that paid by the licensed companies; the reason for this being that the government could not collect the taxes from companies not licensed in the Province of British Columbia of British Columbia.

Mr. Bodwell submitted the following schedule of the requests of the insurance companies :--

1. All the "clauses of the Act relating to the license, deposit by the companies, the administration of securities, annual statement, cancellation of license and other sections relating to details, be retained.

2. That the clause relating to the inspection of insurance companies be retained.

3. That the Act should also provide for an official investigation of fire losses by an officer to be appointed by the government.

In Unlicensed Companies.

4. That insurers in British Columbia be permitted to insure freely in unlicensed companies. 5. That all unlicensed companies be prohibited from ap-

pointing representatives in British Columbia, and soliciting directly or indirectly for business in the province. 6. That insurers gives returns to the government as to

the amount of insurance carried by them in unlicensed com-panies, and that such insurers shall be liable for a percentage tax to be fixed by the government on the premium of all such insurance

7. That there should be no provision for the appointment of licensed brokers

That municipal taxation on insurance companies be 8 abolished.

Section 46 of the proposed Bill was then read by Mr. Bodwell as follows :--- "Except as in hereinafter mentioned, it shall be deemed an offence against the Act for any person, firm or corporation to insure or cause to be insured any property whatever, real or personal, interim receipt or insuring document, as situate in any part of the province, against fire loss in any company not licensed or registered under the provisions of this Act." under the provisions of this Act.

A provision was added to this which stated that an exception might be made in favor of the person who could not obtain satisfactoy insurance in the province. Such a person obtain sat.sfactoy insurance in the province. might, on securing a permit from the minister in charge, with an unlicensed company.

Mr. Bodwell remarked that the proviso would probably prove unworkable, for while it was unlikely that satisfactory insurance could not be obtained in the province, the objection might be made that satisfactory with the set of the objection might be made that satisfactory rates could not be obtained.

Sprinkler Plant Installed.

Mr. A. W. Ross, secretary of the Mainland Board of Fire Underwriters, stated the Board inspected all the principal risks in cities on the mainland, for the purpose of getting a rating. There was an arrangement with the Board of Underwriters of San Francisco that its sprinkling engineer could be used. He decided what property should have sprinkling equipment. There were also surveyors who inspected risks equipment. There were also surveyors who inspected risks and sent in reports. Before insurance was written, a survey was made, and the rate was struck according to the report. Witness said the Board was only too glad at any time to suggest improvements that would diminish the risk of fire. A smaller risk was professioned to be a suggest of the risk of fire. smaller risk was preferred to charging a higher rate. E. J. Palmer, in his evidence at Victoria, had stated that no in-spection had been made of the Victoria Lumber and Manu-facturing Company at Chemainus, but in June 1906 witness in his official capacity had inspected the plant and made a report. This inspection was made in the ordinary course of E. J. This inspection was made in the ordinary course of report.

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duty and not because of any particular application. He had suggested improvements for protection which would make the rate more favorable. Mr. Wheeler, the sprinkling engineer from San Francisco, had recommended that a sprinkling plant be installed, and that had been done. The insurance companies went to great pains in securing information as to insurance, and outside companies operating in British Coinsurance, and outside companies operating in British Co-lumbia made use of that information, which had been secured at great expense.

lumbia made use of that information, which had been secured at great expense. It was ascertained by the chairman that the main objec-tion to the Bill was the proposal to tax persons insuring out-side. On this point, cross-examination of Mr. Ross was proceeded with by Mr. McPhillips, who tried hard to get a definite statement from the witness as to the effect of the proposed tax, or its purpose. Witness said it was a special tax, but would not go so far as to say that it would compel the placing of insurance with local companies. He stated the Board simply held that outside companies ought to be given no undue advantage over companies licensed and oper-ating in British Columbia. Mr. Bodwell pointed out that every man engaged in the insurance business had to pay a tax on his personal income, and if his company did \$100,000 worth of business they would have to pay on that also. The intention of the Assessment Act, he held, was to place a tax of 1 per cent. on all insurance carried on in British Columbia. He asked the witness whether a company, having insured a certain amount and then re-

a company, having insured a certain amount and then re-insuring for their protection, deprived the province of any revenue

Quoted Some Rates.

The reply was that the Board did not know anything about re-insurance, and witness added that if the outside company paid the tax on the business done in the province, the province could not lose anything.

vince could not lose anything. R. H. Alexander, manager of the Hastings Mill of the British Columbia Timber and Trading Company, stated that the company had formerly insured locally, but for the past three or four years had gone outside. In 1002 they were-paying an average rate of \$3.87. Mr. Gilbert. who had come to Vancouver about that time, made an inspection and the rate went up to \$6.40. If the company installed a sprinkler, which it had since the company insured in stock companies for 2.39. It could insure in Lloyds at 2.03. Owing to the difference, the local companies would insure the property and re-insure in Lloyds companies would insure the property and re-insure in Lloyds, leaving a good margin.

Mr. Bodwell argued that if an insurer insured with the local Board company he paid the 1 per cent. premium tax, but if he insured with an outside company he would pay nothing. He asked if that was fair to the province?

Witness stated that his company paid a tax on its own business, and he did not see why it should have to pay on insurance also. The local insurance companies were now trying to compel them to insure in their companies only. Want Fair All-Round Rate.

The chairman pointed out that I per cent. on Mr. Alex-ander's premium of \$2,000 would be only \$20, and he asked if that would really be any protection? Mr. Bodwell said they were not aiming at protection, but simply to get a fair rate all round. The opinion was expressed by the chairman that the

The opinion was expressed by the chairman that the insurance men should specify some tax on this outside insurance, and Mr. Bodwell replied that they did not wish to suggest anything as to the gest anything as to the government's revenues, but they did think that the tax should be imposed so that all companies

would be placed on an even footing. The chairman asked if the proposed tax would affect Canadian companies operating in British Columbia with a provincial license?

Mr. Bodwell said they could operate but they would have to pay the tax, unless they had a Dominion license.

The chairman asked if a tax on the insurer's premium would not be fair to local companies which were paying the taxes. It did not seem to him that a tax of 1 per cent. on the taxes.

memium could do any great harm. Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, who appeared with Mr. D. G. Macdonell on behalf of the lumbermen and others, submitted the following statement from the point of view of the

t. Other things being equal, it is to the advantage of the insurer to insure with a registered company.

2. He does not insure outside to save the 1 per cent., but because he is driven out by the excessive rates of the local companies, not an excess of 1 per cent., but of from 35 to 100 per cent One Per Cent. Tax Useless.

3. This excess is not brought about by hardship imposed by legislation on local companies. It is due to the large commissions paid to the management of the companies, to the combination they enjoy, and to improper classification of risks.

4. Therefore it is a case of the insurer being driven out-side by the fault of the local company.

5. On being so driven out and compelled to effect his insurance elsewhere, he secures the rates he should be able to secure at home, but at the same time loses the benefits of the British Columbia laws. That is to say not only is the unlicensed company unable to enjoy the benefits of our laws for collecting its premiums, but the insurer going outside loses the benefit of our laws as to means of collecting losses and as to provisions in account to torms of collecting losses

and as to provisions in regard to terms of policies. 6. This being so, not being his fault, but that of the local combine, it does not lie in their mouths to insist on his being taxed under the plea of equality, equity and fair play. 7. The proper solution is not to tax the premium payer for going outside, but to make it possible for him to star at

for going outside, but to make it possible for him to stay at home.

Nome.⁶ Mr. Farris contended there were two phases of the question of a 1 per cent. tax. First, the difference between the local tax of 1 per cent. on gross income of insurance companies as compared with the fact that outside companies were exempt, was more than balanced by the advantage the local companies received in operating in this province. It was a mistake to suppose that a tax of 1 per cent. In outside insurers would compel them to stay at home. They were, in fact, quite willing to insure locally if they could secure favor-able rates. able rates.

able rates. Mr. A. Houston, secretary-treasurer of the wholesale hardware firm of Messrs. McLennan, McFeely & Company, stated that after his firm had put in a sprinkler system the local companies had reduced the rate but not in a sufficient degree to compare with that of outside companies. They carried between \$200,000 and \$300,000 insurance. They found that others in business were insuring with outside companies at the low rates, and to protect themselves they had to do the same. same.

Depend on Honour of Company.

Depend on Honour of Company. Witness said they went outside to get the lower rates. He admitted that in the mutual companies they were practi-cally in the insurance companies themselves, but they had statistics for fifteen years to how how the companies had been conducted and they were satisfied. They did business directly with Mr. Waters, who sent around inspectors about three times a year. They had never tried to bortow money with their policies as a collateral security and did not know how they would be received. If a fire took place, they had their policy given by the New York companies. "In other words," Mr. Bodwell remarked, " you have to depend on the honour of the company to pay a risk that you cannot collect by law. So to save 15 cents on your insurance, you take your business out of Vancouver, where you make your money, and place it with people, who, if they wished, need not pay you in case of loss?"

Witness said that the statistics showed that all losses had been paid during the past fifteen years.

W. H. Barker, general manager of the British Columbia Packers' Association, said they carried from one million to two million dollars insurance on their business each year. He stated that their risks were small on account of the dampness of the canneries and the abundance of water. They had paid in premiums since 1902 \$200,000, and their losses had not been \$350, so their business was much sought after by the insurance companies. They had been getting rebates on quite a large scale on their insurance until 1907, when the Board of Underwriters met and decided to cut out all commissions.

As to Oregon Companies.

Replying to Mr. Bodwell, witness stated that the last rebate they had got from the Board of Underwriters was 171/2 per cent.

Replying to the chairman, witness said that he knew insurance men were being driven out of Oregon before the \$50,000 deposit law was repealed. To Mr. Bodwelk, he stated that he was not aware that any company in Oregon had to have a deposit of \$200,000 in some State of the Umon.

Mr. F. L. Leighton, general manager of the Vancouver Engineering Works, said the rate they got from Lloyds was 1.54, as against 2.406 from the Board of Underwriters. At the same time conditions being equal, they would prefer to insure with local companies.

Mr. E. H. Heaps, head of the lumber manufacturing firm of Messrs. E. H. Heaps & Company, reviewed the insurance question, stating that the main effort of the Hoard companies was to increase rates and eliminate competition. He recited the experience of the City Council and went on to state reasons why insurers had been driven to deal with outside companies when he was interrupted by Mr. Bodwell, who objected that Mr. Heaps was making statements without pro-ducing facts. ducing facts.

How Company Cut Board Rates.

Replying to the chairman, Mr. Heaps said that a govern-ment inspector might be all right so far as local companies were concerned, but the big companies in England could not be examined.

He declared that his main objection to the proposed Bill was that it was against public interest and was "drawn up by an illegal and oppressive combine," and suggested that no insurance company be allowed to start business in British Columb a with less than \$250,000 subscribed capital and 10

per cent .of it paid up. To prevent the formation of oneman companies, the capital should be divided among not less than 100 shareholders.

He produced a statement to show that the Columbia Insurance Company, during its first seven months' business in

Vancouver, had taken \$610,000 worth of risks, the amount paid in premiums was \$15,000 and the losses were \$632. Mr. Bodwell, in cross-examination, asked how could this company have paid all its losses, if they had occurred, when the capital was only \$250,000? Asked on what basis Mr. Heaps' company cut the Board

rates 15 per cent., witness said that they spread their risks, so that it was impossible for them to lose more than \$50,000 so that they would only insure about \$2,000 in any one block, in any one year.

-CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS.

London Authority Attempts to Define Basic Principles in Order to Judge Security-Canada in the "Gilt-edged" Class,

The formulation of the basic principles of a system of classifying investments, so as to indicate all the grades of security which he between the "gilt-edged" stock and the absolutely hazardous speculation, is the task Mr. E. T. Powell, L.L.B., B. Sc., recently set out to accomplish. To lay down definite principles along these lines is an unusually interesting experiment and should prove of value both to financial houses and investors. Mr. Powell, who lectured on the subject this month at the London School of Economics and Political Science, thinks it should be possible to define such a classification that the critic of investments who possesses the ordinary intellectual equipment of an educated man will not go astray. It is gratifying to note that he places Canadian Government bonds in the "gilt edged" class. The London Financial News prints the lecture in detail.

Six Classes of Securities

A serviceable classification of securities cannot be made unless we have at least six classes. By taking that number we can make a system of classification/which is at once easily intelligible and perfectly natural. It will exhibit the various humanly speaking—absolute security of Consols, much in-the same manner as we used to be shown the Latin cases re-presented as lines falling away at increasing angles from the perpendicular which stood for the nominative case. Secur-ities, then, will fall into six classes :--

	Class, Example.	
1.	"Gilt-edged" Consols: Canadian and Aus-	1
	tralian Govt. Bonds.	1
2.	Excellent British Corporation Stocks (of	
	towns with a population above	
	50,000).	
3.	Good London and North-Western De-	h

bentures. 4. Industrially for moder-

6. HazardousEnterprises carrying on busi-

ness in unsettled countries

Into one or other of these classes we could place every security quoted in the "Official List" or known to the market-unless the security be so worthless that it cannot rank even as "hazardous." The question is how the allocation of security to class is to be conducted by investigators who have no expert market knowledge. That process can be carried out by the observation of a few critical principles. which will apply, in the majority of cases, with an almost mathematical accuracy. Let us embody those principles in rules, and see what results they will yield to us.

Intrinsic and Extrinsic Factors

Rule 1.-Analyse the proposed investment for the purpose of separating its intrinsic factors from the extrinsic; and examine the former as to (1) the locus, and (2) the species

By the intrinsic factors I mean those which, in the lan-guage of logic, we should describe as "properties." They are inseparable, under all normal circumstances, from e investment, so that the scrutiny as to their locus and their species will in a great majority of cases determine the in-vestment to its class without the necessity of proceeding to the extrinsic factors at all. By "locus" I mean the place where the investment has its origin; or, if it be the stock of a private enterprise (as distinct from that of a national or other public authority), then the "locus" is the place where the company's property lies, and where it carries on its busi ness operations. Thus, the "locus" of Consols is Great Bri-tain, and that of New South Wales stock is the British Colony of Australia. of Australia. The fact that the New South Wates stock was issued through a London bank is a mere administrative in-

cident, and does not affect the determination of the "locus." It is otherwise with the San Paulo Railway, which is an English company, of English registration, under London management, owning and working a railway in Brazil. The "locus" here is double but the dominant "locus" is Brazil-The ian, since property and operations are in Brazil. Very dif-ferent is the case with the bonds of the Armavir-Touapsé Railway, where the "locus" is wholly Russian, since both the railway and the management are within the dominions of the Tsar, and the bondholders are merely creditors.

Mining is a Risky Business

By "species" I mean the sort, or class, to which the se-curity belongs, as determined (a) in the case of a public security, by the status of the issuing authority, and (b) in the case of a private enterprise, by the nature of the business which it carries on, or is intended to initiate. That is to say, the "species" of Consols is a national Government security, and as we have already determined the "locus" to be British, we have, in the intrinsic factors, ample material to justify us in placing Consols in Class 1, without any scrutiny of the extrinsic elements. Canadian Pacific shares belong to the "species" railways, and the "locus" is a British colony. But it does not follow of necessity that a British colonial reil av is a good investment, and we shall therefore have to inspect the extrinsic factors in this case before we can de-termine the security to its class. Once again, a Venezuelan mining company will have an unquiet Republic for its "loand mining (a risky business) for its "species." It cus." cannot, obviously, rank above Class 5, and, in fact (as we shall see), would not attain so high a distinction as that.

The investigator who sets out to determine and consider the "locus" will see, upon careful reflection, that political and social conditions of all the nations or Powers (for the terms are not synonymous) of the world will fall into four well-defined orders :-

Principles of "Locus"

(1) Those nations (or those component parts of nations) where a racial instinct of order and the existence of a strong central and constitutional authority place any prolonged and serious political and social upheaval outside the range of any but the most remote possibility. Such are Great Britain (including the great self-governing colonies) and Egypt, the United States and Japan, the great European Powers (except Russia), and the more stable of the smaller European nations, such as Holland, Belgium, Norway, and Switzerland (but not Turkey, Portugal or Greece) Spain stands on the border line between settlement and unrest, and the next ten years will be required to decide her place in this classification. With the exception of the British self-governing colonies, the United States. and Japan, no extra-European nation or Power falls into this order. But if Mexico demonstrates her capacity to maintain order and progress when the strong guiding hnd of Porfirio Diaz is at last removed she will make good her title to enter the first rank, and the next to attain it (provided they keep their present claims untarnished and make further constitutional advance) will be the Republics of Argentina, Chili, and Brazil.

As to Unassailable Administrative Power

(2) Those nations which possess a strong central administrative power, but have not reached the stage of an In such unassailably-established constitutional government. instances there is not necessarily such a general recognition of the necessity of the maintenance of public order as prevails in the nations (or Powers) of Order 1. The result is that the movement forwards and the ultimate establishment of a greater or less degree of constitutional freedom are likely te be attended with political and social disturbances of uncertain scope and vehemence, and these introduce the element of instability, and profoundly modify the prima facie aspects of investments which have rich nations for their Russia is a characteristic example of this order; and locus. for the present Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, and Chili must be allocated to it. These four nations are, however, serving the final years of their political apprenticeship, and should shortly be able to satisfy a critical world that the last traces of the virus of armed revolution have been eradicated from their systems. When that time comes they will be entitled their systems. When that time to a position in the first order.

Some Irresponsible Republics

(3) Nations which are as yet almost inchoate from the point of view of aspiration for, much less the realization of, real constitutional liberty and responsibility. Such are China Turkey, and Portugal, as well as the almost irresponsible "Republics" of Central and South America-Honduras. Boli-via. Venezuela, and Paraguay. Uruguay, owing to her proximity to the sobering influences of Argentina and Brazil, ranks (on preliminary examination) in the second class, as

 (4) Peoples wholly unorganized, politically unborn. like
 the Esquimaux, the Papuans, and the aborigines of Australia. In illustration of these principles I give the locus of all the national and provincial Governments which are known

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Bond Investment List

We shall be pleased to forward upon request a copy of our new list of Canadian Government and Municipal Bonds.

The offerings presented are only selected after a careful investigation as to merit and legality so that the investor is assured of the maxium of security as well as an

Attractive Interest Return

Wood, Gundy & Company

Toronto

ers to the Stock Exchange. In only two or three cases, I believe, can there be any serious difference of opinion on the subject of the respective loci :--

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So far of the locus, the place of the investment. Similar principles of analysis applied to a consideration of the differ Similar principles of analysis applied to a consideration of the differ-ent character of investments will give us five distinct species A critical examination will yield us a principle of classifica-tion which is adequate, sound, and exhaustive, in spite of the infinite variety, which appears at first sight to charac-terize the multitudinous subjects of the process. **Principles of "Species"**

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First species.-The securities of, or the securities un-conditionally and perpetually guaranteed by, national governments.

second species.—The securities of, or the securities un-conditionally and perpetually guaranteed (a) by subordinate governments (such as those of provinces or States); or (b) by a municipal or other public administrative authority (e.g., a port authority) where the province, State, or town has a population exceeding 50,000. Third species.—The securities of, or the securities un-

conditionally and perpetually guaranteed (a) by subordinate governments (such as those of provinces or States); or (b) by a municipal or other public administrative authority (e.g., a port authority) where the province, State, or town has a population between 20,000 and 50,000. Fourth species: (a) The securities of, or -e securities

Eourth species: (a) The securities of, or <u>e</u> securities unconditionally and perpetually guaranteed by the munici-pal or other public administrative authority (e.g., a port au-thority) of, towns having a population of less than 20,000 (b) all financial, industrial, and commercial enterprises, ex cept mines.

Fifth species: Mining companies of all kinds,

If Oblivious of Credit

Clearly, however, there is a difference in standard be tween the securities of subordinate public authorities within the jurisdiction of powerful Governments like the British or the American, and those of provinces or municipalities which the American, and those of provinces or municipalities which form parts of national communities where the locus is of the second, third, or fourth order. A British county or a Can-adian province is so far under the control of the central au-thority that it would be sharply "brought into line" if it were to become oblivious of its credit. But, in the more-loosely strung communities of the second class the power of the central government is by no means so predominant. Cord-oba and Rosario inflicted infinite damage upon Argentine credit, in practical defiance of the Federal Government. Hence the necssity for Rule 2. (To be Concluded.)

"The Dominion Bank, Napanee, beg to submit the fol-*Under Rule 4. †This locus will not apply in the case of loans guaranteed by the Powers. In those cases the locus is 1, under rule 3.

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RAILROADS AND STEAMSHIPS.

British Capital Interested in Hudson Bay Project—Will Canadian Northern Enter Shipping Combine?

From Edmonton to Prince Albert and from there to The Pas, on to Fort Churchill and through Athabasca is the projected route of the Hudson Bay and Pacific Railway as proposed by Dr. Reid, of London, England, who is at present in Western Canada. His chief engineer is Mr. Atwood, of the same city, while Mr. A. J. Taylor, a New York contractor, is also interested. A flying survey has been made, but survey parties will be organized when the engineer arrives. The Athabasca territory will be opened, the estimated distance to be covered by the new road being 1,800 miles. The anticipated cost is \$25,000 per mile. The construction will be commenced from Prince Albert, Edmonton, The Pas and Fort Churchill.

Regina Grants Street Railway Franchise.

A street railway franchise has been granted by the city of Regina, Sask, to Mr. J. W. de C. O'Grady, Mr. J. A. Anderson and Mr. J. Geddes, all of Winnipeg. The contract provides that seven miles of track shall be laid by December 1st, 1910, and be put in operation by May 1st, 1911. The company will pay city, starting with a percentage of its gross receipts to the 5 per tent. per annum when the receipts amount to \$8,000 per mile of track. Mr. O'Grady was formerly general manager of the Northern Crown Bank at Winnipeg, and is also interested in a new hotel enterprise in that city.

city. The Grand Trunk has promised that if its charter to build into Providence is granted it will develop Providence into a trans-Atlantic shipping port, "because further ports are needed to take care of the vast amount of grain that will come out of the new country being opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific." This statement caused some apprehension here that Canadian interests would be sacrificed for those of Providence. Mr E. H. Fitzhugh states that the Grand Trunk has no desire to contravene its agreement with the Canadian Government in tegard to the shipment of Canadian goods through Canadaan ports.

Ocean Freight Rates.

Shipping and commercial interests are now wondering whether the Canadian Northern Steamship Company will make application to enter the Canadian North Atlantic Westbound Freight Conference. The recent increase in ocean freight rates announced by the Conference makes the advent of the new steamship service on the St. Lawrence route of unusual interest. The Thomson Line boats are believed to be outside the Conference, and Mr. D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, is credited with the state ment that the sames of that company will not enter the combination. If this is so, both the Thomson and the Mackenzie-Mann lines will lack no demand for space on their ships.

COMPANY PROMOTION IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The tendency particularly noticeable in Nova Scotia during the last few years is to carry on business as joint stock companies rather than individually or as co-partners. The Nova Scotia's Companies Act affords an expeditious and comparatively simple and inexpensive method for obtaining that object. The Act is in the main, practically the same as the Imperial Companies' Act which, with some few amendments, has been in force since the year 1862, and most of its provisions of doubtful meaning have been interpreted and settled by a number of judicial decisions in Great Britain. The

Provincial Secretary, Hon. J. K. Flemming, thinks it is undesirable to amend this Act in any particular, except for good and apparent reasons, unless it is along the lines of amendments to the Imperial Act; moreover, such a policy would be in accord with the resolution adopted several years ago by the Colonial Conference "that it is desirable, so far as circumstances permit, to secure greater uniformity in the Company Laws of the Empire." With that end in view, the Imperial Parliament, on the 21st October, rgo8, passed the Companies' (Consolidation) Act, 1908, which consolidated the existing statute law relating to companies in the United Kingdom. The following statement shows the number of companies incorporated under the Nova Scotia Companies' Act since its adoption, namely:—

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Many inquiries were received by the Provincial Secretary during the past year for information respecting companies carrying on business in Nova Scotia. In many of these cases the desired information could not have been obtained without considerable difficulty, if at all, if the Act requiring the registration of such companies had not been passed, and experience has shown the usefulness of this enactment.

There was a slight increase in the number of companies registered last year over those registered the previous year, the number being 631 for the year ended 30th September, 1908, and 649 for the past year. This is the largest number registered in any year since the annual registration of companies was instituted in Nova Scotia. Each year there has been an increase. The Department exercises all possible vigilance, with the means at its disposal, in seeing that all companies which are required to register do so.

The charter of the Western Canada Coal Mining Company has been cancelled.

The Canada North-West Land Company will hold its annual meeing on Wednesday at Toronto.

The United Empire Bank has opened branches at Dunnville, Ont., Canfield, Ont., and Canboro', Ont.

The Bank of New Brunswick has opened a branch at Huntsford, N.S., under the management of Mr. F. G. Burr. Mr. W. R. Thompson, of the Imperial Bank, Prince Rupert, B.C., has been promoted to manager of the Craik, Sask., branch of the same bank.

Mr. J. R. McLaughlin, K.C., of the firm of McLaughlin, Johnson & Moorhead, Toronto, has been added to the directorate of the National Finance Company, of Vancouver. He is also vice-president of the Victoria Loan and Savings Company. of Lindsay, Ont.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce will open a branch in the city of Mexico. The rapidly increasing volume of trade between Mexico and the Pacific Coast States. British Columbia and Alberta, as well as between Mexico and New York and London, is the reason assigned for the opening of this branch. ne 44.

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COMPANY CAPITALIZATION

Is Not So Large in this Week's Incorporations-Many Financial and Commercial Concerns.

The largest companies this week from capitalization standpoint, are the Central Okanagan Lands, B.C., \$1,000,000; the Crossen Car Company, Cobourg, Ont., \$1,000,000; the Modern Railway Device Manufacturing Com-pany, Montreal, \$1,500,000, and the Manufacturers' National Gas Company, Hamilton, \$1,000,000. New financial companies include Dominion Finance Com-pany, and Metropolitan Trust Companies of British Co-lumbia; Eastern Securities Company of St. John, N.B.; City Securities Company and the Torrens Security Investments, Manitoba Investments, Winnipeg, and the Regina Brokerage and Investment Company. The Tai Hon Yet Bo Chinese Daily Newspaper Company is a British Columbia incorpora-tion. Many mining, navigation, timber and land corporations have also been formed. The tendency this week is towards more moderate capitalization. The head office of each company is situate in the

The head office of each company is situate in the town, city, or province mentioned at the beginning of each paragraph. The persons named are proof each paragraph. visional directors :---

Pense, Sask.—Coulee Rural Telephone Company. Davidson, Sask.—Pleasant View Farm Company. Saskatoon, Sask.—Saskatoon Hardware Company. Moosomin, Sask.—Elgin Rural Telephone Company. Prince Albert, Sask.—Manville Hardware Company. Broadview, Sask.—Saskatchewan Purchasing Company. Estevan, Sask.—Estevan Printing & Publishing Com-

pany Regina, Sask .- Regina Brokerage & Investment Company.

North Battleford, Sask .- Northern Saskatchewan Land Company.

St. Boniface, Man.-J. Henri Bonin Company, \$20,000; J. H. Bonin, J. H. Bonin, E. Aubin.

St. John, N.B.—Eastern Securities Company, \$100,000; G. V. Cousins, F. Brown, C. A. Hale.

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Kingston, Ont.—North American Smelting Company,
\$500,000; D. Murray, W. G. Craig, E. J. B. Pense.
Macdonald, Man.—McInnis Farms, \$50,000; E. E.
Sharpe, D. A. Stacpoole, L. J. Elliott, Winnipeg.
Outremont, Que. — Talbot-Allard Lumber Company,
\$300,000; W. Talbot, E. Talbot, J. Charbonneau.
Halleybury, Ont.—Bell & Rochester Hardware Company,
\$50,000; E. A. Wright, E. W. Kearney, W. C. Biehl.
Brantford, Ont.—John Mann Brick Company, \$75.000;
J. Mann, F. Mann, Brantford; G. T. Mann, London.
Portage la Prairie. Man.—A. Snyder & Company.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—A. Snyder & Company, \$150,000; J. A. Snyder, V. L. Snyder, J. W. Snyder Cobourg, Ont.—Crossen Car Company, \$1,000,000; A. Falconer, Westmount; M. A. Phelan, H. S. Williams, Mont-real

London, Ont.—Ontario & Ohio Navigation Company, \$150.000; A. McKay, Ingersoll; P. Pocoçk, F. G. Rumball, London.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Railwaymen's Building and Land Company. Moose Jaw-Granton Blue Bill Rural Telephone Company.

Hamilton, Ont. — Hamilton Realty Company, \$40,000; J. W. Lamoreaux, T. Fanning, A. E. Fanning. Manufac-turers' National Gas Company, \$1,000,000; J. Milne, W. Southam W. G. Walton Southam, W. G. Walton.

Ottawa, Ont.—Ottawa South Property Company, \$250,000; E. R. McNeill, A. Ewart, W. Forbes. The Empire, \$40,000; G. J. Farley, C. A. Staite, A. F. Darnell. Gas & Electric Appliances, \$50,000; H. H. Pitts, Miss M. F. Mac-Leod, Mrs. S. M. Pitts. Canadian Boving Company, Ltd., \$20,000; J. Orten-Boving, London, Eng.; A. W. Fraser, W. C. Perkins. Ottawa W. C. Perkins, Ottawa.

British Columbia.—American-Canadian Development Company, \$100,000; Ashcroft Copper Company, \$500,000; British Columbia Jewellery and Importing Company, \$10,000; Brad Oil Company, \$500,000; Central Okanagan Lands, \$1,000,000; Cowichan Leader Printing & Publishing Company, \$10,000; C. R. King Company, \$10,000; Dominion Finance Company, \$100,000; Fort George Land Company, \$00,000; Golden City Amusement Park, \$200,000; Harris Company, \$100,000; Howe Sound Timber Company, \$50,000; John R. Bowes Timber Company, \$10,000; Kelowna Irriga-tion Company, \$50,000; Mather, Yuill & Company, \$50,000; Metropolitan Trust Company, \$10,000; Mountain Con. Mining Company, \$100,000; Prince Rupert-Skeena Trans-portation Company, \$10,000; T. L. Peck Company, \$70,000; West Vancouver Transportation Company, \$50,000. Toronto.—Home Builders, \$40,000; W. H. Price, C. M. British Columbia.--American-Canadian Development

Toronto.—Home Builders, \$40,000; W. H. Price, C. M. Garvey, A. I. McKinley. Princess Manufacturing Company, \$40,000; T. R. Parker, E. F. H. Parker, W. J. Brown.

Domestic Laundry, \$40,000; J. M. Adam, S. C. Arrell, R. D. Hume. Grand Belt Realty Company, \$40,000; M. E. Robins, J. M. Givin, E. Cameron. Sarnia-Toledo Transit Company, \$25,000; S. Johnston, A. J. Thompson, R. H. Parmenter, Gilbert Soap Company, \$50,000; W. A. Gilbert, J. C. Gilbert, A. S. Gilbert. Anderson-Macbeth, \$250,000; G. S. Hodgson, G. D. Conant, G. C. Valens. Pugh Manufacturing Company, \$40,000; T. J. Pugh, E. J. Luttrell, D. A. Bemis. _ Lans-downe Piano Company, \$50,000; A. Nordheimer, M. W. Glendon, W. G. Duffett. Evans Detachable Rubber Heel Company, \$40,000; G. Evans, T. Jones, R. Eustace. Spitzer Brothers & Company, \$40,000; A. Spitzer, D. Spitzer, B. Spitzer, New-York. - Foreatt Contracting Company, \$40,000 P. A. Anderson, North Toronto; W. Carleill-Hall, W. H. Carveth, Toronto. Carveth, Toronto.

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BONDS and MUNICIPAL CREDIT

WINNIPEG'S SUCCESS

On the London Market - Commission to Investigate Alberta Railway Bond Deal-Sinking Fund Trustees Took Halifax Loan.

The successful flotation of £500,000 of Winnipeg city 4 per cent, inscribed stock in London at 103 has naturally pleased the civic officials and the citizens, whose gratification Every city which will be shared by the whole community. raises the standard of its own credit is helping not only to maintain, but also improve, the national credit. This is the highest figure that the city ever obtained. Last year the city issued its stock at 100, netting a less figure. The year before the stock was issued at 96. This issue will be used for general works, local improvements and power development, and the extra amount over par will total up to about \$30,000. Cables from overseas indicate that the issue was well received. Winnipeg last year sold its securities in March in London, when $\pounds_{500,000}$ 4 per cent. consolidated registered stock was floated at par. Manitoba province also was successful with its issue in London during October of $\pounds_{156,500}$ 4 per cent. debentures, the issue price being 102.

Alberta's Bond Deal.

The Alberta and Great Waterways Railway controversy progressed another step. The Provincial Legislature has progressed another step. The Provincial Legislature has unanimously passed a resolution calling on the Government to appoint a commission composed of Justices Scott, Harvey and Beck of the Supreme Court of Alberta, with the same powers as if acting as judges, to fully investigate all matters arising out of the creation, incorporation and or-ganization of the Alberta & Great Waterways Railway Company, and the subsequent sale of the bonds of the company and disposal of the proceeds thereof. Quebec and Lake St. John Bonds.

Mr. John Smith, chairman at the meeting of the General Investors and Trustees, Limited, in London, referred to the proposed transfer of the Quebec Lake St. John Railway, say-ing, they had not approved the transfer at depreciated price. Accordingly they entered their strong protest against the proposal. It had been asserted that they were hostile to the Canadian Northern, but such was not the case. Action had been taken solely in the interest of the debenture holders, for they felt that they could be no party to any arrangement being carried out with insufficient information afforded.

Toronto Park Bondholders.

Under an order of the High Court of Justice of Ontario a meeting of bondholders of the Toronto Park Company, Limited, which was held in Montreal, appointed Messrs. A. F. Ross, R. L. H. Ewing, and H. A. Dorsey, of Montreal, as members of a committee to confer and advise with the receiver of the company, E. R. C. Clarkson, of Toronto. At a similar meeting of bondholders resident in Ontario, held in Toronto on Saturday to elect three representatives, strong objection was taken to the selection of Mr. Dorsey, former president of the company, by the Montreal bondholders, and a resolution was unanimously adopted that in view of his former connection with the company he should not act as a representative of the bondholders, and that the receiver communicate with the Montreal bondholders to that effect. The meeting unanimously elected Messrs. Acton Burrows, Noel Marshall, and R. J. Fleming to represent the Ontario bondholders, and the receiver was instructed to apply to the court for the appointment of Acton Burrows as inspector under the Act, so that the affairs of the company may be thoroughly investi-gated from its inception.

New Brunswick May Cuarantee Bonds.

Premier Hazen has introduced a bill in the New Brunsiwck Legislature to aid the construction of a railway down the St. John River Valley to St. John. The first part of the bill guarantees the bonds for \$25,000 a mile, providing the Federal Government will operate and equip it as part of the Intercolonial, giving the province forty per cent. of the gross receipts in lieu of interest. The second part of the bill provides same guarantee for a steam or electric road from St. John to Quebec, via Andover and across the State of Maine, which Premier Hazen claims would give a road 200 miles shorter than the LC.R. or Transcontinental from St. John to Quebec

"The New Brunswick Provincial Government has secured legislation to add \$300,000 to the public debt for the construction of permanent bridges.

In important recommendation has been made by the columns of this issue.

legislation committee of the Montreal city council, when it was decided that the city should petition the legislature to fix the borrowing power of all present or future municipalities on the Island of Montreal on a basis of 15 per cent. of the assessed property valuation. In the city proper the borrow-ing power is limited to 15 per cent. In some of the outside municipalities debts have been growing until they have reached 30, 40 and even 50 per cent. of the total value of the assessed properties within the municipal limits.

The finance committee of the Halifax city council recently advertised for a loan of \$20,000 for sewer purposes. The tenders were opened and it was found that the best offer was made by the trustees of the sinking fund, namely, 100, which was accepted. The last loan previous to this made by the city was taken at 98.05, but on account of the greater opportunities for investment at this time the highest offer from the bankers was 97.60 from Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Company, and Messrs. F. B. McCurdy & Company, jointly,

Newcastle's Aid to Industries.

The town of Newcastle, N.B., has prepared a bill to enable the town council to borrow \$20,000 to assist any industry either by loan or bonus or by taking shares in stock of any company establishing itself on terms approved by the council, provided, that the question of such expediency and the amount and nature of such assistance shall be in each case first submitted to the ratepayers. The bonds shall not bear greater interest than 5 per cent, and run not longer than thirty years. Said debentures to be known as Newcastle industrial debentures second series. No bonus or loan is to be paid to any such industry until the plant and company for which the

money was voted is set up and ready for operation. Sec. 7 authorizes the town council, on the approval of the ratepayers, to extend the water system beyond present limits and borrow \$6,000 for said purpose. One per cent. of sums borrowed shall be set aside as a sinking fund.

Section 10 provides that the town council is authorized by resolution to fix the valuation of the real and personal pro-perty of any industry or industries to be hereafter established in the said town at such amount and for such periods, not exceeding twenty years, as may seem expedient, for all purposes except school taxes.

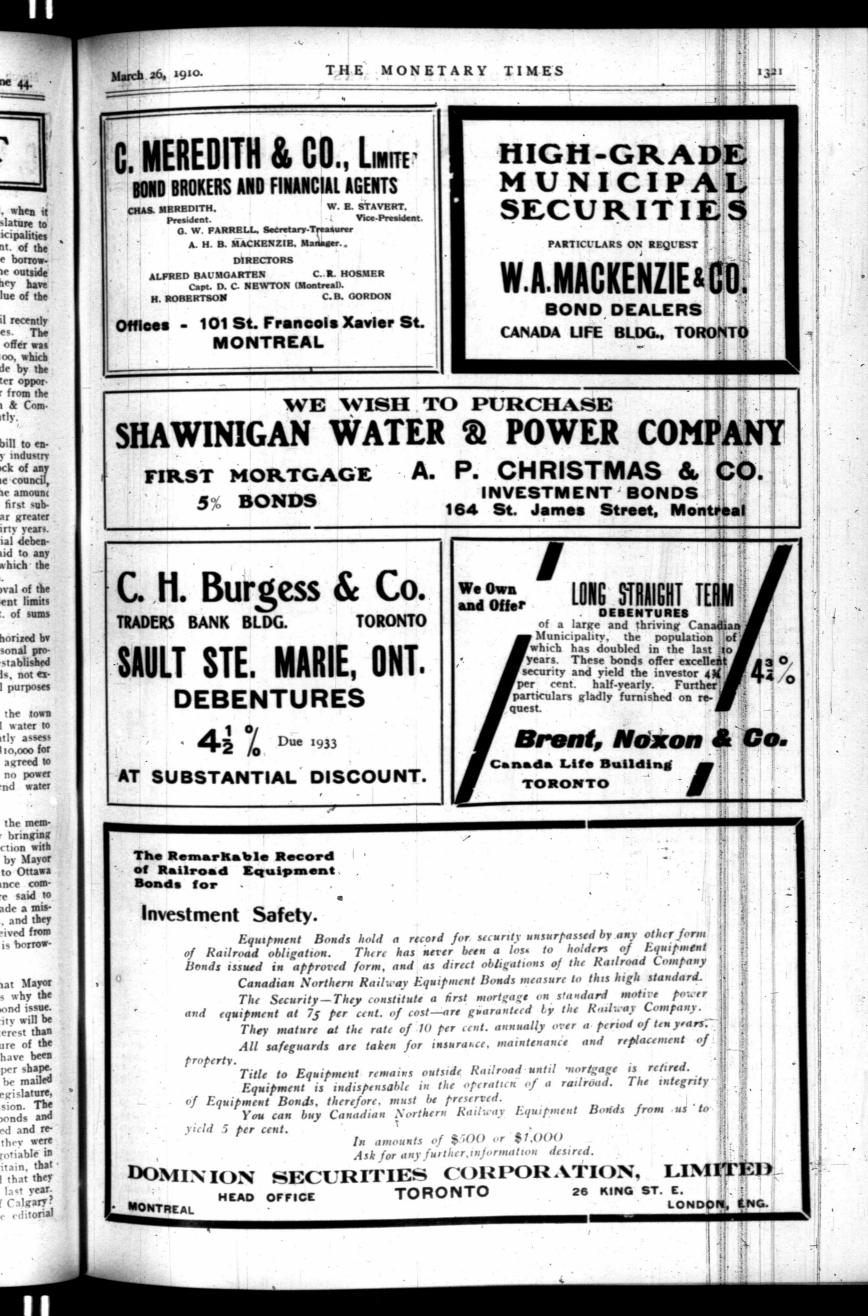
The Drummond Company had asked that the town guarantee bonds to the extent of \$125,000, extend water to their works at cost of some \$5,000, and permanently assess the real and personal property of their industry at \$10,000 for all taxes, except school taxes. The city council had agreed to the assessment proposition for this year, but had no power to make it permanent, and had no power to extend water works, and could not guarantee bonds.

Sale of Calgary Bonds.

Alderman Mitchell is alleged to have surprised the members of the Calgary City Council the other day by bringing forward a motion that all correspondence in connection with the sale of the \$1,500,000 worth of bonds negotiated by Mayor Jamieson and City Clerk Gillis on their recent trip to Ottawa and Montreal be placed at the disposal of the finance committee of the council. Some of the aldermen are said to think that possibly the mayor and city clerk have made a mistake which will cost the city several thousand dollars, and they want to find out why. No money has yet been received from the sale of the bonds, and in the meantime the city is borrowing money from the banks and paying interest.

London Stock Exchange Refused Them.

Later advices to the Monetary Times state that Mayor Jamieson has made an explanation of the reasons why the city had failed to receive the proceeds of the recent bond issue. A mistake was made in drawing the bonds and the city will be compelled to pay several thousand dollars more interest than otherwise it would have done. Owing to the failure of the Legislature to validate the bonds, the loss would have been sustained just the same had they been drawn in proper shape. The debentures have now been reprinted and will be mailed to London as soon as the Validating Act of the Legislature, which has now been passed, is in shape for transmission. The London Stock Exchange refused to accept the bonds and therefore the only thing was to have them reprinted and re-signed. The objections to the bonds were that they were not worded correctly, that they were not made negotiable in the principal cities of Canada as well as Great Britain, that they had not been validated by the Legislature, and that they were not in the same form and color as those of last year. Whatever must the London Stock Exchange think of Calgary? An article on the bond market is printed in the editorial



BOND INVESTOR

Should Bid Downwards on the Rate of Interest, Lowest Bidder Getting the Issue, Suggests Saskatoon's City Auditor.

According to a suggestion of City Auditor Carson, of Saskatoon, made to the Monetary Times, the investor should take a more active part in fixing the prices of municipal bonds. A low rate of interest, he argues, is secured by the skilful handling of debentures to satisfy the investor that the investment is perfectly safe and free from all compli-cations. Starting from this point of view, Mr. Carson has come to the conclusion that instead of seeking a bonus on a debention that bonus a statistic the investor should a debentlre that bears a stated interest, the investors should be invited to bid downwards on the rate of interest, the face value of the bond being required to be paid in the city treasury every time.

Of the Upset Price.

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Thus instead of issuing a bond bearing the invariable rate of 5 per cent. for a period of, say, 30 years and getting a price of either 5 per cent. above par or 5 per cent. below par, according to market conditions, or the city's credit, the par, according to market conditions, or the city's credit, the investor would say "I am willing to take that bond at 4%, 4% or less," the lowest bidder getting the award. The upset price or highest rate of interest would necessarily be fixed by by-law. If this highest rate did not commend itself the issue would naturally fail. In the other case, the city would be sure of getting just the amount it has decided to borrow and of knowing the exact annual charge before the issue was awarded. awarded.

awarded. The advantage from the city treasurer's office point of view would be that book keeping would be much simplified. If a loan is sold at a discount, as in the case of the city hos-pital bonds, the deficiency must be met by a new by-law. If it brings appremium the amount of that premium, according to the legal interpretation of the city authorities, must go in the sinking fund. As a result of that system the city now has in the sinking fund \$39,000, while it is not required to have more than \$18,000. The annual loss is that between what the city is paying on bonds and the revenue it is de-riving from its investments. The nominal debt is also un-necessarily swelled, he says. Oninions of the idea

Opinions of the Idea.

Financiers and bond houses are interested in the sugges tion. "It would probably be acceptable to the municipali-ties," said Mr. C. H. Burgess, a Toronto bond broker. "For instance, suppose the dealer were willing to take the "For instance, suppose the dealer were willing to take the bonds to yield 4% per cent. or 4% per cent. or 4% per cent., this suggestion would work out very well but in the majority of issues if the exact yield rate of each bid were figured out it would be found that they would run into 1-10 or 1-32 such as 4 25-32 per cent. or 4 11-16 per cent. or 4 9-16 per cent., and so forth, so that if the bonds were issued at these different rates they would be most undesirable bonds to have. Besides, nearly all bonds that are on the market at the present time are either in halves or in even units such as 5 per cent. time are either in halves or in even units such as 5 per cent. 4½ per cent., 4 per cent., etc., and in this way it is very much easier for calculations to be made regarding them.

" Nearly all valuation tables are made in the even units "Nearly all valuation tables are made in the even units or the half rates, and it would be an enormous job to calcu-late eaxctar a yield rate on these, and besides, if dealers bought the bonds to yield 4% per cent. they would figure on selling them at something higher than that, so that the in-vestor would either have to pay a premium or a discount, as the case may be, and after all it is the investor who is the party to whom both a dealer and an issuer of bonds has to cater. Another feature is, how would the municipality draw Another feature is, how would the municipality draw cater. the by-law levying the annual payment necessary to repay the debenture without first knowing at what rate of interest they are to be issued."

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Newmarket, Ont .- The ratepayers have passed a \$5.000 grant to factory by-law. St. Themas, Ort.—The ratepayers will be asked to vote

on a \$15,000 loan by-law.

\$40,000 new Crandell, S.D., Man.—The ratepayers have been asked to \$1,600 for school additions. Kenora, Ont.—\$100,000 6 per cent. 20-year first mortgage bonds of the Tourist Hotel Company, guaranteed by the town of Kenora, Man.—The ratepayers have been asked to

vote \$1,600 for school additions. Dauphin, Man. The ratepayers will vote on April 9th on appears on another page). a \$175,000 gewerage and waterworks by-law. Woodstock, Ont. Unt

Zora, S.D., N. 1518, Man .- On April 15th, the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to raise \$1,500 for school purposes. C. Christopherson, secretary-treasurer, Oakbank. Hamilton, Ont.—The city council have applied to the Op-

and Municipal Board for permission to is tario Railway \$100,000 waterworks and \$45,000 sewer debentures.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BORROWING MONEY.

The particulars given are in order, name, number of school district, amount required, and correspondent :---

Saskatchewan.

Eureka, No. 2174, \$1,600. C. E. Cole, Coleville. Eureka, No. 2174, \$1,600. C. E. Cole, Coleville. Uzelmans, No. 2459, \$1,500. G. Leach, Scott. Lonsdale, No. 2394, \$1,600. A. Allan, Viscount, Blue Bell, No. 2494, \$1,500. J. M. Scott, Unity. Abel, No. 2493, \$1,000. W. N. Parlee, Grayson. Jansen, No. 2448, \$2,500. J. A. Leopkie, Jansen. Rudyard, No. 2500, \$14,000. J. Sproat, Kipling. Tiferes Israel, No. 1442, \$400. S. Cohen, Pechet. Winton, No. 2438, \$1,200. G. A. Markley, Coxby. Crown Hill, No. 2454, \$1,000. W. Leask, Marcelin. Harrow, No. 2481, \$1,200. H. P. Brown, Paswegin. Piapot, No. 2441, \$1,200. W. Mutrie, Maple Creek. Deanton, No. 2410, \$1,200. R. W. Dean, Deanton. Piapot, No. 2441, \$1,200. W. Mutrie, Maple Creek. Deanton, No. 2410, \$1,200. R. W. Dean, Deanton. Scotstown, No. 2467, \$1,200. T. R. Anderson, Unity. Langham, No. 1461, \$1,500. W. J. Gold, Langham. Pretoria, No. 2462, \$1,000. J. W. Neissen, Aberden. Fretoria, No. 2402, \$1,000. J. W. Neissen, Aberdeen.
Los Angeles, No. 2476, \$1,000. I. S. Wiens, Herbert.
Littlestone, No. 2009, \$1,200. E. J. Smith, Spalding.
Brookvale, No. 546, \$1,200. W. Cosgrave, Esterhazy.
Heart Hill, No. 2423, \$1,380. K. W. Sterzer, Heart Hill.
Trenton, No. 2512, \$1,000. E. H. Lockwood, Davidson.
Wapashoe, No. 2104, \$200. J. B. Melrose, Maple Creek.
Chellwood, No. 248, \$800. W. H. Lewis Challwood. Chellwood, No. 2480, \$800. W. H. Lewis, Chellwood. Christiania, No. 2520 \$1,000. H. L. Urness, Buchanan. Clear Spring, No, 1578, \$500. W. Neusham, Great Deer, Paddling Lake, No. 2426, \$600. E. Kuntze, Prince Albert. Queen Centre, No. 2354, \$1,250. T. J. Brawick, Hodgeville

Red Deer Lake, No. 2424, \$1,900. A. Boodeau, Lorimer ville.

West Point, No. 2084, \$1,200. A. E. Lelberg, Lake Coteau

Leicester, No. 2491, \$1,700. H. W. O'Brien, Notre Dame de Auvergne.

NOTES OF BIDDING.

Three bids were made for the \$1,200 5% per cent. 10-year village improvement debentures of Fairlight, Sask., awar to Messrs. Nay and James, as previously noted.

For the \$4,000 20-year 5 per cent.., and \$3,540 30-year 6 per cent. debentures of Red Deer, Alta., ten bids were received, five from Toronto, two from Red Deer, one Winnipeg, one Calgary, and one Red Deer. Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company's tender was accepted.

The following are the tenders received for the \$300,000 The following are the tenders received for the \$300 5 per cent. 50-year road, and \$25,000 5 per cent. 25-year side-walk debentures of Point Grey, B.C.:-Wood, Gundy & Com-pany, 104.52; Æmilius Jarvis & Company, 102.275; Ontario Securities, \$337,127; J. G. MacIntosh for \$25,000 road de-bentures, \$26,207.25; for \$25,000 sidewalk debentures, \$25, 012; C. H. Burgess & Company for \$100,000 worth, 103; Dominion Trust Company for \$50,000 worth, 102; J. F. Hell-well for \$25,000 sidewalk too \$5, for \$26,000 road debenwell, for \$25,000 sidewalk, 103.08; for \$100,000 road deben tures, 103.58; Oldfield. Kirby & Gardner for \$150,000 worth, 104. Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company's bid was accepted.

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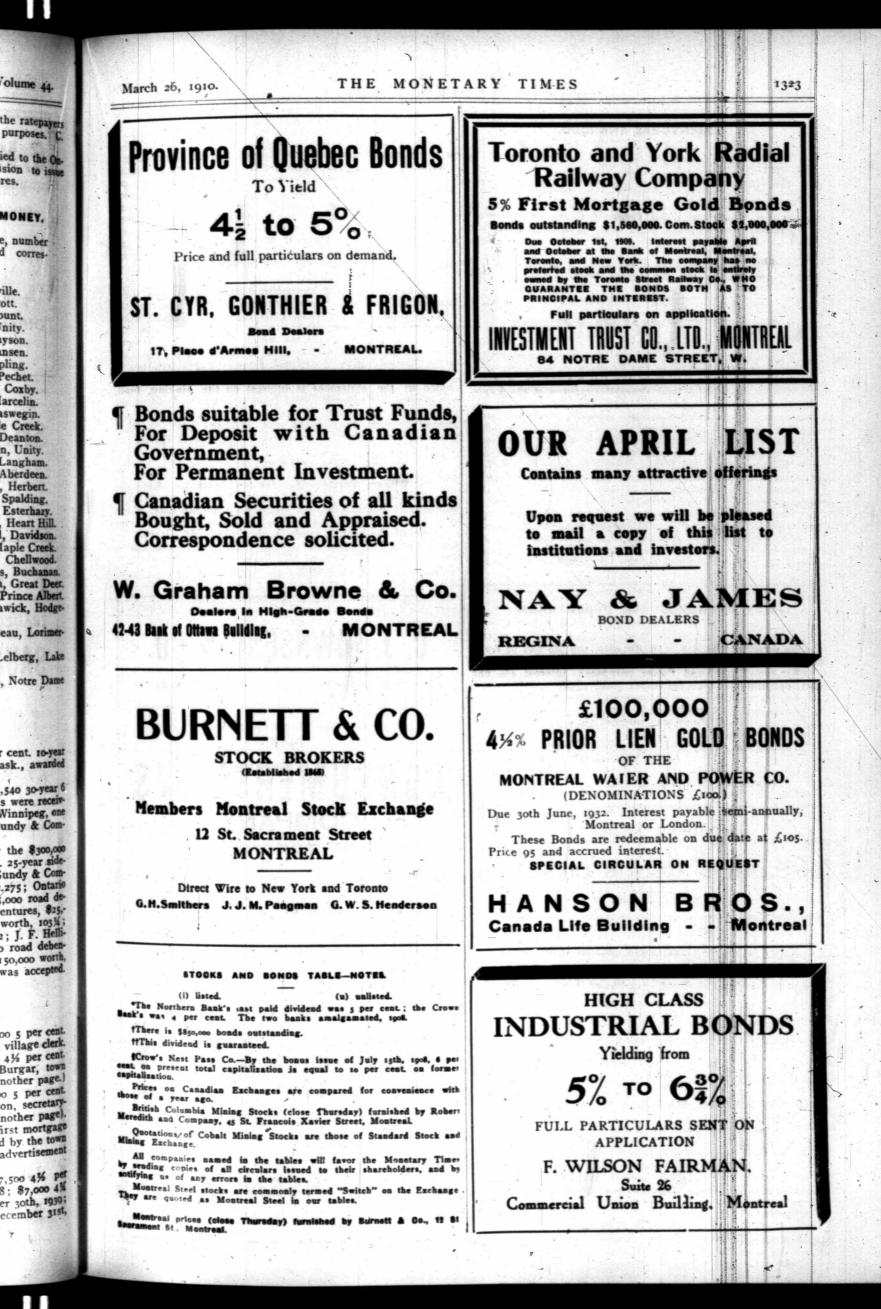
Fort Erie, Ont.—Until April 15th for \$50,000 5 per cent. 30-year waterworks debentures. B. F. Matthews, village clerk.

Welland, Ont.-Until April 7th for \$115,242 41/2 per cent to, 20 and 30-year debentures. J. Hamilton Burgar, town treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page.) Outlook, Sask.—Until April 1st, for \$20,000 5 per cent. 30-year public school debentures. H. M. Nelson, secretary

treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page)

of Kenora. M. McCulloch, secretary. (Official advertisement

Boissevain, Man.—The ratepayers have passed a \$12,000 h hall by law, and a \$5,000 local improvement by-law. Stirling, Ont.—The ratepayers have passed the \$1000 Stirling, Ont.—Stirling, O town hall be law, and a \$5,000 local improvement by-law. **Stirling, Ont.**—The ratepayers have passed the \$10,000 electric light by-law. Debentures will be issued this week. Per cent. consolidating debentures, due November 30th, 1939 and \$3,000 434 per cent. par debentures, due December 3154, 1949. J. Morrison, city clerk.



DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Alberta S. D. - \$5,000 5¹/₂ per cent. 10-year debentures, to Messrs. C. H. Burgess & Company, Toronto. Saskatchewan S. D. - \$6,500 5¹/₂ per cent. 10-year deben-tures, to Messrs. H. O'Hara & Company, Toronto. Camrose, Alta. - \$8,000 6 and 7 per cent. 20 instalment debentures, to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto. Preston, Ont. - \$18,000 5 per cent. 30 instalment electric power plant debentures to Messre Wood Gundy & Compower plant debentures, to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Com-pany, Toronto.

Dauphin, Man.-\$14,000 5 per cent. 20 instalment local improvement debentures, to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto.

COVERNMENT ELEVATORS DISCUSSED.

The receipts and expenditures of a Government-owned system of grain elevators in the Province of Manitoba were discussed by a deputation from the Grain Growers' Associa-tion Executive and the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature in Winnipeg last week, when the elevator bill was being considered. The storage capacity of the elevators now in existence, the estimated revenue, the cost of building and maintenance based on a supposition that all grain marketed in the Province will be handled through an elevator, were matters considered. The revenue as regards handling of grain is based on the number of bushels of various grains as inspected in Winnipeg in the crop year, 1908-1909, this the latest record available. being

The revenue from storage is averaged at one-half cent per bushel, thus giving a total income of about \$1,100,000. The total amount of storage existing at present in the Province in country elevators is 18,645,000 bushels. This includes the elevators owned by the large milling companies,

but does not include elevators belonging to local mills at but does not include elevators belonging to be a seven country points or in Winnipeg and St. Boniface, nor seven to elevators in Winnipeg and St. Boniface with privately owned elevators in Winnipeg and St. Boniface with a capacity of \$55,000 bushels. If the 18,645,000 bushel a capacity of \$55,000 busnels. If the 18,045,000 bushel storage were purchased, it would cost about ten cents per bushel capacity, while if new storage were exected, 16,500, 000 bushels would give a storage capacity of about one-third of the total crop now grown in the Province. Were new elevators to be erected for this storage the total cost would be about \$3,000,000, while if existing elevators were pur-chased a considerable amount would be required to provide cleaning machinery and put them in a suitable condition to serve the purposes intended.

Under the head of expenditure \$120,000 is allowed for interest at 4 per cent. on \$30,000,000, while interest on the sinking fund at 4 per cent. calls for a like amount, other items of expenditure, including salaries, etc., bring the total up to \$925,000, against which there is an estimated income of \$1,100,000, thus showing a surplus of \$175,000, out of which would have to be paid commissioners' salaries.

An important item of revenue which has not been included in the statement is interest on the sinking fund, which at simple interest would amount to \$1,674,000 in thirty years, while the saving to farmers in freight, etc., should amount to over \$50,000 and the feeding value to about \$120,000, thus making a total under this head of \$176,000.

Mr. William Turner, who for ten years has been the assistant manager at the main branch office of the Bank of Montreal at Toronto, left on Monday for Mexico City, where he will be associated with Mr. P. S. C. Saunders in the management of the branch bank in that city. Mr. Graeme G. Adam, who has been manager of the Yonge and Queea Streets branch, will succeed Mr. Turner as assistant manager of the Toronto main branch.

Sealed tenders, addressed to G. C. Eden, City Treasurer, will be received till noon of Wednesday, the 6th day of April next, for the following long term debentures :--\$27,500-Light and Power purposes; interest 41/2 per

CITY OF WOODSTOCK DEBENTURES.

cent. per annum. Due December 30th, 1938.

cent. per annum. Due December 30th, 1938. \$7,000—Consolidating Debentures; interest, 4¼ per cent. per annum. Due November 30th, 1939. \$3,000—Park Debentures; interest 4¼ per cent. per an-num. Due December 31st, 1949. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN MORRISON, City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Woodstock, March 17th, 1910.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

AMALGAMATED ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that a quarterly dividend of 134 per cent. on the Preferred share of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared, payable on April 1st, 1910, to Shareholders of record March 15th, 1910. Cheques will be mailed.

> By Order of the Board. R. P. DOUCET, Sec.-Treas.

THE SHAWINICAN WATER & POWER COMPANY. Divident Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one per cent. (1 per cent.) upon the paid-up capital stock of the Shawinigan Water & Power Company has been declared for the quarter ending March 31st, 1910, payable April 20th to shareholders of record April 7th. By order of the Board.

W. S. HART, Secretary. Montreal March 23rd, 1910.



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STOCK EXCHANGES

STOCK EXCHANGE HOLIDAYS

Do Not Retard Trading-Rio Active-Grand Trunks in London.

Toronto, March 25th.

Tractions have been the leading feature in the local market, Twin City being the most prominent in this class. Various bullish announcements regarding the company undoubtedly helped the stock. It has been pointed out that the most important consideration in street railway investments is the franchise under which the company operates. Those of the Twin City are practically perpetual and have been tested and upheld in the courts. Considerable buying is thought likely in this stock. Toronto Railway held up well in view of legislative news from the Ontario Parliament buildings, while the Privy Council decision on the other hand had no considerable effect at strengthening prices.

Demand for Rio Improved

Rio lacked strength early in the week, having sold several points lower. Later it strenghtened on a good demand. A letter addressed to the shareholders states that the issue of a further 62,500 shares of capital stock is for the purpose of providing funds required in connection with the construction of the new gas works and the balance of the original purchase price of the shares in the capital of the Jardine Botanical Company and for other purposes. Belgian capital is believed to be considerably interested in this company.

One wonders whether the story that United States steel interests have purchased big properties in the Porcupine district was launched to help the mining stock markets. No one seems to have any definite information regarding the alleged deal and it looks as imaginative as some of the mysterious real estate transfers chronicled from time to time as occurring in our leading cities.

Cobalt Market Quiet

The Cobalt market has had little to assist it. The decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which has dismissed with costs the appeal of the Florence Mining Company versus the Cobalt Lake Mining Company, was by no means a helpful influence. The Florence Mining Company claimed about half the area of 55 acres in Cobalt Lake granted to the Cobalt Lake Mining Company by the Province of Ontario, on January 15, 1907. The plaintiffs claimed that W. J. Green on March 7th, 1906, had staked out a claim covering twenty acres of this land covered with water and sought to record his claim. The mining recorder refused to do so, and the Bureau of Mines and Minister of Mines would not entertain his claim, which he assigned to the Florence Company.

There is no change in the dividend of La Rose Consolidated for the current quarter, a fact which was predicted in these columns several weeks ago. No progress has lately been made with the proposed merger of La Rose with other companies.

Grand Trunk's Better

Three reasons are given for the improvement of Grand Trunk stocks in London, all of which now stand near the highest figure of the last two years. They are the good halfyearly statement recently published, the excellent traffic returns for January and February, and the fact that the market is somewhat bare of stocks.

The Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges were closed yesterday and will remain closed to-day and on Monday. The holiday spirit did not materially affect the briskness of trading.

An illustrated, efficial summary, containing sworn statements of companies listed on the Colorado Springs Mining Stock Exchange has been compiled. This has undoubtedly entailed some expense and should be of signal service to those dealing in mining stocks. On receipt of postage to cover cost of mailing same, the publishers the Frank Hervey Pettingell Co., Colorado Springs, Colo., U.S.A.,, will forward a copy gratis to Monetary Times readers.

New Listings

The stock of the Paton Manufacturing Company has been listed in the Montreal Exchange.

The preferred and common stocks of the Canada Cement Company have been listed on the Montreal Exchange.

A Ready Market

The chief advantage of investing money in a bond instead of in a mortgage is that the investment can generally be turned into cash at short notice.

Where a bond has an International market, its price is not liable to be affected by purely local conditions, and it is likely therejore to be more stable.

Such a condition prevails to a great extent with the bonds of the Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation, which are owned, not only in Canada but more especially in England and the United States.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the London, New York and Montreal Stock Exchanges. The Preferred and Common shares are already listed in Montreal, Toronto and Philadelphia, and application has been made for listing them on the London Stock Exchange.

The Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation controls about 80 per cent. of the Canadian output of asbestos, which means about 70 per cent. of that of the entire world.

The First Mortgage Bonds at present price return about 53/4 per cent. and are an altractive investment.

Full particulars on application.

McCuaig Bros. & Co.,

Members Montreal Stock Exchange 157 St. James St. 22 Metcalfe St. MONTREAL OTTAWA

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Business on the local exchange was active during the week. Trading in the stocks of Western institutions is steadily increasing while the prices of the securities are on the upward trend. The price of South African warrants is rising rapidly and many of them are changing hands at increased prices

Northern certificates of the Northern Crown Bank have been active during the week, the price remaining steady around 95. The activity in Great West Permanent stock also around 95. continues, and the sales of last week showed an advance of one or two points over previous week. The stock of all the one or two points over previous week. The stock of all the local loan companies is also advancing, and it is seldom that a holder can be found who is willing to sell. Two separate sales were recorded during the week in Traders' Building Association at 117. The latest quotations on South African warrants in Winnipeg is 785 bid and 800 asked.

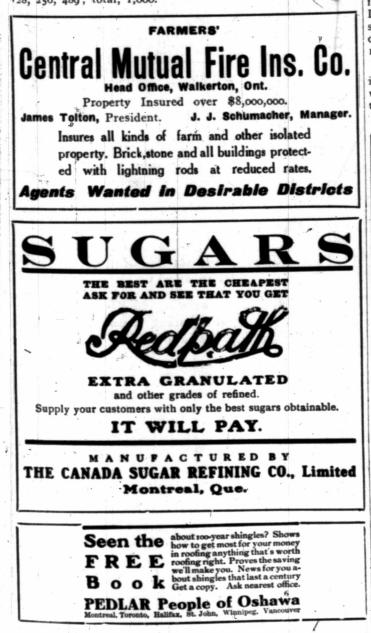
BOARD OF TRADE ELECTIONS AND NOTES.

Cobourg, Ont.-Mr. J. D. Hayden, president; Mr. A. R. Dundas, vice-president; and Mr. E. W. Hargraft, secretarytreasurer.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.—Mr. Herbert Macklem, presi-dent; Mr. B. P. St. John, vice-president; Mr. F. Masters. treasurer; and Mr. Melville Millar, secretary

For the \$270,359 4 and 4½ per cent. 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40-year debentures of Brantford, Ont., ten offers were receiv-ed from Toronto bond houses. The award was made to Messrs. H. O'Hara & Company, and not to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, as noted last week.

A Montreal reader sends the following solution to the question printed in last week's Monetary Times as to how one thousand sovereigns could be packed in ten bags so that any amount from one to one thousand sovereigns might be given without opening any of the bags: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 489; total, 1,000.



COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS

CIGARETTE

size, comfort.

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Judge a man by what he laughs at-and by the brand of cigarettes he buys. YILDIZ MAG-NUMS are the best-flavor,

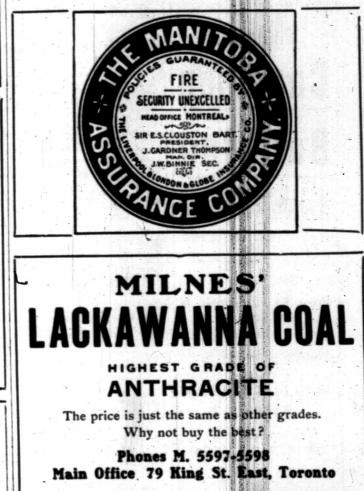
YILDIZ MAGNUMS

Plain Cork or Gold Tips

25 cents per box of ten at all progressive tobacconists

The following are the Cobalt ore shipments, in pounds, for the week ended March 18th :--McKinley-Darragh, 150,561; La Rose, 238,974; Buffalo, 124,500; Nipissing, 65,381; Hud-son Bay, 61,330; Crown Reserve, 61,110; fotal, 701,856 pounds; or 350 tons. The total shipments since January 1st are now 11,330,058 pounds, or 5,665 tons.

In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at \$316,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at \$1,473,1964 in 1906, 5,129 tons, valued at \$3,900,000; in 1907, 14,040 tens; in 1908, 25,700 tons; in 1909, 29,751 tons.



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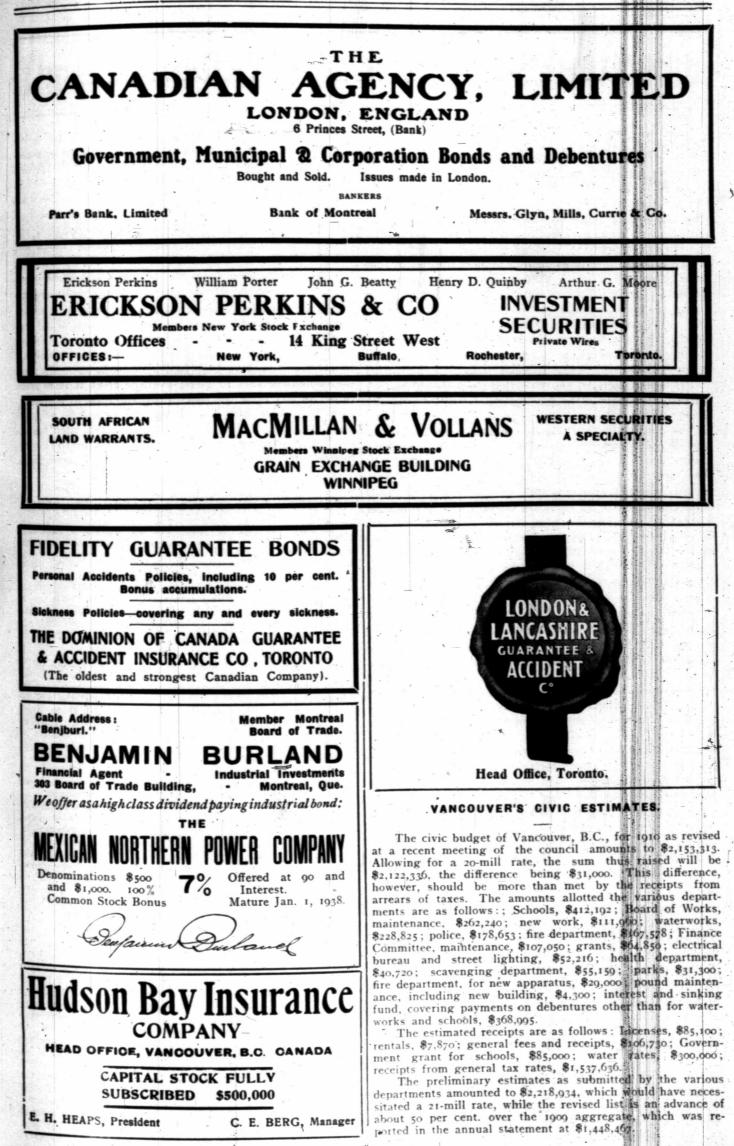
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THE INSURANCE CHRONICLE

"PASSING THE DOCTOR."

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The brief article in this column last week, entitled "Rejected Lives" in life assurance, has already brought to this office some testimony as to the general interest felt in the subject. One gentleman tells of his experience where, after working up for months a risk for many thousands, to his mind unexceptionable, his company refused it. Result: depression, profanity, revolt. Another tells of a case where several medical examiners were at strange cross purposes, their conclusions being diametrically opposed. The dead-lock was solved by the chief examiner giving his final decision in favor of the company-the risk was declined and the agent had his expansive hopes blasted. It may well be believed that there was good reason for refusal in both cases, for no life company now-a-days refuses any reasonable risk.

It is still a puzzle, however, that there should be such marked differences in the conclusions of medical men with respect to the quality of the same person as a candidate for life assurance. Writing to the Insurance Record, of London, on March 8th, a correspondent declares that "if family history is to be taken into account it should be done scientifically and thoroughly, and not in the haphazard manner pursued at present." This writer goes on to cite a case of an applicant whose father and mother had both died of heart failure, but there was medical evidence to show that the circumstances were exceptionalin one it was due to alcoholism, and in the other consequent upon rheumatic fever. "An inferior office put on an extra loading, but I persuaded him to join the other office, where he was accepted at ordinary rates."

A Canadian case arose not many months ago which shows how variously different medical staffs interpret physical symptoms, or rather what amount of cumulative testimony is requisite to induce a life office to refuse a risk. A professional man near sixty was examined for life assurance. The local physician's report being forwarded to the company's head office, the application was refused, some symptoms seeming to throw doubt on the circulatory system of the applicant. A specialist from a neighboring university city, armed with the latest methods and appliances for detecting arterial disorders, after examination declared the man an excellent risk. Further consultations were held and further medical testimony taken pro and con, but in the end the prospect was refused. Naturally, he was offended. What was additionally hard on the insurance agent in this case was that he lost also the business of the man's two sons, who were to have taken out policies in the came company with the father.

At the International Congress of Actuaries, held last year in Vienna, and whose proceedings are just to hand, published in four languages, the subject of under-average lives was discussed at length by European experts. In dealing with the question : What is an average life? Mr. G. F. Hardy, of London, declares that average lives as ordinarily accepted at tabular rates "by no means form a homogeneous group; on the contrary, they are very his former life. He had been through the Boer war, and com heterogeneous. Within the group there not only existing to this country, he entered the Montreal Field Battery, to great differences between individuals, but there are classes of lives, such, for example, as the clergy, in which the mortality is consistently below the normal, and other classes in which the mortality is above the normal. . Where the line should be drawn between the average life and the under-average life is difficult to define." Speaking with respect to the theory (now, perhaps, too nar-

rowly drawn) on which the two kinds of lives are differentiated, he thinks "the point must necessarily be determined by the individual judgment of the actuary, assisted by the doctor; it cannot be reduced to a mathematical formula." And he concludes by saying that he "does not regard the problem of classifying extra risks as a very hopeful one in the present state of our knowledge, and particularly in the present conditions under which our business is conducted."

It would appear from the utterances of these scientific men that to dogmatize upon the subject is hazardous. There are considerations of locality, of race, of inherited tendency to be pondered. As a French version of the proceedings puts the matter: "It is very difficult to compare the different results and to internationalize the question." Stress seems to have been laid by various speakers upon the contention that in under-average risks it is prudent rather to rely upon the careful investigation of individual cases by medical man and actuary, who can take evidence upon the spot, than trust too much the tabulated results of former experiences in other countries or to mathematically calculated probabilities based largely upon them.

CHANCE OF INSURANCE COMPANY'S CONTROL.

Another change is imminent in Ontario's insurance spheres. This is the possible change of control of the Montreal-Canada and the Anglo-American companies, whose head offices are in Toronto. A general meeting of the snare-holders of both concerns will be held on April 5th when a proposal will be submitted for consideration which may mean the passing of controlling interest to Messrs. Thomson & Company, of St. John, N.B. The Monetary Times under-stands the matter is practically settled and awaits only the formal approval of the shareholders, which will likely be given given

The authorized capital of the Anglo-American is \$1,000,000. An Act was passed by the Ontario Legislature at the session of 1906, the effect of which was to reduce the subscribed capital of the company to \$168,200, the amount paid thereon to \$89,760, and par value of the shares from \$100 to \$40 each, the amount of capital authorized remaining as before, at \$1,000,000. New capital to the amount of \$106,480 has been issued upon which a first call of 10 perent. has been paid.

The authorized capital of the Montreal-Canada is S1,000,000, of which \$157,060 is subscribed and \$39,490 paid-up, according to the last published insurance blue-book. Messrs. Thomson & Company's head office was in Tor-onto until January, 1909, when it was removed to St. John, N.B. This firm organized the Ontario Fire Insurance Company in 1907 and purchased the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company in the same year. It has always bwned the Sterling, hich was originally known as the Accident & Guarantee Company of Canada

FAKE ACCIDENT CASE.

One year's imprisonment from date of arrest was the sentence pronounced by Judge Lavergne on Thomas J. A. Donovan in Montreal this week. Donovan who was charged with bringing bogus accident claims against the C.P.R., the G.T.R., the M.S.R., the Marvland Casualty Co., the Patrie Publishing Co., the Patrie Publishing Company, and others, made a speech reviewing ing to this country, he entered the Montreal Field Battery, to which he belonged until an accident deprived him of the use of his legs. This accident, he claimed, was the cause of his of his legs. falling so often, as his two legs not being of the same length one always caught in any obstruction in his way. He said the want of money had brought him to act as he did, and that he did not know he was stealing when he made the bogus claims. He wound up by asking the clemency of the court on account of his young wife and his child. This speech, which had been prepared beforehand, induced the court to show some leniency.

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF

The Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Co. OTTAWA, ONT.

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SOME RECENT FIRES.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries, which appear under heading "Additional Information"

London, Ont. Asylum for the Insane; damage, \$2,000. Owen Sound, Ont .-- C.P.R. steamer, "Alberta;" damage not yet estimated

Quebec, Que.-Store of Mr. Eddie Hogan; damage, \$5,000; fully insured.

Dunnville, Ont .- Residence of Mr. Frank Matthews; completely destroyed

Cobalt, Ont.-Plant of the Silver Bar Mining Company; full details not to hand.

Spring Valley, Ont.-Residence of Mr. Joseph Darling; damage, \$1,200; insurance, \$500.

Burgessville, Ont.-General store of Mr. W. Kirkpatrick; damage, \$6,000; insurance, \$3,400.

Lakefield, Ont-Barns of Mr. J. E. Richardson; cause lightning; damage; \$1,500; partly insured.

Frankford, Ont.-Store of Mr. John Burnett; cause, de fective pipes; damage, slight; fully insured.

Brantford, Orit,-Residence of Mr. Isaac Doxstader; cause, overheated stove; completely destroyed.

Presqu' Isie, Ont.-Residence of Mr. Arthur Craig; cause, unknown; completely destroyed; partly insured.

Truro, N.S.-Hardware and crockery store of Messrs. R. J. Turner & Company; damage, \$500; fully insured.

Campbelleroft, Ont .- Barn of Mr. Thomas Worr, owned by the Toronto Loan and Savings Company; completely destroyed.

Simcoe, Ont. Linwood skating rink; cause unknown; damage, \$12,000; insurance on contents, \$3,000; on buildings, \$6,800.

Lachine, Que, Furniture and dry goods store of Mr. Patrick Donelly; cause, defective wiring; damage, \$4,000; partly insured.

Hamilton, Ont. Residences of Mrs. Ansley and Mr. J. P. Morgan; cause, sparks from locomotive; damage, \$2,600; partly insured.

Collingwood, Ont.-Grocery store of Mr. David C. Fields, and fur store of Mr. R. W. O'Brien; cause, defective stove; damage, about \$10,900. Waterioo, Ont. Shoe factory of Messrs. Valentine and

Martini, cause, unknown; damage, about \$40,000; insurance, between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Kingston, Ont. Stationery store of Mr. Francis O'Gor-man; cause, overheated stove; damage, \$4,000; insurance,

\$2,000 in the Queen City Company.

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Douro, Ont.—Residence of Mr. Edward Dunford; cause, lightning; damage on stock, \$500; on buildings, \$800; insured in the Farners' Union Mutual Fire Company.
Outlook, Sask.—The following premises completely destroyed:—Mr. G. W. Dainty, druggist and post-office; Messrs.
Fraser Bros., hardware; Mr. J. T. Perry, butcher; Mr. Geo. McKay, harness shor; Mr. J. T. Johnston, general store, and Mr. J. Fittis, pool-room; damage, about \$80,000.
Toronto, Ont.—Foundry of the Don Iron Works Company; cause, defective wiring: damage about \$8,000.

cause, defective wiring; damage about \$8,000. Brass Works of Messrs. William Goulter & Sons; damage, \$5,000. Brass works sured. Residence of Mr. Herbert McGowan, owned by Mrs. Hardy; cause, lamp expolsion; damage, \$1,420; insurance, \$600 in the Merchanta. Grocery store of the Wm. Davies Company; damage, \$100

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Vancouver, B.C. Shanghai alley; owned by Messrs. Lum Yick & Company ; damage on stock. \$200 ; on buildings, \$19,-500; no insurance on stock.

clinton, Ont.-Residence of Mr. Chas. B. Hale; cause lamp explosion: damage on furniture, etc., \$4,000; on build-ings, \$3,000; total, \$5,000; insured in the Commercial Union, Western, Ontario and York Mutual.

Winnipeg, Man. Sash and door warehouse of Messrs. I. C. Graham & Company: cause, incendiarism; damage, \$6,000; insured in the Lumber Assurance Company of News

York, and the Ryan agency of Winnipeg. Waterloo, Ont.—Shoe factory owned and occupied by Messrs. Valentine and Martin; cause, unknown; damage on stock, \$30,000; on buildings, \$2,500; on machinery, \$3,000; total Carego insured in the following companies. Hardin

Hand, Anglo-Canadian, Gore, Waterloo, Mutual, Crown, Monarch, York, Perth, Economical, the Fire Insurance Exchange, and the Ontario.

FIRE AND MARINE NOTES

The Alliance Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, has been licensed to carry on business in British Columbia. The company's capital is \$500.000. Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan's the company's attorney at Vancouver. * * * *

The Compagnie d'Assurances Generales, the oldest in-surance company of France, will enter the United States with a branch office in New York under the management of Fred S. James & Co The French company is one of the largest companies abroad hitherto not represented in the States, the paid-up capital being \$5,000,000.

Through the dropping out of a figure in the advertisement of the Law Union and Rock Insurance Company, of London, one reads that the assets of this strong corporation exceeded \$5,000,000. Obviously the amount was far greater, and as a matter of fact it is \$45,000,000. This explanation is unnecessary to the many who know the company, whose capable Canadian manager is Mr. J. E. E. Dickson. * * * *

Workmen engaged in building the isolation wall in the Albion mine of the Acadia Coal Company at Stellarton, N.S., to cut off the fire, have completed the structure, closing up one of the entrances. Two other openings have yet to be sealed in the same way. The Drager apparatus enabling the men to work close to the fire, and in fire-damp, is still being used effectively. When the other openings are closed, water will be pumped into the isolated portion of the mine. * * *

Deciding that the issues were entirely questions of law, Chief Justice Falconbridge yesterday withdrew from the jury the action brought by Mr. C. R. Dodge against the York Fire Insurance Co., and heard the remainder of the evidence himself. The insurance company stated that the \$2,000 insurance policy under dispute was issued under the belief that the property of the Ontario Reduction and Refining Company, in which the plaintiff was interested, was a builder's risk, and that certain material facts were concealed from them at the time of insuring. His Lordship reserved judgment on the case.

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At the Saskatchewan rural municipalities convention held laast week in Saskatoon, the Grain Growers' Associa-tion hail insurance resolution was adopted as follows: Whereas, the hail insurance companies now operating in Saskatchewan are not doing business acceptable to the farmers of the Province; therefore, be it resolved that a provincial hail insurance system be established, the revenue for the said system to be raised by a tax not exceeding two cents per acre, all land to be subject to the said assessment, providing that any resident ratepayer be allowed to register out one section or less from assessment and participation in benefits.'

CANADIAN RAILWAY ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

In gross amount of insurance in force, gross premiums on the year's business, and in the number of policies issued the Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company made some striking gains last year. The fifteenth annual report shows that insurance in force now amounts to \$38,820,893, a gain of \$1,322,934 over the previous year. The past twelve months have proved eminently satisfactory so far as actual results and new business are concerned. The number of policies issued during 1909 was 30,024, a gain of 1,680 over the record of 1908. The gross premiums on last year's business total \$433,563, this being a gratifying increase of \$54. 360 over the previous year's figures. These results can only have been obtained by unusual enterprise on the part of the company's management with the help of good policies as

The profit and loss account exhibits a balance at the end of last year of \$63,673. The company is capitalized at \$500.000, of which \$250,000 is subscribed. There is a reserve fund of \$102,342 and a contingency reserve fund of \$48,000. The security to policyholders stands to-day at \$466,362. A glance at the company's assets shows an excellent choice of investments, chiefly made up of municipal bonds and first mortgages on real estate. In 1895, the in-suffance in force was only \$850,400 and the premiums \$0,130. Last year, as the above figures have shown, these figures changed respectively to \$38,820,893 and \$433,563. The total, \$35,000; insured in the following companies:-Hand-in- financial statement indicates a substantial financial position.

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CONSUMERS' CAS STOCK AUCTION.

Ten thousand shares of capital stock of the Consumers'

Ten thousand shares of capital stock of the Consumers' Gas Company, of Toronto, will be sold by public auction at 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, April 15th. The par value of the shares is \$50 each, but they are now quoted on the market at from 203 to 206, with good demand. During 1909, 207¼ was the highest price reached by the stock on the Toronto Exchange and 195½ the lowest, with 3,519 sales reported. The year previous, 198 was the highest point reached and 182 was low, with 4,710 sales. The low record for 1907 was the same as for 1908, but 206 was high. In 1907. 3.814 sales were reported. In 1907, 3,814 sales were reported.

The last auction of capital stock of the Consumers' Gas Company was held January 18th last year, at which the average price of 203.92 was received. Many out of town investors authorized Toronto brokers or barristers to purchase stock for them, as it is considered an excellent investment. The Consumers' Gas Company has since 1909 paid a 10 per cent. dividend. The company's disbursement is limited to that rate. More profits mean lower rate to the consumer. The rate to the consumer at the present time is as low as in any city in North America, and, it is believed, lower than in any other but one c.ty. Since 1903 eight auction sales of the Consumers' Gas Company's stock have been held with the following results :--

Date	~	Shares	Par value	obtained
1903—May	28th	 1,000	\$ 50,000	210
1903—Nov.	4th	 2,000	100,000	192.86
1904—June			100,000	200
904-Dec.			250,000	210
1906-April			250,000	200 %
1907—June			300,000	190.66
1907—Dec.			450,000	180.44
1909—Jan.	19th	 5,000	250,000	203.92

Power wes recently received from the Legislature to increase the authorized capital of the company from \$3,500,000 to \$6,000,000. The auction on January 19th, 1909, disposed of all the remaining stock under the \$3,500,000 authorization. The coming auction is the first issue of new stock of the company.

In connection with the issue of this stock, the suggestion was recently made by a Toronto daily, that instead of issuin stock on which the company is allowed by law to pay divid-ends of 10 per cent., that the company should be compelled by the Legislature by the Legislature to issue bonds for the amount of new capital needed. The paper stated that the company could get the money through bond issues at 4 per cent., and the City of Toronto would benefit on the saving between 10 per cent. and 4 per cent. The writer evidently forgot that, while the stock bears 10 per cent., selling at about 203, the yield is less than 5 per cent.; to receive the same amount of money by bonds as the company will see the same amount of money by bonds as the company will receive the same amount of money by bonds as the company will receive by sale of capital stock, the company would have to issue bonds of double the face value of the present stock issue, and as a result the interest payments would be practically the same. Therefore no ad-vantage would be gained by the company in issuing bonds; but there would be the decided discustors of being bonds; but there would be the decided disadvantage of being required, whatever happened, to pay the interest on these bonds or un-dergo foreclosure, while in case of sudden reverses (which are almost out of the question with this particular company), there would be no legal requirement to pay dividends on the capital stock. Another disadvantage in issuing bonds would be that at the end of ten or twenty years or whenever the bonds matured, the original loan would have to be paid back in full. But the company has the money derived from the sale of the capital stock for all time, and does not have to pay it back at all, unless it should desire voluntarily to reduce the capital reduce the capital.

It is freely predicted that at the coming auction the bids will exceed all records, on account of the splendid progress made by this company (as evidenced by its recent annual reports) under the late efficient management of Mr. W. H. Pearson, and under the present capable manager, Mr. Arthur, who was for many years assistant manager under Mr. Pearson.

There is an area of Crown Lands in Ontario fully as large and as capable of forming a prosperous farming com-munity as in old Ontario now, and in the not very far distant future it will be just as well settled .- N. W. Rowell, K.C.

That the receipts of the Farmers Central Mutual Fire Company for 1909 were \$22,885, is shown by the annual state-ment of the company. Over \$12,000 of this is for 1909 assessment, while the revenue from first year's fixed payments was \$5,858. Against this there was an expenditure of \$11,-461, thus leaving a balance of \$11,424. The assets of this company now stand at \$208,605, being composed chiefly of ret premium note capital, this item representing \$285,784 of the total. The liabilities are practically nil, the only item recorded being \$1,800 for fire loss, and this amount has since been paid. since been paid.

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VALUE OF SPRINKLERS.

Considerations for the Insured and the Company-Mr. Gibson Talks of Various Risks.

Unsatisfactory losses which have occurred in sprinklered risks in congested city districts by smoke from fires in adjoining properties were mentioned by Mr. D. E. Gibson, of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, in discussing a previous paper at the Toronto Insurance Institute. Smoke damages, he said, are usually mainly to stock item.

There have also been two or three instances occurring in old city risks separated from adjoining unsprinklered properties by light party fire walls where sprinklered risks have been burned out by fires in the adjoining buildings, destroying party division walls. This is not the fault of the sprinkler but still is charged up to the "sprinklered class."

Referring to fisks in which the explosion hazard is said to be imminent, such as drug risks, celluloid factories, starch works, etc., it is true that there are occasionally fires in these risks which are not controlled by sprinklers, but there are also occurring frequently fires in these properties successfully extinguished by sprinklers, which might otherwise have assumed serious proportions.

Cooling System Hazard

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Unsatisfactor losses occur in such properties as cold storage warehouses using forced draught cooling systems. One such instance occurred a year ago involving a loss to the insurance companies of about half a million dollars. In this case the goods in storage were furs, and the fire was spread through most of the room by the air draught before sprinklers could open to extinguish fire. The consequence was that when a large number of heads opened, the loss was considerable. There might also be added, a few isolated cases which are in record where store heiler fursible cases which are on record, where steam boilers furnishing power have exploded, setting fire to the property and serious ly damaging the protection system so that it was of little or no avail in preventing the destruction of the risk by fire.

no avail in preventing the destruction of the risk by fire. Again, there are in many plants, especially mills sprink-lered years ago, portions of system which are shut off in winter to prevent water in pipes freezing. It seems that it is just at these periods that fires occur, and as it is some-times several minutes after a fire starts before the alarm is given, it has a pretty good start before anyone can think to open the necessary valve. Proper maintenance also might be said to embrace the additions and repairs necessary to fire protection water to cover changes in property such be said to embrace the additions and repairs necessary to fire protection systems to cover changes in property, such as partitions, decks, and extensions erected to meet new con-ditions, any of which may seriously interfere with the ori-ginal installation. Unless such additions are made when necessary, the equipment which was complete when new becomes seriously hampered by the obstructions, and in event of fire may not acquit itself creditably.

Prompt Detection of Fire

Aside from the perfection of the mechanical devices and their installation and maintenance in a sprinklered risk, ef fective means must be provided for the prompt detection of fire, especially outside of working hours. The most com-mon method is the provision of a watchman, who makes a visit to all rooms of building or plant at stated intervals. Where such watchman's service of its equivalent in the way of supervisory service is not provided, the chances are good for a bad fire.

Lack of maintenance is responsible for the greater number of unsatisfactory sprinkler fires. There are occasionally incidents which are really beyond discovery by the insured and also to a greater or less extent by even a careful inspection by a bureau inspector.

As a case in point, an occurrence is brought to mind where upon making alterations in a portion of a sprinkler system, it was found that the pipes had become so filled up with cinders, which had evidently been forced into the system by the fire pump, that considerable number of sprinklers would have discharged very little water, if any.

would have discharged very little water, if any. Another feature giving a good deal of trouble, especially in the colder climates, is the possibility of feed mains freez-ing, either partially or altogether. A case of this kind was reported where the Sinch main to a large warehouse became frozen, the pipe being filled with ice. A sprinkler company having additional work to do at the plant discovered the con-dition by attempting to fill a system which had been predition by attempting to fill a system which had been pre-

dition by attempting to fill a system which had been pre-viously drawn off. Another instance not due to climatic cold occurred in a cold storage building. The mains to the sprinkler system were placed in the joist channels, and it afterward developed that the floor above, the pipes did not give sufficient protec-tion from the cold in the room above. The system was pro-rided with a drink and this drink heing examined during an vided with a drip and this drip being examined during an

inspection, showed a lock of water which led to the discovery of conditions prevailing. One further instance which seldom occurs, came to light

There were a number of leaks in the piping a few years ago. being installed, and the system was very difficult to get tight. Except for this one part the job was entirely finished. As the day before Christmas arrived, the workmen became anx-ious to return home for the holiday, and as the time grew short, it was finally decided to "fix" the system so that it would appear all right. To do this, a circular rubber gaskett was cut out of a heavy sheet rubber, and was placed between the flange joints where two sections of the riser to the sprinkler system were joined together. This left the water pressure on the gauge at the bottom of the riser, but kept the water out of the system beyond the joint, and of course, the system had the appearance of being all in order. It was not a discovered until sometime afterward when the foreman, who had been on the job, became conscience stricken and notified the insurance companies interested.

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LIFE AND ACCIDENT NOTES.

Mr. John B. Lunger, vice-president of the Travelers' Insurance Company, has been made president of the Hartford Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The Insurance Bill, which is becoming a sort of hardy

annual, has weathered the winter in the Senate, and with the spring solstice will come back to the Commons. It will be too bad if the desire for an early prorogation should once again "nip" this important measure and again consign it to a grave.-Ottawa Free Press.

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The banquet given by the Cape Breton Life Insurance Underwriters' Association recently was one of the most successful functions held by that organization. President E. C. Hanrahan presided, and among the guests were :--Judge Finlayson, of the County Court, Mayor Gunn and Warden Levatte, and several officers of Nova Scotia associations. about fifty members were present.

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Boiler explosions in America were more numerous, but caused fewer deaths last year than in any year since 1904. The killed numbered 227, whereas in 1908 they were 281, and in the three preceding years in order, 300, 235, and 383. The number of persons injured last year by explosions was 422, where it was 531 in 1908; 420 in 1907; 467 in 1906; 585 in 1905.

It must be self-interest that impels the present officers of the Knights of Father Matthew to oppose the adoption of the sound advice given that fraternal organization in the South Western States. Mr. W. H. O'Brien, their counsel, has been trying to induce the Order to give up its life insurance feature and devote itself exclusively to its temperance work. He holds, and he is very likely right, that its insurance methods are not actuarially sound.

Mrs. Annie Roderick of Hamilton recently sued the K.O. T.M. Society for \$2,000 insurance on the life of her husband who disappeared about 16 years ago. Mrs. Roderick who has been paying the premiums since the disappearance of her husband, started an action to collect the policy seven years ago. This case she lost on the ground that her hus-band had been seen alive in the U.S.A. The case was set-tled for \$1,300, while Judge Britton made out an order declaring Roderick dead.

It happens sometimes that persons in affluent circumstances become poor through unforeseen changes of various It is then that a life annuity or an instalment insutkinds. ance policy, brings comfort to the widow or dependent ones. A striking case occurred the other day, illustrating what suffering may be avoided by timely insurance. Mrs. Marie L. Estey, widow of the famous piano and organ manufacturer, of Brattleboro, Vt., ended her life by inhaling gas in her boarding house, in New York, the other day. The fortune she inherited dwindled away, and in her last days Mrs. Estey had made a living by designing women's waists. All the money made by the famous Estey in Vermont had taken wings when this poor woman's time of age and declining health had come. If her husband had twenty years ago taken out a policy in her favor, or if she had bought an annuity out of her pin-money she might have been alive to-day.

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EARLY SPRING IN WEST.

Seeding Has Commenced-Winnipeg's Stock Flotation in London-In the Wheat Markets.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, March 22.

The West is experiencing the earliest spring in a quarter of a century. The winter season not being too cold many thought that the spring would be delayed, but pronounced weather has been experiencd during the past fortnight. temperature of 60 degrees above zero throughout the day has A resulted in the snow being melted from the prairie; the rivers are rising, while seeding has begun in some parts of the country. Geese and ducks have flown north, and everything points to settled spring weather.

There is at present a rush of population into the West and whatever the spring might have been, the influx would have been great. The early arrival of good weather has undoubtedly helped to bring many people here in March who otherwise would not have come until April or May. The rush is principally from the Old Country and the United States. The immigration authorities look for more than 100,000 The immigration the Old Country and the United States. The immigration authorities look for more than 100,000 farmers frrom the States to enter Western Canada this year. Already there is heavy traffic over all roads leading to the points of entry, and comparatively small firms who have been pushing their land sales in the States for the past year, are to bring in their clients early in April. In the Wheat Markets.

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Our Winnipeg market continues steady and stronger in Our Winnipeg market cont.nues steady and stronger in tone, and prices show a slight advance over the previous week. Trading at times was active, and with prices more in line, a large quantity was worked for export. The European markets are beginning to take more interest in the inter-national movement of wheat, and the United Kingdom is again becoming an active bidder. Option trade in the future deliveries is more or less influenced by the course of the again becoming an active bidder. Option trade in the future deliveries is more or less influenced by the course of the United States markets. Holders of cash wheat are not press-ing their holdings for sale, and this keeps the cash situation tight. Local receipts are moderate, and a continuance of the present mild weather will curtail deliver es at country elevators. The amount of wheat still in farmers' hands in the Canadian West is estimated at about 16,000,000 bushels.

elevators. The amount of wheat still in farmers' hands in the Canadian West is estimated at about 16,000,000 bushels. Damage reports to winter wheat continue to come in, but still lack confirmation from many quarters. The season is-too early for any accurate estimate of damage. The future of wheat prices, however, depends upon what the World's crop of 1010-11 may aggregate at the finish of the season; and whether stocks of wheat and flour, and the prospects for the coming new crop warrant a higher level of prices than the coming new crop warrant a higher level of prices than at present obtained. Developments seem to point to lower prices unless there is some widespread failure of this year's

World's Shipments Keeping Up. The situation is changed from a year ago when all stocks were at a low ebb. An overplus is now accumulating in the storehouse of the World, much of it in places not reckoned in visible supply shipments. Private stocks have become well replenished, and there is a fair increase being recorded in

visible stocks. World's shipments are keeping up, and for the period from July 1, 1900, to March 12, 1910, have been 395,996,000 bushels, compared with 334,118,000 bushels for the same period in 1908-0. The quantity on ocean passage and the World's visible supply both show increases as against de-creases last year. This points to increased accumulation, and easier situation, while the large increase in acreage will porbably more than offset any ordinary failure in crop.

Winnipeg's Stock Flotation. Regarding Winnipeg's stock flotation in London, re-ferred to elsewhere in this issue, it is necessary to take into consideration the exceptionally large amount of securities marketed (113,000,000 in two years) as well as the range of the prices, in order to obtain a correct idea of what has been termed by a prominent financier as "a remarkable achieve-ment in Canadian municipal finance." It is about three years since Mr. J. H. Ashdown

ment in Canadian municipal finance." It is about three years since Mr. J. H. Ashdown (then Mayor) found the city's finances in an unsatisfactory condition. He made a trip to the Old Country in the interests of the city, and returned shortly before the civic elections with various plans and suggestions. In order to enable him to carry out in detail his task of financial rehabilitation he was instrumental in inducing the present Mayor, Mr. W. Sanford Evans, to accept the nomination of controller. A definite system of issuing the city's securities was then

Sanford Evans, to accept the nomination of controller. A definite system of issuing the city's securities was then decided upon. It was also decided to adopt the policy of placing the debentures direct upon the London market, and an arrangement was completed by Controller Evans with the Bank of Montreal to enable this to be done. Sinking Fund Fully Restored.

In 1908, \$8,500,000 of securities were disposed of, and of this amount about \$7,500,000 was placed in London and

offered at 96, which netted the city about 94.10. Only 23 per cent. was subscribed for by the public, and the underwriters had left on their hands 77 per cent. The situation was a critical one for Winnipeg, but the situation was overcome and the price of the bonds in the open market started on the up-grade. The Sinking Fund was then fully restored and every care was exercised to observe the best methods in matters pertaining to the city's financial management. As the result of this, the issue in 1909 was placed on the market at 101 and was three times over-subscribed. Winnipeg now stands in the forefront of Canadian citie

at 101 and was three times over-subscribed. Winnipeg now stands in the forefront of Canadian cities as an example of high-class municipal financing, a status which has only been realized by the careful study and close application to the problem by its executive officers It is only during the past year that this position has been attained. Money required for capital expenditure can now be obtained by the city at less than 4 per cent

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MONTREAL LIFE UNDERWRITERS.

At the annual dinner of the Montreal Life Underwriters held this week, Mr. E. R. Machum, president of the Can-adian Association said the ethics of insurance which were discussed at every gathering of life underwriters, would re-main the backbone of the business. Mr. T. B. Parkinson, spoke strongly on the discrimination made by the railways between the insurance agent and commerical travellers. He was of the opinion that the former should have the same privileges as the commercial men, because the money inves ted in the railways by insurance companies, meant as much to the transportation companies, as did the revenue derived from the carrying of freight for the firms represented by the from the carrying of freight for the nrms represented by the travellers. About 120 guests were present at the banquet, among them being, Messrs. E. R. Machum, president of the Canadian association; H. C. Cox, chairman of the Domin-ion association; J. A. Blucknell, Homer Vipond, C. J. Allo-way, J. Herbert Simpson, W. S. Lingley, H. H. Kay, T. J. Parkes, F. Germain, T. F. Conrod, T. B. Parkinson, J. O. McCarthy, W S. Dresser, M. Monaghan, R. H. Haycock, and I. F. Weston F. Weston.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch Macleod, Alta., under the temporary management of Mr. N. V. R. Huus.

THOMAS MULVEY, Under-Secreta

PUBLIC Notice is, hereby given that under the First Part of chapter is for the Revised Statutes of Canada, took, known as "The Comparing for the Revised Statutes of Canada, took, known as "The Comparing for the Revised Statutes of Canada, took, known as "The Comparing for the Revised Statutes of Canada, took, known as "The Comparing for the Revised Statutes of Canada, took, known as "The Comparing for the Revised Statutes of Canada, took, known as "The Comparing for the Revised Statutes of Contacts, the State of Canada, bearing date the spih day of January, tots, incorporating the Revised State of Canada, took, known as "The Comparing for the City of Totamber and Albert John Wise, solicitors' clerks, all of bowns, Henry Chambers and Albert John Wise, solicitors' clerks, all of the State of Canada, bearing date the rowince of Ontario, for the following purple section, pheumatics and known of the Weighing, packing and handling of different quantities and kinds of goods and merchandise; (b) To manufacture, buy, sell, and deal in gatages (clerks, all different quantities; to own, buy and sell formulae, the persons and rates the following of other materials and other material revised and machines, machinery tools, implements and apparatus and other secentials of other gravitations of the company; (c) To manufacture, buy, sell, ease and call with good dots, where the manufacture of other persons and patenter formulae; (d) To manufacture, buy, sell, ease and all of the purposes duct of the company is automated, property of every description; (f) To manufacture, the sell of a sharing profix, union of interests, or dot and where secent and the sell of the company is (c) To manufacture, out and the sell of a sharing profix, union of interests, or dot and sets of the same and the secent Dated at Toronto this 24th day of January, A.D. 1910. BLAKE, LASH, ANGLIN & CASSELS, Solicitors for PNEUMATIC SCALE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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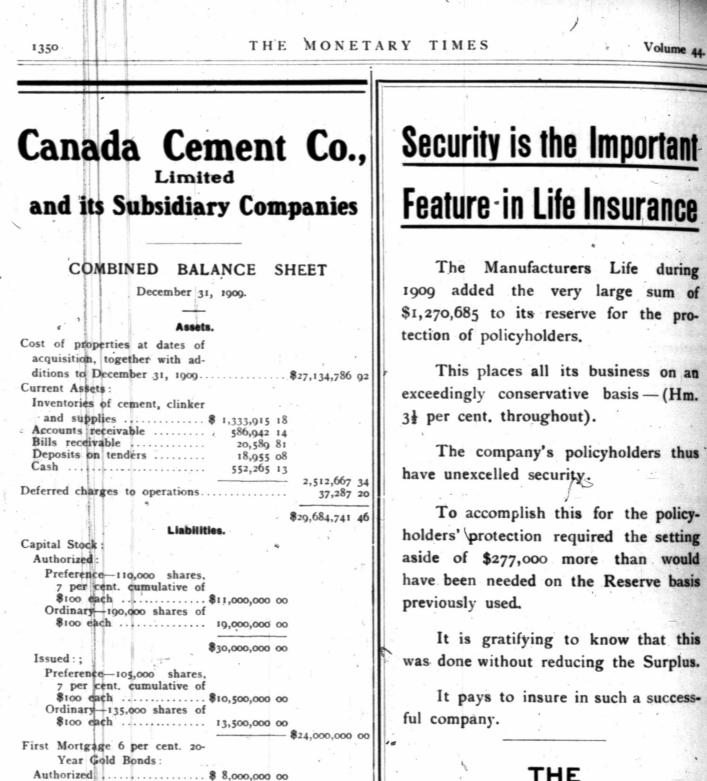
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Issued		5,000,000 00
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	527,000 65	
Bills payable	7,354 42	
Bond interest accrued to De-		
cember 31, 1909	75,000 00	×
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Profits earned from the various		
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1909, before providing for		
depreciation	150,296 39	
Less bond interest accrued	1	
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\$29,684,741 46 We have examined the books and accounts of the Canada Cement Company, Limited, and its subsidiary companies, from the dates of acquisition to December 31, 1969, and certify that the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the financial position at December 31, 1909.

December 31, 1909.....

(Signed), PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO., Chartered Accountants (England). Montreal, Que, March 10, 1910

VALUE OF SPRINKLERS

Manufacturers Life

TORONTO, CANADA

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Some of the commonest are the leaving of articles in the piping when the work is being done. One case is brought to mind, where during a hose test a pair of heavy gaunded gloves was blown through the hose nozzle. It is not unusual to find, if taking underground pipes apart, that some sections contain chunks of lead. This usually happens by the lead, with which the joint was made, running partly through into the pipe and hardening in a flat sheet there. The action of the water flowing through the pipe sometimes rolls this up into a ball which has in cases formed a considerable obstruction in the pipe.

Careful records kept for numbers of years show that the percentage of unsatisfactory sprinklered risk fires is a low one. Where one case of lack of efficiency is noted, there are hundreds of systems which have in the past and will in the future give a favorable account of themselves when tested by the starting of a fire in the premises which they are designed to protect.





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