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DEVELOPING ENDOWMENT INSURANCE.

In Canada, the times would appear not altogether unpropitious for the further development of the endowment section of the life insurance companies' business. Hitherto, the companies have had certain disadvantages to contend with in their endowment business. The moderate investment return, combined with absolute safety, which an endowment policy in a sound life company provides has had a rather drab and unattractive appearance in comparison with the enormous speculative returns which have within recent years been secured with ease. The size of those returns has gone a long way towards disguising their uncertainty, and it is only in the immediate present that a good many people are beginning to find out that large profits do not always materialise when they are expected, and that there are occasions when speculation, in whatever direction it may be made, leads to loss instead of gain. In recent years the life offices in Great Britain have, it would appear, benefited considerably in their endowment business by the longcontinued and serious depreciation in high-grade securities. They have pointed out the advantages of a form of investment which even apart from its protective features, has the safety of the highest-grade securities, without their liability to depreciation, and the public has been quick to appreciate those advantages. Similarly, it seems that present circumstances might be turned to account by the Canadian companies. There are surely at the present time a good many people up and down the Dominion who are in a frame of mind that is likely to be amenable to the sober attractions of endowment insurance, when carefully placed before them, although a year or two ago they might have passed them by with scorn.

It says a good deal for the ability with which the life companies manage their business that endowment insurance has made such headway as up to the present it has made, in spite of the competition of real estate, watered stocks, and the numerous

other channels for the disposal of surplus funds. At the close of last year, the amount of insurance in force of the life companies transacting business in Canada under the license of the Dominion Government (excluding industrial business) was \$972,-223,167 and of this amount \$219,251,751 or 22½ per cent. was endowment insurance. Of new policies issued last year (excluding industrial business) aggregating \$186,729,183, about one-sixth in amount were endowment policies. And a considerable proportion of the industrial business transacted in Canada is on the endowment plan.

While protection is and must always remain the primary reason for insurance, yet the field of endowment insurance is widening very rapidly. The class is large and will increase, who desire to add to the protective idea that of investment-a safe accumulation available at a future definite time for the benefit of the insured. The average man who is in possession of a fairly profitable business or the man who occupies a permanent salaried position has no difficulty in seeing that it is not only a fair investment but also a prudent measure, to take out an endowment policy which may easily be paid for with current savings from business or salary for a few years. The sum of \$10,000 or \$15,000 ready cash awaiting him at the end of a ten or fifteen or twenty year period furnishes an attractive prospect, and sometimes supplies a needed stimulus to prudent Endowment insurance, too, is a practical way of "providing for a rainy day" by a large class of unmarried men who otherwise would likely enough spend the money carelessly and not know afterwards where it had gone. Moreover, endowment insurance is a valuable sheet-anchor for the business man, even for the successful business man. Big capitalists and merchants and manufacturers have their ups and downs like other folk; while the ordinary man in business in a moderate way often enough finds when he would like to think of retiring that his financial responsibilities for others will not permit him to do so, and that he has to go on slaving to the end. In all these circumstances endowment insurance has a fine part to play.

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LIQUIDATION.

While money market conditions in Canada have not shown any decided improvement—call loans in Montreal and Toronto being still quoted at 6 to 6½ p.c.—it can be said that the banks have been relieved to a considerable extent from the pressure of demands from the stock exchanges. This does not mean that stock exchange houses have no further need for new loans. From time to time those houses which had committed themselves definitely to transactions of more or less importance are compelled to make a reluctant appearance in the banking parlors as seekers of loans. Whenever such an event happens, however, the unlucky applicant cuts his requirements down to the barest minimum, both as to time and amount,

CONSTANT LIQUIDATION.

But these are the exceptions. It is impossible for the financial machine to come to a dead stop all at once. At present the financial houses are showing no disposition to enter into new undertakings calling for extensive loans. And there is positively no desire among bull speculators to take on large lines of stocks, notwithstanding the reduced prices presently in evidence. The tendency is, in fact, all the other way. Nearly everybody is thinking of selling. It is not exactly comfortable to have large liabilities when the international money markets are in severely strained condition. So there is more or less constant liquidation going on. The average speculator sells a little of his holding from time to time when the market is reasonably favorable; or his broker sells some in order to restore a depleted margin. The money is turned into the banks, serving to reduce the brokers' loans. And from day to day special loans mature, in which financial houses are involved. Every effort is made to reduce them or pay them

ADVANTAGES OF A SOUND BANKING SYSTEM.

In this way the position of the banks and of the home markets is undergoing steady improvement. It is a great blessing that the banking machinery is recognized as strong and efficient. If we had a different system it is quite clear that there would be serious danger of a breakdown—for everybody would be looking apprehensively towards the banks, in expectation that they were on the point of putting an embargo on cash payments (as the United States banks are in the habit of doing) or that some of the big ones were on the verge of bankruptcy. When, as in Canada's case, there is no need for anxiety on this score, the problem is vastly more simple and easier to handle.

EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS.

The bulk of the new gold offered this week in London-amounting to \$4,250,000-was again taken by Germany. Bank rate at the British capital is 41/2 p.c. as heretofore. In the open market call money is 3 to 31/2; short bills are 43/8 p.c.; three months' bills, 4 5-16 per cent. The levels thus shown are distinctly higher than those obtaining a week ago. It is to be noted too that the English banks have raised their deposit rate to 3 p.c. Their action in regard to deposits indicates an opinion that the comparatively high rates of discount have some degree of permanence or endurance. It may also be taken as an indication that there is no immediate prospect of a reduction in the English bank rate. At Paris bank rate is 4, market rate, 334; and at Berlin bank rate is 6, market rate 534. Apparently the Berlin banks have made the arrangements necessary for tiding themselves over the half-yearly settlement. And the coming of July should mean a decided improvement at that centre. The Balkan states continue to squabble among themselves. Their obstreporous conduct since the close of the Turkish

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war has lost them much of the good-will of the rest of Europe. Everybody now is thoroughly tired of their bickerings. However, it is not likely that the uncertainty as to peace or war in Southeastern Europe can be prolonged much further. When they can wash their hands of that matter the European diplomats will be much relieved.

THE NEW YORK POSITION.

Call money in New York has tended to declinethe rates for the week ranging from I to 2 p.c. Although most of the business was at 2 p.c., it is to be noted that some transactions went through at I p.c. which is the lowest since March, 1911. At the 1 p.c. rate the State of New York takes half the proceeds when lenders put their funds at interestthe tax being 1/2 p.c. per annum. The supply of time mouey is not large. Rates are: sixty days, 31/2 to 3¾ p.c.; ninety days, 3¾ to 4 p.c.; and six months, 51/4 to 51/2. The big spread between call rates and six months loans indicates that the market expects to experience a measure of stringency at crop moving. The clearing house institutions are steadily piling up a satisfactory cash reserve. According to the Saturday statement, all members decreased loans \$1,400,-000 and increased cash \$4,660,000-the surplus reserve rising about \$5,000,000 and now standing at \$43,809,150. In case of the banks alone the loans increased \$1,210,000 and cash increased \$8,600,000 -the surplus rising \$6,020,000 to \$42,709,000.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

The market in New York has been somewhat disturbed by several features of the new banking bill which the Wilson administration has published and the leading features of which are referred to at length on another page. It provides for twelve or more regional banks the stock of which shall be owned by the national banks -each national bank being compelled to contribute 20 per cent, of its capital. These banks are to be controlled by a board sitting at Washington and comprised altogether of political appointees. There is also provision for a curious issue of federal notes. The notes are to be issued to the regional banks by Government and the regional banks are to pay interest and also they are responsible for meeting the notes. It is said that many of the biggest national banks will not remain in the national system if the scheme is not modified. They are talking of taking out state charters.

There is bound to be considerable stringency in the autumn, and it won't be so easy to finance the crop-moving operations this year as during the past few years. But I don't anticipate anything very serious. It will just be a little more difficult than usual.—Sir Edmund Walker.

THE MAY BANK STATEMENT.

In the ordinary way, the bank statement for May is of a humdrum character with no boldly outstanding features. The newly published statement for last month is no exception to the rule, and those people who had anticipated sensational revelations with regard to the banks' position have had a disappointment. There is nothing startling about the new return.

INCREASE IN CIRCULATION.

One of the interesting facts disclosed is that there was last month an increase in circulation over the previous month of nearly \$5,-000,000, the total circulation of the banks at May 31 being nearly \$103,000,000. The movement in an unusual one, the general tendency being for May to show a shrinkage in circulation. Thus last year in May, circulation decreased \$1,326,038 and in 1911, \$1,784,870. It has been suggested that this increase in circulation is possibly due to the fact that in many lines of business, cash payments are being insisted upon. This may well be the case, and if so, the fact that the banks' circulation showed this large increase last month is a healthy sign.

DEPOSITS.

In the aggregate, the banks' deposits showed a sharp contraction last month. In home depositsdeposits by the public in Canada-the changes from April are not notable. Demand deposits are lower by \$1,180,000 compared with April and notice deposits are \$405,000 less. But in the banks' foreign deposits there was a decrease of practically \$6,000,000 to \$07,935,216. As is not infrequently the case, this change in the return is accounted for by the movement in the Bank of Montreal's figures, the foreign deposits of that bank being some \$6,100,000 lower at May 31 than they were at April 30. In view of the falling off of the volume of new Canadian issues in London recently, the decrease is not surprising. At the same time, the payment of a further instalment on the new C.P.R. stock issue during the current month should give these deposits another fillip, although, in view of the offer of the C.P.R. to redeem its 5 per cent, bonds due in 1914 on 1st July next at 102 and interest, the movement upward may be merely temporary.

LOANS.

Changes in the banks' loan position last month were trifling. Canadian call loans were increased by \$225,000 to \$69,982,540. Foreign call loans dropped by \$7,000,000, mainly, no doubt, through the decrease in foreign deposits. With regard to Canadian current loans these at \$898,959,650 were \$4,500 lower than in April. In May last year, it may be noted, there was a \$4,000,000 increase in these loans; in May, 1911, a \$4,000,000 decrease,

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Statistical Abstract for Month Ending May 31, 1913, giving Comparison of Principal Items, with Increase or Decrease for the Month and for the Year.

(Compiled by THE CHRONICLE).

	May 31 1913	April 30 1913	May 31	Inc. or Dec. for month, 1913	Increase or Decrease for month, 1912	Inc. or Dec. for year.
Assets.	1	1	1	i	. 1	
Specie. Dominion Notes. Notes of & Cheques on other Bks Deposits to Secure Note Issues Leans to other Bks. In Can. sec'd. Deposits with and due other	6,407,415 138,900	\$ 39,337 223 94,590,262 64,011,064 6,407,415 138 900	96,241,775 61,528,682 5,827,112	+ \$988,453 - 1,480,626 - 2,624,351	$\begin{array}{l} - & \$1,093,991 \\ + & 53,320 \\ + & 2,488,741 \\ + & 4,415 \\ - & 400 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} + & \$4,512,817 \\ + & 3,132,139 \\ - & 141,969 \\ + & 580,303 \\ - & & 10,950 \end{array}$
Banks in Canada Due from Banks, etc., in U. K Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere.	6,043,512 21,835,356 27,826,664	6,922,302 15,692,578 -26,624 130	29,069,697	- 879,790 + 6,141,778 + 1,202,534	+ 50,192 + 1,236,649 - 294,678	$\begin{array}{rrr} - & 2,694,377 \\ - & 7,234,341 \\ - & 2,165,096 \end{array}$
Dom. and Prov. Securities Can. Mun. For. Pub. Securities Rlwy. and other Bonds & Stocks	9,009,861 23,827,613 67,021,544	8,989,996 23,258,992 69, 889,125	23,287,300 61,239,946	$\begin{array}{ccc} + & 19,865 \\ + & 568,621 \\ - & 2,867,581 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{rrr} + & 6,487 \\ + & 907,508 \\ - & 234,044 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{rrr} -& 193,665 \\ +& 540,313 \\ +& 5,781,598 \end{array}$
Total Securities held	99,859,018	102,138,113		- 2,279,095	+ 679,951	+ 6,128,246
Call Loans in Canada Call Loans outside Canada	69,982,540 96,151,209	69,757,912 103,212, 85	115,832,736	$ \begin{array}{cccc} + & 224,628 \\ - & 7,060,976 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{rr} - & 938,634 \\ + & 12,274,344 \end{array}$	$^{+\ \ 1,677,383}_{-\ 19,681,527}$
Total Call and Short Loans	166,133,749	172,970,097	184,137,893	- 6,836,348	+ 11,335,710	- 18,004,144
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada	898,959,650	898,964,181	837,282,556	- 4,531	+ 4,039,929	+ 61,677,100
outside	37,691,786	36,310,033	33,478,564	+ 1,381,753	+ 2,008,717	+ 4,213,222
Total Current Loans and Disc'ts	936,651,436	935,274,214	870,761,114	+ 1,377,222	+ 6,048,646	+ 65,890,322
Aggregate of Loans to Public	1,102,785,185	1,108,244,311	1,054,899,007	- 5,459,126	+ 17,384,356	+ 47,886,178
Loans to Dominion Government. Loans to Provincial Governments Overdue Debts	3,739,690 4,038,844	2,900,774 4,611,013	7,038 1,628,967 3,368,108	+ 838,916 - 572,169	- 1,337 - 108,536 - 117,350	$ \begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
Bank Premises	39,528,988	39,041,968	34,900,590	+ 487,020	+ 600,209	+ 4.628,398
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	3,753,201	3,795,303	2,661,862	42,102	+ 86,817	+ 1,091,339
Other Assets	11,062,436	12,630 747	16,159,339	- 1,568,311	+ 5,321,138	- 5,096,903
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,521,841,373	\$1,527,088 246	\$1,474,715,460	- \$5,246,873	+\$35,289,494	+\$47,125,913
Liabilities. Notes in Circulation	102,997,936	98,100,111 8,533 95	93,819,333	+ 4,897,825	- 1,326,038	+ 9,178,603
Due to Provincial Government. Due to Provincial Governments	9,177,632 30,582,146	30,219 608	10,233,356 28,524,415	+ 643,937 + 362,538	$\begin{array}{l} + & 1,247,633 \\ + & 2,229,996 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
Deposits in Canada, payable on demand	364,159,642	365,340, 02	376,953,217	- 1,180,360	+ 31,588,034	12,793,575
Deposits in Canada, payable			***			
after notice	630,755,603	631,160,286	625,294,344	- 404,677	+ 9,923,996	+ 5,461,259
Total Dep'ts. of Public in Can. Dep'ts. elsewhere than in Can.	994,915,245 97,935,216	996,500,282 103,925,361	1,002,247,561 77,874,540	- 1,585,037 - 5,990,145	+ 41,512,030 $-$ 7,804,696	- 7,332,316 $+$ 20,060,676
Total dep'ts. other than Gov'nm't.	1,092,850,461	1,100,425,643		- 7,575,182	The company of the party of the	+ 20,000,070 $+$ 12,728,361
Loans from other Banks in Can. Deposits by other Banks in Can. Due to Banks & Agencies in U. K.	6,160,169 9,205,833	6,988, 45 10,894,300	8,451,343	- 828,376 - 1,688,467	+ 652,219	- 2,291,174 + 3,316,164
Oue to Banks and Agencies elsewhere.	9,675,769	8,918,859		+ 756,910		+ 2,387,927
Other Liabilities	21,079,085	20,990,234	12,978,596		+ 892,546	+ 8,100,489
	\$1,281,729,097	\$1,285,071, 059	\$1,247,306,724	- \$3,341,962	+\$36,145,835	+ 34,422,373
Capital, etc. Capital paid up. Capital p	115,969,433 108,681,280 10 387,348	115,799,217 108,414,337 10,38°,535	100,878,848	+ 266,943	+ 240,558	+ 3,629,494 + 7,802,432
reatest Circulation in Month	104,967,124	105,954,440		- 2,187 - 987,316		- 253,456 + 4,409,963
ver. Specie held during Month	36,859,641	37.234,434	35,858,120	374,793	382,493	+ 1.001.521
v. Dom. Notes held during Mth.	87,501,889	90,640,459	96,219,682	- 3,133,561	+ 605,422 -	- 8,717,793

Foreign current loans were increased by \$1,382,000 to \$37,601,786. The banks again record a slight increase in the proportion of their reserve to immediate liabilities. They have done this uniformly since December last.

UNION LIFE OF TORONTO.

Application was made at Toronto this week for a winding-up order and the appointment of an official liquidator of the Union Life Assurance Company. The application was made by Mr. C. A. Masters, K.C., acting for the Attorney-General, at the request of the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance. An official of the Insurance Department was appointed interim liquidator with authority to bring to a conclusion ,arrangements now being made for the reinsurance of the Company's policyholders in the Metropolitan Life of New York.

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to improve an admittedly bad currency and banking system must have a considerable interest for Canadians. The intricate commercial and financial relations between ourselves and the Republic; the fact that unfavourable developments in the American markets often have a certain amount of reflection here; and the tendency in certain directions to pattern Canadian legislation after American models make of importance to us any such far-reaching changes in the financial structure as are proposed by the Wilson administration. The proposals now put forward embrace many novel ideas, some of which, it is already apparent, will probably meet with strenuous opposition from the bankers.

PURPOSES OF THE LEGISLATION.

According to Representative Glass, who has played a prominent part in the drafting of the new bill, its purpose is to furnish a comprehensive revision of the currency system of the country so as to obtain these principal objects: (1) provision of a means for rediscounting commercial paper of specified types; (2) provision of a basis for elastic note issues properly safeguarded; (3) provision of machinery for doing foreign banking business. In order to carry out part of these objects, there is to be created a new class of banks, which will be known as Federal reserve banks. They will be twelve in number, and owned by stockholding banks of the twelve districts in which they are situated. National banks will be compelled to become stockholders, but in the case of state banks and trust companies membership will be permissive. The business of these banks will be:-(a) The rediscounting of paper presented by stockholding banks under specified conditions, provided such paper grows out of actual agricultural, commercial, or industrial transactions, and does not run more than a specified number of days; (b) the buying and selling of government securities, gold and silver, bullion and foreign coin, foreign exchange, and open market bills of given maturity; (c) government fiscal operations. While the national banks will be allowed to continue their note issues as at present, provision is made for the additional issue of what are called Federal reserve treasury notes to an amount not exceeding \$500,000,000. These notes will, upon application, be issued to the Federal reserve banks upon prime short time commercial paper and other liquid collateral. While the notes will, on their faces, purport to be the obligations of the United States, they are required to be secured by a gold reserve of 33 1-3 per cent. provided by the Federal reserve bank, and are a first and paramount lien on all the assets of these banks, and are redeemable in gold on demand at the Treasury Department, Washington, or at any Federal reserve bank.

POLITICAL CONTROL.

To control this new system, there will be created

The present attempt by our southern neighbours | a Federal reserve board, consisting of seven members, the Secretaries of the Treasury and of Agriculture and the Comptroller of the Currency (who are ex-officio members) and four other members, chosen by the President "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," at least one of whom is to be a person of banking experience. This Board is given sweeping powers. One duty imposed upon them is the establishment each week or as much oftener as required a rate of discount which shall be mandatory upon each Federal reserve bank and for each class of paper, provided that this rate of discount need not be uniform for all Federal reserve banks, but shall be made "with a view to accomodating the commerce of the country and promoting a stable price level."

RE-ADJUSTMENT OF RESERVES.

The present sub-Treasury system being, according to Representative Glass, "unsatisfactory, clumsy, injurious to business and difficult to manage in times of stress," all current funds of the Treasury will be place in Federal reserve banks, being equalized between the different reserve banks, while the present bank reserve system is also to be re-cast so that part of the reserves of national banks will be transferred to the national reserve banks. The presumed effect of this, according to its sponsors, will be "to end the placing of reserve with central reserve city banks for use in stock market operations, to keep reserves in some measure at home, and to require speculators to get the funds they need in their operations either by directly borrowing them from persons who hold them and want to lend the cash for that purpose, or else by borrowing from the banks in the places where the operations are to be carried on." Finally, the bill authorizes any national banking association with a minimum capital of \$1,000,000 to establish branches in foreign countries for the furtherance of foreign commerce of the United States and to act as fiscal agents of the United States abroad.

Whether this last provision will lead to competition from American banks being encountered by some of the Canadian banks in their southern business remains to be seen. Up to the present the most powerful attack directed at the new legislation is that referring to the centralized character of the control and to the fact that political nominees are to form the personnel of the controlling body. According to one indignant critic, "nothing of the kind exists on the face of the earth. The nearest approach to it is in the Imperial Bank of Russia. It is an appurtenance of autocracy requiring supernal wisdom at its head. It is in conflict with every principle and tradition of democracy." Perhaps so. But are professed democracies always democratic in their

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HOME BANK'S DEVELOPMENTS.

The statement of the Home Bank of Canada for the year ended May 31, presented at the annual meeting held at Toronto on Tuesday, shows that this Bank enjoyed a satisfactory year. Net profits were \$167.126, equal to about 12 per cent. on the average paid-up capital and comparing with \$140,030 last year. The seven per cent. dividend absorbed \$96,426; \$200,000 (including \$183.769 premium on new capital stock issued) was transferred to rest account, making this account \$650,000; \$40,000 was written off bank premises and office furniture and the increased balance of \$100,470 is carried forward. The balance sheet shows total assets of \$14,735,100, an increase of about \$2,400,000 upon last year. Paidup capital at May 31 was \$1,938,208; deposits \$9,978,981-an increase of nearly \$1,000,000; current loans, \$8,799,609.

MONTREAL DEVELOPMENTS.

In his address at the meeting, the General Manager (Senator James Mason) referred to the taking over by the Home Bank of the Banque Internationale. "The Montreal branch," he said, "should grow in time to be of considerable usefulness, inasmuch as that City is becoming a very large grain export point, and in other respects the opening thus made in the Province of Quebec should in due course materially add to the volume of the Bank's business and profits." In referring to the current position and outlook, Senator Mason said that the present stringency is likely to continue throughout the year, and more especially during the season when the crops require to be moved. But, he said, it should prove more or less beneficial by checking over-borrowing on the part of our municipalities, and putting an end to speculative trading of all sorts. The large and steadily increasing immigration into Canada, the extensive railway construction, and the sound condition generally of business and of the manufacturing and other industries can be taken as a reassuring factor.

Regret was expressed at the retirement of the President, Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, owing to ill-health. Subsequently to the annual meeting Senator Mason (general manager) was elected his successor, with Mr. Thomas Flynn as vice-president. Mr. A. Claude Macdonell, M.P., is a new director. The share-holders approved an increase in the authorised capital of the Bank from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT BY CANADA LIFE.

The office of Treasurer of the Canada Life Assurance Company, made vacant by the death of Mr. H. L. Watt, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. E. M. Saunders, who since 1886 has been connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and who for several years has been its manager at Calgary.

Mr. Saunders, who is a son of the Rev. Dr. Saunders of Halifax, received his education in Dalhousie College at Halifax. He spent 15 years in Eastern Canada in the service of the bank, and 11 years ago went to the West where he has represented it as Branch Manager at Moosomin and Moose Jaw as well as at Calgary. Mr. Saunders has also studied conditions at various points throughout the West on behalf of the bank, and the establishment of a number of its branches in that country has been on his recommendation.

Doubtless, Mr. Saunders' large experience of western conditions and his first-hand knowledge of the country has had something to do in confirming the directors of the Canada Life in their choice, for, while a man of first-class attainments and standing is necessary for so important an office, Mr. Saunders' value to his Company will be materially enhanced by his knowledge of the West in which most of our life companies are now investing a substantial part of their assets.

SIR EDMUND WALKER ON THE OUTLOOK.

Speaking recently at a luncheon tendered him in London by the members of the Royal Colonial Institute, Sir Edmund Walker said that when the transcontinental roads were finished and when the growth of Western cities was a little less rapid and the main features of municipal expenditure had been accomplished, things would begin to work easier, and until then it was impossible to expect that Canadians should overcome their imports with their exports. In the main, he was sure that the money they obtained was wisely used. So far as the building of railways in the West was concerned, there could be no doubt about their earning power, if they considered the low cost per mile and the quantity of traffic being created. So far as provincial Govern-ments were concerned, there was no probability whatever of their incurring obligations beyond their capacity to protect, even though they might undertake some phases of State-ownership, in which some of them might not happen to believe. Apart from the scarcity of money, there had been nothing to check Canadian growth and prosperity, except the decline in real estate speculation-a thing not to be regretted. He could only repeat that nothing had happened to change the confidence of the investor in Canada, except that money was scarce instead of plentiful; when it was a little easier the investor would again see that the brightest and most wholesome spot in the Empire was in North America, above the great lakes and the 49th parallel.

INVESTMENT YIELDS AND THE COST OF LIVING.

In one sense it would be quite sufficient explanation of the apathy of the public to say that both investment and speculation is out of fashion at present, writes a banking authority in the London Financial News. All experienced men in the city are aware that fashion counts for a great deal in Stock Exchange business, and it is perfectly safe to say that when the public commences to buy Stock Exchange securities the congestion, which is the problem of the moment, will very speedily be relieved. A further and more definite explanation of the aloofness of the public lies in the fact that the yield provided on good investment securities, although it has risen very considerably in the last two or three years, is not considered commensurate, in view of the largely increased cost of living. It is quite probable that 5 per cent. interest. to-day is equivalent only to about 4 per cent., say ten years ago. The purchasing power of the sovereign has decreased. This has necessitated the rise in wages that has been so general in the last few years and just in the same way as the workman is charging more for his skill or his muscle so the capitalist is charging more for the commodify which he has to sell or lend, namely, capital or credit.

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Subscribed Capital, \$10,000,000

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000

Total Assets, over \$33,000,000

Deposited with Dominion Government, over \$600,000

Canadian Branch: Head Office, Guardian Building, MONTREAL.

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Accumulated Funds, \$38,800,000

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London Assurance

OF ENGLAND.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER A.D. 1720

CAPITAL PAID UP

\$2,241,375

TOTAL CASH ASSETS

22,457,415

Head Office for Canada, w. KENNEDY, W. B. COLLEY. MONTREAL

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FIRE PREMIUMS AND LOSSES IN CANADA, 1912.

We publish in this issue our annual tables, which have now been compiled for a great number of years, showing the ratio of net losses incurred to net cash received for premiums in 1912 by the fire companies operating in Canada under Dominion licenses. Year by year these statistics, which are compiled from the report of the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance show a great expansion, not only in the volume of the business transacted by the companies but also in the number of organisations operating in the field. There can be no doubt regarding the increasing keenness of the competition for the Dominion's fire insurance business and that altogether apart from the illegitimate competition of the unlicensed concerns of various kinds, who at the close of 1912 had insurance in force in Canada about seven per cent. of the amount which the licensed companies reporting to the Dominion Government had in force at the same date.

INVASION OF AMERICAN COMPANIES.

Last year was notable for a determined invasion of the Canadian fire field by the American companies. No fewer than twelve American fire insurance organisations are included in the present tabulations for the first time. The number of American fire companies transacting business in Canada under Dominion auspices has thereby been nearly doubled. Only one new British company, the Palatine, appears in the present statistics, but four new Canadian organisations make their appearance, apart from the change caused by the taking over of the business of the Manitoba by the Liverpool-Manitoba. In the case of the Canadian organisations, some are new companies; others have previously been working under provincial licenses and have now entered the larger field. The list of debutantes of the year is completed by a French company.

However, the British fire companies still retain the larger proportion of the fire insurance business of the Dominion, and no one with a knowledge of the facts is likely to grudge them their supremacy. Many of them have been well established in Canada for generations-in at least one case the century mark has been passed-and sound management with efficient organisation have played their part. It is too often forgotten that these fire companies have played a very real and important share in the building up of the Dominion. Conflagrations are not exactly unknown in Canada, and the enormous sums which have been freely paid out by the British fire companies have gone far in the rebuilding of fireruined cities and towns from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Canadian investments of these companies aggregate very large sums; their offices in the large cities are frequently among the most handsome and convenient structures in the business districts. The moderate profits secured from their Canadian business by the British companies have been well earned.

THE BUSINESS OF 1912.

There was again last year a very considerable expansion in the volume of fire insurance business transacted in Canada. Premiums received by the whole of the companies totalled \$23,194,518, an increase of some \$2,600,000 upon the 1911 total of \$20,575,255 which in turn showed an increase of \$1,850,000 over 1910. As might be expected from facts already mentioned, the American and French companies secured the lion's share of this increase in premium income, their total being \$6,038,984, an increase of some \$1,400,000 upon 1911. The British companies show an advance of nearly \$900,000 from \$11,205,694 in 1911 to \$12,092,125 in 1912. The Canadian companies' increase is just over \$300,000 from \$4,727,141 in 1911 to \$5,063,409 in 1912. In regard to losses, the experience was very similar to that of 1911, but on the whole a trifle more favorable. The Canadian companies report a loss ratio of 51.09 p.c. against 53.08 p.c. in 1911, and the British companies one of 50.87 against 53.83. On the other hand, the American and French companies' ratio went up to 50.23 against 48.95 in 1911. Taking the companies as a whole their loss ratio was 50.75 against 52.54 in 1911.

TWENTY YEARS' RECORD.

The additional table summarising the loss record of the whole of the companies for the past twenty years shows at a glance the course of the fire insurance business in Canada during that period. It will be seen that on the whole, the second decade makes a rather more favorable showing than the first. But only in three years of the twenty has the loss ratio of the companies fallen below 50 per cent. In one year, 1904, when the companies paid out seven and a quarter million dollars for the Toronto wholesale warehouse district fire, there was an actual excess of losses over premiums and in eight other years the loss ratio was over 60 per cent. Apparently we are as busy as ever in burning up our wealth. Even in our largest cities -cities which rather flatter themselves on being centres of an advanced civilisation-any fool can fling down a lighted match or cigar butt where his folly pleases him, without any fear of punishment for the possible consequences of his criminal act. And it is left to fire insurance men to do the fighting for better things. The great big public simply doesn't care. And sometimes it even seems doubtful whether it ever will care.



ONTARIO AND NORTH WEST BRANCH

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81 St. Peter St.

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The Yorkshire Insurance Co., Limited

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ASSETS, \$13,000,000

Established 1824

FIRE INSURANCE granted on every description of property at Tariff rates.

LIVE STOCK INSURANCE. This Company has a large Live Stock business in England and elsewhere, and is the FIRST COMPANY, licensed by the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, to transact Live Stock Insurance in the Dominion.

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\$3,000,000.00

LOSSES paid since organization of Com-

pany . . . over \$56,000,000

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GENERAL AGENTS FOR CANADA, MONTREAL

LONDON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

HEAD OFFICE

TORONTO

ESTABLISHED 1859

Assets on December 31st, 1912 - \$1,012,673.58
Liabilities on December 31st, 1912 - \$368,334.81
SURPLUS on December 31st, 1912 \$644,338.77
Security for Policy Holders - \$1.031.161.17

F. D. WILLIAMS, Managing Director

Fire Insurance Expiration Books 50c. & \$2.00
THE CHRONICLE, - MONTREAL.

FIRE PREMIUMS AND LOSSES IN CANADA, 1912,

With Comparative Results from 1906 to 1911.

(Compiled by The Chronicle)

COMPANIES	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	Net Cash received for Premiuns.	Net Losses incurred.	Net Cash received for Premiums.	NESS OF 19.2 Net Losses incurred.	r.e.I.
Canadian—	<u> </u>	T		<u> </u>		-	8	8	s s		Pren
Acadia	28.9	33.8	40.8	46.9	70.95	67.01				\$	1
Anglo-American	55.1						125,526	84,119	110,673	77,161	6
British America			97.9		59.06		218,962	139,797	180,441	124,364	6
	53.9		68.5	55.4	69.34	41.51	550,718	228,682	421,097	236,078	
British Colonial			****						12,615	2,061	
British Northwestern									29,439	6,931	
Canada National						1.50	24,898	372	121,142	28,559	
Canadian	43.8	37.2	71.1	43.7	42.19	32.31	281,695	90.742	301.017	100,009	2
Central Canada Mfrs.		93.2	69.1	57.3	31.54		55,615	47,741	50,222	106,915	
Dominion		34.8	88.8	45.2	60.74		277,751	140.959		40,308	
Eastern Canada Mfrs.		93.2	69.2	57.3	99.03		211,101	149,258	255,742	154,191	1 6
Equity	47.0		86.3	57.3	71.29		040.050	*********			
Factories					62.33		242,859	122,480	175,830	134,515	
Hudson Bay							211,025	97,320	151,976	105,538	
Liverpool-Manitoba .						39.18	129,053	50,569	145,579	70,428	4
									358,896	218,987	
London Mutual	63.2	60.0	67.1	58.7	40.61	33.35	353,881	224,178	423,151	209,088	
Manitoba	49.3	52.4	74.2	46.5	52.05	55.45	333,578	184,954			1
Mercantile	23.4	31.3	53.6	49.1	70.00	52.55	186,782	98,156	213,508	89,035	4
Montreal-Canada	65.8	71.7	97.7	65.4	54.30	75.94	174,738	132,697	136,535		
Mount Royal							214,100			79,437	
North Empire				7.9	39.02	15.80	61,182	99 091	201,550	91,633	
North West					00.02	10.00	61,182	28,021	81,485	29,884	
Nova Scotia	26.0	35.5	26.8	39.8	66.32	10.10	107.040		84,150	42,342	
Occidental		00.0	20.0	34.9		40.19	137,949	55,438	168,651	94,291	
Ontario		20.0	77.		44.59	33.91	102,455	34,749	152,164	64,417	4
Ottown	40.0	39.0	77.1	70.4	83.29	85.33	180,976	154,427	179,616	104,558	- 5
Ottawa	49.2	242.0	49.5	85.8	428.85	17.27	20,366	3,518	-3,513	739	
Pacific Coast			129.4	38.4	46.38	30.00	64,802	19,427	99,441	27.064	
Quebec	55.3	26.6	30.9	72.3	42.30	43.28	190,816	82,599	216,762	94,541	
Rich, and Drummond	15.3	43.7	75.0	106.8				02,000	210,102	34,341	
Rimouski		56.9	61.7	53.2	86.63	67.73	331,161	223,298	310,998	154,960	4
Sovereign	3.7	46.6	95.2	64.2	46.18	52.65	70,601	37,170	109,347		
Western	61.2	56.0	71.1	51.4	50.96	54.90	399,752			59,076	
Totals & Averages.	52.7	53.6	72.1	55.9	60.03		-	219,465	374,895	149,090	3
	02.1	00.0	12.1	00.0	00.05	7 30.66	4,727,141	2,509,377	5,063,409	2,586,805	5
nerican & French— Aetna	32.3	37.8	36.5	38.2	47.48	45.94	\$268,627	2101 710	*****	*****	
American Central								\$121,518	\$229,480	\$124,208	5
American									65,715	12,546	1
morioan Llouds									8,615	None	١.
American Lloyds						4.36	10,490	457	13,428	1.314	
California	222		2.73						10,701	791	
Connecticut	31.9	49.7	67.4	53.0	54.38	48.26	112,371	54,227	108,906	56,497	5
Continental						42.26	203,712	86,104	288,915	206,264	7
Fidelity-Phenix	32.4	61.2	50.1	39.2	56.36	45.81	373,164	170,951	397,448	256,532	6
reman's Fund											
'iremen's									34,737	16,715	4
lénérales	1								44,606	3,763	
erman-American	31.6	47.7	67.6	49.6	62.08	44 10	990 011	*********	11,953	1,075	1
ermania	01.0		01.0	10.0			338,811	149,708	413,313	210,872	5
lartford	42.9	47.1	46.9	45.4	70.04	::::.			34,574	11,866	3
lartford				45.4	70.84	34.44	799,871	275,491	887,485	426,002	4
Iome	38.5	62.2	55.2	49.1	63.00	53.84	338,553	182,273	368,493	191,975	5
ns. Co. of N. A	42.7	47.0	65.2	55.2	39.68	51.87	370,592	192,224	372,557	196,947	5
ns. Co. State of Pa.									161,200	67,904	4
umber	111.6	24.9	67.0	80.8	120.03	83.33	173,681	144,731	147,659	66,229	4
ational			19.7	27.7	61.00	43.02	300,840	129,433	416,875	304,449	7
lational Union							64,183	24,278			
liagara									156,598	92,581	55
orthwestern Nat'l .									76,821	41,720	5
henix of Hartford.	31.5	39.4	48.3	38.5	50.05		*********		10,476	5,344	5
	01.0	33.4	10.0	35.5	50.05		310,388	179,820	351,926	139,185	39
Providence-Washington	40.0		00.		00				119,500	29,786	24
ueen of America	49.2	56.7	66.9	52.7	62.85	59.30	603,073	357,629	577,985	281,012	48
ochester-German	29.1	86.8	54.7	49.3	57.75						- "
pringfield F. & M				35.1	43.62	50.72	197,511	100,180	278,248	123,375	44
t. Paul F. & M		16.6	49.0	31.6	50.72		151,663	93,195	189,652	97,832	51
Union, Paris						41.37	24,890	10,298			
									134,879	44,137	32 46
Vestchester.											
Vestchester	40.4	51.3							56,239	22,589	**

^{*}Including in 1912 the business of the Manitoba Assurance Company.

COMMERCIAL UNION

ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED of LONDON, England

(As at 31st December 1912)

Capital Fully Subscribed	\$14,750,000
Capital Paid Up	1,475,000
Life Fund, and Special Trust	
Funds,	68,056,830
Total Annual Income exceeds	39,500,000
Total Funds exceed	118,000,000
Total Fire Losses Paid .	155,780,550
Deposit with Dominion Government	1,284,327

APPLICATIONS FOR AGENCIES SOLICITED IN UNREPRESENTED DISTRICTS.

Head Office: Canadian Branch:

Commercial Union Building, MONTREAL

J. McGREGOR.

Manager

W. S. JOPLING. Assistant Manager

PALATINE

of LONDON, England

(As at 31st December 1912)

Capital Fully Paid	\$500,000
Fire Premiums 1912, Net .	\$2,421,745
Interest, Net	127,350
Total Income	\$2,549,095
Funds	\$4,000,000
Deposit with Dominion Gov'nt	\$105,666

In addition to the above there is the further guarantee of the Commercial Union Assurance Company Limited, whose Funds exceed \$118,000,000

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This Company commenced business in Canada by depositing \$300,000 with the Dominion Government for security of Canadian Policy-holders.

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Phœnix of Hartford

Company

Total Cash Assets \$11,404,634.19 **Total Losses Pald** 70,700,545.46

> J. W. Tatley, Manager. MONTREAL.

Applications for Agencies Invited.

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Total Funds Exceed \$109,798,258.00 Canadian Investments Over

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POSSIBILITIES OF STATE FIRE INSURANCE.

The tendency of the times seems to be in the direction of a more paternalistic attitude on the part of the State governments in relation to fire insurance. In fact, if the present trend continues, it might not be unsafe to predict the ultimate adoption of a socialistic conduct of the fire insurance business by the respective States. State regulation of rating systems has already gone so far that the rates might about as well be made by State officials; indeed, the conditions in some sections are approaching a point where about the only functions which will remain for the fire insurance companies themselves will be the payment of losses and expenses, the State governing the premium income, or at least preventing any increase therein except that due to augmented volume of business. As, under such circumstances, unprofitable rates are to be expected, the companies

might not be able to long exist thereunder; then in the event of their failure or withdrawal the State might be obliged, in the interest of its citizens, to undertake all the functions now exercised by a fire insurance company. Just how soon a beginning may be made in the writing of fire insurance by a State it is impossible to foretell; but if the insurance companies are forced by unreasonable legislation to withdraw from some State the authorities of such State may, in casting about for a plan to relieve its citizens from the consequences of legislative folly, light upon and put into practice the idea of State insurance. It is probable that it would not take many years to demonstrate that such a plan would be expensive, if not impracticable, and the regular insurance companies would doubtless be welcomed back joyfully. Possibly some such experiment will be needed to convince advocates of State insurance of the impracticability of the scheme.-The Spectator.

FIRE PREMIUMS AND LOSSES IN CANADA, 1911-Concluded.

	l l'e	r cent.	of Losse	s incurred	to Prem	iums	BUSINES	4 OF 1911.	BUSINESS OF 1912.		
COMPANIES	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	Net Cash received for Fremiums	Net Losses incurred.	Net Cash received for Premiums	Net Losses incurred.	p.c. Losse ⁸ incurred to Premium ⁹
British-	1					1					
Alliance	35.9	64.1	58.5	31.7	45.80	55.85	\$199,726	\$111,556	\$206,684	\$98,528	47.6
Atlas	48.6	52.6	64.5	46.0	63.34	37.14	459,899	308,771	497,116	279,412	56.2
Caledonian	43.0	52.1	78.8	41.6	58.90	51.98	388,130	201,744	431,217	212,988	49.3
Commercial Union	37.8	46.6	49.6	46.1	55.65	53.97	1,233,650	665,766	792,177	405,406	51.1
Employers' Liability						31.33	95,484	29,917	174,606	55,678	31.8
General Accident			6.9	37.6	66.51	77.12	253,073	195,174	264,818	122,051	
Guardian	45.8	54.6	64.0	52.7	57.76	63.88	752,342	480,584	827,130	510,638	
Law Union & Rock.	42.2	50.3	59.7	44.5	53.57	51.74	183,058	94,718	212,748	110,703	
Liv. & Lon. & Globe.	49.4	66.2	59.1	56.3	59.64	53.70	1,299,799	697,947	1,297,207	746,935	
London & Lancashire	33.3	38.2	62.6	47.6	54.36	64.21	555,642	357,795	614,269	250,065	
London Assurance .	34.3	52.7	54.0	27.9	40.43	35.75	232,948	83,285	252,008	107,333	
North British	48.6	60.4	56.8	54.5	62.67	57.80	839,615	485,336	940,875	457,510	
Northern	43.7	62.9	76.3	50.2	52.93	17.49	564,135	267,916	636,980	311,264	
Norwich Union	45.0	45.7	63.8	44.2	54.96	17.23	723,590	341,933	770,887	420,121	
Palatine									73,594	4,910	
Phænix of London	45.4	50.3	54.5	54.6	62.20	14.66	1,055,569	471.408	996,925	522,885	
Provincial						9.13	18,525	1.702	29,382	2,964	
Royal	53.3	63.0	50.6	52.5	56.41	53.37	1.193,833	637,166	1,267,798	727,149	
Royal Exchange					2.35	10.23	213,466	85,893	322,085	127,897	
Scottish Union & Nat	30.6	36.3	67.2	40.0	42.85	18.83	294,003	143,560	349,315	135,758	
Sun	47.5	58.2	54.0	58.0	51.71	30.18	388,831	234,002	422,328	228,375	
Union	64.1	56.3						201,002	438,649	193,230	
Yorkshire		45.8	36.8	51.4	61.64	51.11	259,976	132,862	273,327	119,321	
Totals & Averages.	46.6	55.5	58.1	49.7	57.02	53.83	11,205,694	6,029,035	12,092,125	6,151,121	50.8
Recapitulation-	1									-	1
Canadian companies.	52.7	53.6	72.1	55.9	60.03	53.08	4,727,141	2,509,377	5,063,409	2.586,805	51.0
British companies.	46.6	55.5	58.1	51.4	57.02	53.83	11,205,694	6,029,035	12,092,125		
						18.95	4,642,420			6,151,121	
Amer. & French com.	40.4	51.3	47.8	46.7	59.72	10.35	4,042,420	2,272,517	6,038,984	3,033,510	50.2
Totals & Averages	46.7	54.2	58.9	50.47	58.38	52.54	20.575,255	10,810,929	23,194,518	11,771,436	50.7

Twenty Years' Premiums Received and Losses Incurred by Fire Companies with Dominion Licenses. (Compiled by The Chronicle.)

Years	Premiums Received	Losses Incurred	Per- centage	Years	Premi 1ms Received	Lorses Incurred	Per- centage
1893	\$6,793,595	\$5,113,905	75 55	1903	\$11,384,762	\$5,799,279	50 94
1894	6,711,369	4,612,019	68 69	1904	13,169,882	14,191,847	107 76
1895	6,943,382	4,812,764	69 31	1905	14,285,671	6,185,612	43 30
1896	7,075,850	4,338,506	61 31	1906	14,687,963	6,863,829	46 73
1897	7,157,661	4,609,997	64 41	1907	16,122,922	8,742,994	54 23
1898	7,350,131	5,395,898	74 37	1908	17,572,113	10,347,567	58 88
1899	7,910,492	4,552,161	57 75	1909	17,049,464	8,604,477	50 47
1900	8,331,948	8,078,931	97 00	1910	18,725,531	10,931,918	58 38
1901	9,650,348	6,783,617	70 29	1911	20,575,255	10,810,929	52 54
1902	10,577,084	4,288,562	40 54	1912	23,194,518	11,771,436	50 75



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YEAR'S FAVORABLE EXPERIENCE.

The report now issued shows that, as regards its fire department, in connection with which the Company is best known in Canada, the record of 1912 is a satisfactory one. Premiums were \$6,222,320, a figure which marks a small increase upon 1911. The loss experience was of the moderate kind, claims absorbing \$3,298,940, equal to 53.0 per cent. of the premiums. Expenses, including commission to agents and charges of every kind, were \$2,342,630 or 37.7 per cent. of the premiums.

A SOLID POSITION.

The position of the Northern Assurance Company is indeed one of very great strength. Not only is the fire premium reserve maintained at the high ratio of 50 per cent., giving a fund of \$3,111,160, but as a result of last year's operations, another addition of \$500,000 was made to the conflagration reserve, thereby raising it to \$6,000,000. So that the fire funds of the Northern total \$9,111,160 or practically 147 per cent. of the fire premium income of last year, apart from the profit and loss balance of over \$900,000, which is also available in case of need. No better security than this could be wished for.

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MEDICO-ACTUARIAL MORTALITY INVESTIGATION.

Features of Second Volume of Report—Influence of Build on Mortality—Effect of Underweight, Overweight and Height.

In Volume II of the report on the Medico-Actuarial Mortality Investigation, which is being conducted by the Actuarial Society of America and by the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors, there appear the results of an investigation into the mortality among men according to degree of departure from the average weight. In common with all investigations of such a nature a standard is required to determine the normal deaths. This standard consists of sets of mortality ratios which take account of the age of the insured at entry and of the duration of the policy, and is known as the M. A. Table. It is published in Volume I of the report of the committee, and is based on the experience of forty-three companies on standard or average lives under policies issued from 1885 to 1008. When a class or a group of lives is said to show 100 per cent. mortality, it means that the actual experience has been in accordance with the M. A. Table, i.e., the actual deaths are the same as the expected deaths as calculated from the table. If 120 per cent., then the mortality has been 20 per cent, greater than the standard or average experience of the companies, i.e., the actual deaths are greater by 20 per cent. than the expected deaths by the M. A. Table.

UNDERWEIGHTS.

At the young ages of entry underweight is of considerable importance, as may be seen from the following exhibit, which is based on the percentage of variation from the average weight:

PERCENTAGE VARIATION FROM AVERAGE WEIGHT. BELOW THE AVERAGE WEIGHT.

					-30	20	-10	
*		Ages	a	t	Ratio o	f Actual to	Expected	Average
		Entr	y.			Deaths.		Weight.
20	to	24.			. 141p.c.	127p.e.	113p.c.	104p.c.
25	to	29.			. 128p.c.	117p.c.	106p.c.	100p.c.
30	to	34.			.117p.c.	109p.c.	101p.c.	97p.c.
35	to	39.			108p.c	102p.c	97n.c	95n.e

The foregoing means, for example, that the companies experienced a mortality of 141 per cent. (41 per cent. above the normal) on lives aged 20 to 24 at the date of issue of the policies who were 30 per cent. under the average weight, the relative mortality decreasing as the age at entry increases, so that the ratio of actual to expected deaths at ages of entry 35 to 39 is only 108 per cent. on insured who were 30 per cent. below the average weight.

After age 40 at entry the relative mortality, even of those below the average weight to a marked degree, was less than the normal. The committee came to the conclusion that if great care is taken in the selection of risks, underweight, even to a considerable degree, has no detrimental influence on the mortality, except at the younger ages at entry.

OVERWEIGHT.

The investigation of the overweights shows the serious effect on mortality of a distinct departure from the average weight, especially at the middle ages of life. For example, those 30 per cent. overweight showed a mortality at ages at entry 20 to 24

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of 106 per cent., and at ages of entry 40 to 44, 150 per cent. of the standard. A brief table is given showing the influence of overweight on mortality.

PERCENTAGE VARIATION FROM AVERAGE WEIGHT

						ABOVE T	HE AVERA	GE WEIGH	IT.	
		. 1	Ag	es.		+10	+20	+30	+40	+50
		at	er	atr	y	Rati	o of Act	ual to E	xpected De	eaths.
20	to	24.				99p.c.	101p.c.	106p.c.	113p.c.	126p.c.
30	to	34.				97p.c.	111p.c.	124p.c.	129p.c.	157p.c.
40	to	44.				105p.c.	126p.c.	150p.c.	162p.c.	193p.c.
50	to	53.				111p.c.	123p.c.	144p.c.	169p.c.	184p.c.
60	to	62.				108p.c.	113p.c.	123p.c.	141p.c.	159p.c.

The percentages in the foregoing table represent the ratio of actual to expected deaths by the M. A. standard; accordingly the percentage of 99 per cent. (first percentage in table) means that the mortality at ages at entry 20 to 24 into the companies of those 10 per cent. above the average weight was slightly under the standard mortality. This and other percentages in the foregoing table indicate that overweight, unless marked, is not a serious matter at the young ages at entry.

The statistics show that the point of lowest mortality for the young ages at entry lies in the groups from 15 to 20 pounds above the average weight, while for ages 35 to 49 it is in the group from 5 to 10 pounds under the average weight. "In general, it may be said that the lowest mortality is experienced among those insured who are somewhat above the average weight at the younger ages at entry, and who are below the average weight at the older ages at entry."

EFFECT OF HEIGHT ON MORTALITY.

The statistics were divided into three groups of height. As the average height of the men was found to be 5 feet 8½ inches in their shoes, the middle group of heights was taken as 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 10 inches inclusive, and the other two groups 5 feet 3 inches to 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet 2 inches. Combining all policies irrespective of the weight of the insured, and considering only the height, the following is the result:

RATIO OF ACTUAL TO EXPECTED DEATHS.

							Height	Height	Height
							5 ft. 3 ins.	5 ft. 7 ins.	5 ft. 11 ins.
		Age	28				to	to	to
	a	t Er	atı	ry			5 ft. 6 ins.	5 ft. 10 ins.	6 ft. 2 ins.
20	to	29.					95p.c.	110p.c.	122p.c.
30	to	39.					107p.c.	109p.c.	113p.c.
40	to	49.					110p.c.	109p.c.	120p.c.
50	to	59.					108p.c.	109p.c.	101p.c.

At ages of entry 20 to 29 the mortality is seen to be about one-quarter higher among the tall than among the short men.

Other tables in the report are given to show that the same effect as the foregoing exists when the insured are divided into various groups of overweights and of underweights.

At the younger ages tall men have proved less desirable risks than short men; at the older ages short and medium-sized men have been slightly worse risks than tall men.

DISTRIBUTION BY PLAN OF INSURANCE.

As the question naturally arose: What is the connection between the plan of insurance selected by the applicant and the mortality experience? the distribution of the business by plan was obtained.

The following short exhibit shows the distribution by plan of insurance of those greatly underweight or markedly overweight, with those from 10 pounds underweight to 10 pounds overweight:

Variation						
From	Distribution by Plan.					
Average		Limited 1	Endowment			
Weight	Ordinary	Payment	Insurance			
in Pounds.	Life Plan.	Life Plan.	Plan.			
—10 to +10	44p.c.	40p.c.	16p.c.			
-50 and more under-						
weight	39p.c.	39p.c.	22p.c.			
+50 and more overweight	33p.c.	37p.c.	30p.c.			

The distribution by plan is given in the report by ages at entry, and it appears from these tables that the proportion of endowment insurance was fully twice as great at the older ages at entry among the insured 50 and more pounds over the average weight than among those of average weight. The companies apparently sought to protect themselves against the results of mortality among insured considerably overweight by limiting many of them to endowment insurance. These tables also show that the percentage of ordinary life policies among the policyholders of normal weight increases with the advancing age at entry, while the percentage of Limited Payment Life decreases as rapidly.

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A gentleman who was present the other day at the annual meeting of one of our non-commission life offices, which makes a rule of employing no paid agents, expressed surprise that only about seven persons out of each million of the population of this country had actually insured themselves during the past year with the office in question, and this was the more remarkable seeing that a reference to Whitaker, which shows the percentage of expenses of life offices to premium income, must appeal to everyone. Well, we have ourselves often expressed the opinion that if the public really understood the advantages of insurance the life offices would soon be obliged to have an "early door," and as the office with which this gentleman is associated is a particularly fine one it should be one of the first to require this extra accommodation for eager clients.

IGNORING TWO FACTS.

But virtue is not always its own reward, nor do members of the public go to seek a life office as Diogenes went with a lamp in his hand to seek an honest man. Life offices which do not employ agents, however, ignore two facts which govern the affairs of the life assurance business in the present state of society. First, the public will not insure their lives without being adequately canvassed, and second, it does not follow that the company with the lowest expense ratio (even when recorded in Whitaker) must be the most profitable for policyholders. Proper economy in the management of a life office is, of course, a most commendable thing, but a low expense ratio does not necessarily mean proper economy. Most people will remember the lady who asked a bishop to explain the functions of an archdeacon, and to whom the bishop laconically replied that an archdeacon was a man who performed archideaconal duties. And perhaps it would not be a bad definition to say that a life office is an office which exists for the purpose of insuring lives. But you cannot insure lives without the proper machinery and equipment any more than you can save lives in danger without the necessary apparatus for the purpose, and it is interesting to record that it occurred to another gentleman present at the meeting that such is really the fact.

* A KIND OF SUPERSTITION.

There is, indeed, a kind of superstition that just to the extent that money is saved by paying no commission to agents the profits of a life office are increased. We call this theory a superstitition because it does not happen to square with the experience of the insurance business, which is that some life offices which employ many agents, and even pay them a generous rate of commission, are at the same time and notwithstanding this expense able to pay their policyholders profits as large as those paid by non-commission offices. The explanation of this seeming paradox is a simple one. It is that the results of a life office are made of several factors and not merely of one factor as is implied in the non-comsion expense ratio theory, which theory therefore fails as a complete and satisfying principle in the conduct of a life office. Our non-commission offices are undoubtedly offices of high rank, and worthy of the entire confidence and patronage of the public.

But so also are a large number of offices which employ agents and pay commission, and thereby increase the volume of their business. It was said by Emerson that "the world belongs to the energetic man," and similarly the world of insurance belongs to the energetic office. If the man is a benefactor who makes two blades of grass to grow where only one blade grew before, so also is the insurance company a benefactor whose energy has caused two widows to be provided for instead of only one. But this energy is only another word for agents, for without agents the essential work cannot be accomplished.— Policyholder, Manchester.

IMPORTANT SURETY JUDGMENT.

The Court of Appeal has rendered a judgment of far reaching importance with respect to the liability of surety companies upon bonds given by them in appeals to that court. The case was that of Foster vs. The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and the facts (as reported by the Montreal Gazette) giving rise to the litigation were as follows:

In March, 1912, judgment was rendered for \$381 in favor of the Rea Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, against Antonio Cordasco, a well-known Montreal Italian labor agent. Cordasco inscribed the case in appeal, and furnished a bond of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company as security for debt and costs in the event of his losing the appear. The contract on the bond was that the surety would satisfy the condemnation in capital, interest and costs, in case the appellant did not effectually prosecute the appeal, in the event of the judgment appealed from being confirmed in appeal.

After the bond was lodged in the appeal office the Rea Company moved to dismiss the inscription in appeal on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to hear appeals involving amounts under \$500, and the motion was granted. The appeal then stood dismissed.

The Rea Company, and its attorneys, not being able to collect their judgment and costs from Cordasco, called upon the Surety Company, which refused to pay because its contract was to pay only if the judgment appealed from was confirmed, and it could not be held that the Court of Appeal had confirmed a judgment which it had no jurisdiction to discuss. The Rea Company and its attorneys then each brought action against the Surety Company and both actions were dismissed by Judge Fortin in February last. The Company's case is still pending in Review, while the present case has been finally disposed of by the judgment rendered in appeal. The factums on both sides contain decisions and authorities drawn mainly from English, American and Scottish sources, there being but one old case in point under our law, that of Francis vs. O'Leary, which was decided on somewhat similar grounds. In effect the court held that the contention of the appellant was without foundation, that the judgment appealed from was confirmed by reason of the judgment dismissing the inscription, as the judgment of the lower court had not been and could not be, under the circumstances, revised or examined in appeal for lack of jurisdiction in that court to hear the appeal at all. And as the judgment appealed from was not confirmed in appeal, the condition of the bond had not been fulfilled, the surety being within the rights in refusing to be bound beyond its contract.

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DEVELOPING MANAGERS.

Making a great effort to secure new agents and doing little to develop and keep them is as shortsighted a policy as that of companies which spend dollars in securing new business to cents or less in keeping it on the books. Time and energy spent in properly developing the men already in the agency force is far more fruitful than hiring new recruits if they are to be neglected after they sign a contract. It should not be understood that the idea of securing new blood is discouraged for that is necessary to fill in the breaks which are sure to come no matter how well trained salesmen are. In fact these breaks in the ranks must be looked for in one direction at least, for every manager should develop his men to such a degree that the company will want them for managerial positions in other fields. There is nothing lost in bringing about this result for it is a great help in securing agents for one to show that he develops them so carefully and successfully that they graduate into higher positions. Besides this, the more men the company takes from his agency the greater his prestige, and the more of his men there are managing various territories of his company, the greater factor he becomes in the field force.-Argus.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. W. B. Meikle, managing director of the Western Assurance Company, Toronto, is on a visit to Europe.

Bankers will congratulate Senator James Mason, general manager of the Home Bank, on his election as President of that institution in succession to Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, whose retirement is due to ill-health.

Mr. L. Goldman, managing director, North American Life, Toronto, spent a couple of days in Montreal this week. He informs us that the business of his Company throughout the Dominion is entirely satisfactory in every department. Mr. Goldman is very popular with the agents of his Company. He visits them frequently, with very beneficial results.

INSURANCE NOTES & NEWS

An ounce of fire prevention is worth a ton of water after the fire is ablaze.—Insurance Post.

The Yorkshire Insurance Company has purchased the Eagle Insurance Company of London, which does a life business.

It is stated on behalf of the Prudential of America that while it is the youngest of the large companies in the life insurance field it ranks second among all the companies of the world in the amount of insurance in force, over 2 billion 211 million dollars.

A pillar of commerce, a chief factor in commercial credits, a *sine qua non* in all the immense business of this country, fire insurance should be fostered and encouraged instead of harassed, worried and unreasonably taxed, as it has been by many of the States for a long period of time.—*Insurance Age*.

According to the *Insurance Age*, since 1883, the assets of fire companies, both American and foreign doing business in the United States, have been multiplied by more than four, the income by about the same figure, and the risks outstanding have grown by a multiple of about six. That is to say, assets at January 1, 1883, were \$151,215,907, income, \$90,265,-273 and risks in force \$8,652,264,489. At January 1, 1913, the figures are, assets, \$679,659,784; income, \$381,724,687; risks in force \$52,374,127,000.

The various States have made life insurance the subject of increased taxation, the result being that in the last twenty years over \$135,000,000 has been collected from the policyholders by the States, diminishing the refunds and increasing the cost of insurance so much. The companies in the United States now pay a tax of 2.08 per cent. on the total premiums. A business conducted solely for profit would regard a tax of that amount on its gross receipts as most oppressive, while 85 per cent. of life insurance is not conducted for profit, but is done by mutual companies. In addition to the impositions of the various States the Federal Government is now threatening to impose an additional income tax.— Edward A. Woods, of Pittsburg.

It was mentioned recently in this column that the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends had decided to allow rates to remain as they are. The following is a comparison of the Chosen Friends' rates with those decided upon by the National Fraternal Congress as being consistent with safety:—

Age.	C. F.	N. F. C
22	. 62	.96
24	. 64	1.01
26	. 66	1.07
28	. 68	1.14
30	.70	1.22
36	.76	1.51
40	. 86	1.76
44	1.04	2.07

The assets of the Order are but \$29.21 per thousand.

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FINANCIAL GOSSIP

London liked to blame when money was tight, and praise when it was easy.—Sir Edmund Walker.

Montreal Tramways directors yesterday placed the common stock on a 10 per cent. dividend basis by the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 2½ p.c.

It is stated from Ottawa that the finance department has begun the preparation of a bill to be introduced next session establishing a general law regarding trust and loan companies.

The Montreal city authorities have been notified that owing to the condition of the London money market, the loan of thirteen millions dollars that Montreal is out for cannot be floated at the present time.

Canadian chartered banks opened twenty new branches and closed eight during May, making a total number maintained of 2,989. Of the new branches opened, there were nine in Quebec, seven in Ontario, and one each in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Cuba. Of those closed, there were two each in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario, and one each in British Columbia and Quebec.

Shareholders of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company have ratified the proposal for the transfer of the assets of the company to the newly incorporated Canada Transportation Lines, Limited, and as similar action has been taken by the other companies not previously in the Richelieu fold the consolidation is virtually completed. Within two or three weeks a public issue of the \$12,500,000 preferred stock of the company will be made at par in London, through the firm of Brown, Shipley & Co.

Tooke Bros., Limited, annual report, presented at the meeting yesterday, showed a profit of \$107,-356.18, an increase of \$13,320 on last year, leaving, with the amount already brought forward, a balance at the credit of profit and loss account of \$84,296.99, an increase of \$38,550, after making ample allowance for depreciation, bad debts, and payment of dividends on the preferred stock. Orders for future delivery were reported to be largely ahead of the same date last year.

A meteoric rise in Spanish River common on the local exchanges this week is said to be due to a proposal to amalgamate with the Lake Superior Paper Company. The amalgamation proposal, it is said, has been approved by the Lake Superior Company and has also been passed on favorably by the Spanish River interests in London. It will now have to come before the board of the directors of the Spanish River Company at a meeting in Toronto, and, if approved by them, will then go before a meeting of shareholders for ratification. It is also suggested that a proportion of 11/4 shares of the new company stock for every I share of Spanish River stock and 3/4 share new stock for every share of Lake Superior will prove fairly close to the basis of exchange of securities proposed.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

(Specially compiled by The Chronicle)

PORT COLBORNE, ONT.—Cork works damaged, June 19. Loss, \$10,000.

Brantford, Ont.—Ball Club's grand stand slightly damaged, June 19.

STELLARTON, N.S.—Fire broke out in third seam

of Albion mine, June 21.

LIVERPOOL. N.S.—Coffin's island lighthouse destroyed, June 19. Origin, lightning.

Wingham, Ont.—John McLean's saw mill de-

stroyed, June 24. Loss, \$15,000. SYDNEY, N.S.-No. 2 ore pier damaged, June 22.

Loss, \$1,000. Originated in engine room.

Keene, Ont.—A. Gillespie's barn destroyed with

contents, June 18. Origin, lightning.

Quebec.—Fifty wards of Dufferin terrace destroy-

ed, June 25. Origin, dropped matches.

Quebec,—Factory of Canadian Packing Company destroyed with two store houses, June 24. Loss, \$25,000 covered by insurance.

St. Thomas, Ont.—Barn of John Mahaid, at Bayham, destroyed, June 22. Origin, lightning.

NANAIMO, B.C.—Windsor Hotel annex damaged, June 19. Loss, \$10,000. Origin, lightning.

FLEMING, SASK.—A. W. Suckling's residence destroyed, June 15. Loss, \$4,000. Origin, unknown.

Windsor, Ont.—Barn of S. Purvis, near Price, destroyed with contents, June 20. Origin, lightning. C. Lassalin's barn, third concession, Sandwich South, destroyed, June 20. Origin, lightning.

CAVAN, ONT.—R. Reynold's barns and outbuildings destroyed, June 18. Loss about \$2,000. Origin, bush fire.

PORT CARLING, ONT.—Supply steamer Ada Alice, owned by William Davies Company damaged, June 18. Insured.

Ottawa, Ont.—Main building of Ohio Brick & Tile Works totally destroyed, June 16. Loss, \$5,000. Origin, unknown.

LEAMINGTON, ONT.—Frank McIndoo's house, Albert Street, damaged, June 22. Loss, \$1,000, covered by insurance.

THREE RIVERS, QUE.—P. A. Gouin's hardware store damaged, June 15. Loss, \$10,000. Origin, unknown.

LAKE ANNIS, N.S.—D. R. Saunders' store damaged, June 8. Loss, \$10,000. Partial insurance. Origin, unknown.

MIDDLEMARCH, ONT.—N. J. Tufford's house destroyed with most of contents, June 16. Origin, explosion of gasoline stove.

Buckingham, Ont.—Steamer Agnes, property of DuLievre River Navigation Co., damaged, June 11. Loss, \$7,000. Origin, unknown.

Kingston, Ont.—Boathouses of Yacht Club Association damaged, June 18. Loss, inclusive of a number of gasoline launches, about \$8,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Barn on Dundas road, owned by A. B. Baxter, grocer, Caroline street south, burned, June 20. Loss, \$2,000.

ed, June 20. Loss, \$2,000.
CHATHAM, ONT.—Melvin Crow's barn at Prairie siding, destroyed, June 14. with most of contents.
Loss, several thousand dollars. Origin unknown.

Dalhousie, N.B.—Large cook house operated in connection with saw mill owned by Allen Hicks at Dalhousie Junction, totally destroyed, June 12.

MONTREAL, JUNE 27, 1913

THE

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY

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The Seventy-Seventh Annual General Meeting of The Northern Assurance Company, Limited, was held in the Offices of the Company at Aberdeen, on Wednesday, May 7, 1913, when the Directors' Report was presented.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The PREMIUMS received last year amounted to \$6,222,320 showing an increase of \$7,445 in comparison with those of the previous year.

The LOSSES amounted to \$3,298,940, or 53.0 per cent. of the premiums.

The **EXPENSES OF MANAGEMENT** (including commission to agents and charges of every kind) came to **\$2,342,030**, or 37.7 per cent. of the premiums.

FIRE REVENUE ACCOUNT

Additional Reserve 5,000 000	Contributions to fire brigades Transferred to profit and loss account- Profit for the year	16,065 912,710
	income for the year 3,111 160 Additional reserve 5,500,000	8,611,100 5,164,835

\$15,164,835

\$15,104,000

TOTAL FUNDS OF COMPANY

After carrying out the proposals of the Directors, the Funds of the Company, as at 31st December last, will stand as follows:—

and as follows:—			
Capital (subscribed \$15,000,000) paid up	 	 	\$1,500,000
Fire Reserve Fund and Unearned Premium Reserve		 	9.111,160
Life and Annuity Funds	 	 	26 298 045
Endowment and Capital Redemption Fund	 	 	510,445
Propherson Charles and Anthony Back	 	 	301 790
Staff Family	 	 	790,360
Investment Persons Pand	 	 	179,875
Profit and Loss Palance	 	 	913,965

\$39,605,640

\$5 taken as equivalent of £1 sterling.

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MERTIN, ONT.—Fire which started in rear of W. H. Trott's shoe shop, June 17, spread to Mr. Mc-Hardy's residence and another dwelling. Loss, \$5,000; partial insurance.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Barn owned by B. K. Young-love, and rented by O. M. Martin, destroyed, June 6, with contents, including 11 horses, etc. Loss, \$11,-

000; no insurance.

New Liskeard. Ont.—Campbell & Son's mill property in Hudson's township damaged and a million feet of rough lumber destroyed, June 17. Loss, \$20,000. Bush fires.

FASSETT, QUE.—Saw mills, planing mills, store houses and quantity of lumber, property of Fassett Lumber Milling Co., destroyed, June 23. Loss,

\$125,000. Origin, unknown.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—Barn, milk house and pig-pen of W. Butler at Dereham Centre destroyed, June 17. Loss, \$5,000, partly covered by insurance. Origin, explosion of gasoline engine.

Muskoka, Ont.—Fire on Pancake Ireland, Lake of Bays, the property of the Estate R. Burgess, June 8, and following days. The island is covered with

timber, but there are no buildings.

BERLIN, ONT.—Schell Bros., barn destroyed, June 16. Loss includes two horses and two delivery rigs, and is about \$1,000. Origin, supposed incendiarism. No insurance.

Aaron Snider's barn near Floradale destroyed with

contents, June 11. Loss, \$3,000.

ALVINSTON, ONT.—Elevator on M. C. Railway line, owned by J. S. Dilliott, of Rutherford, and leased by J. G. McKillop, destroyed with contents, June 19. Origin, lightning. McKillop's loss about \$10,000. Small insurance.

Welland, Ont.—Residence in Sixth Ward, owned by H. Fairclough, of Hamilton, and occupied by Luther Merritt, damaged, June 23. Loss, \$500. Partly covered by insurance. Supposed origin, defective wiring.

MARMORA, ONT.—Hotel Royal, its barns, sheds and laundry buildings, destroyed; Miss McWilliams' millinery store, Dr. H. M. Jones' drug store and barn, and several other buildings damaged, June 22. No

insurance on hotel property.

COBALT, ONT.—Fire on June 11, caused following losses:—School annex, \$900, covered by insurance; Brewster's store, total loss, \$700, uninsured; Brewster's stock, \$1,400, uninsured; R. P. Graham's grocery store, damage to building practically nil; damage to stock by water, probably \$1,000, covered by insurance.

BISCOE, ONT.—This village was wiped out on June 13. Loss includes R. C. Church, Hudson Bay store, C.P.R. depot and Booth & Shamimi's lumber mill and yards, including 5 million feet of lumber. Estimated loss, \$400,000. It is said that no insurance was carried in the village. Fire started in shack behind the

R. C. Church.

St. John, N.B.—Loss by Dock Street fire on June 18, \$22,000. Insurance on R. Sullivan's building as follows: Royal, \$5,500; Union of London, \$4,000; Commercial Union, \$1,500; total, \$11,000. Messrs. Sullivan & Co. had \$47,800 on stock, \$1,500 on improvements, \$1,000 on furniture and fixtures and \$100 on bottling plant. Insurance in following companies: Royal, \$5,200; Scottish Union & National, \$5,000; Western, \$4,700; London Assurance, \$4,450; Fidelity-Phenix, \$4,350; Guardian, \$3,800; Queen,

\$3,500; Commercial Union, \$3,000; Atlantic Mutual, \$3,000; Quebec, \$2,400; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$2,000; Northern, \$2,000; Atlas, \$2,000; St. Paul, \$2,000; British Crown, \$1,500, and Rimouski, \$1,500. J. Daley, barber shop, has \$300 insurance in Guardian, and J. Marcus, whose stock of women's clothing in adjoining building was damaged, \$3,000 in British Colonial.

WINNIPEG .- Details of loss by recent fire at buildings owned by Henderson Bros., occupied by Henderson's Directories and W. R. Noble & Co., wholesale jewellers. Loss on buildings, 279 Garry St., \$240; 281 Garry St., \$2,595. Insurance 279 Garry St., in Northern, \$4,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$4,000; Fidelity-Phenix, \$7,000; and Continental, \$2,600. On 281 Garry St., Manitoba, \$10,000, and Connecticut, \$5,000. Loss on linotype machine, \$850. Insurance, Royal Exchange, \$3,100. Loss on W. R. Noble & Co.'s stock, \$20,370.64; loss on fixtures, \$1,367.07. Insurance on stock, Home, \$2,808.34; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$3,276.38; Sun, \$3,-276.40; Scot. Un. & Nat., \$3,340.27; and Union, \$5,148.61. Insurance on fixtures, Home, \$191.66; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$223.62; Sun, \$223.60; Scot. Union & National, \$139.73; and Union, \$351.39.

Thirteen houses and St. Michael and All Angels' Church damaged, June 22. Loss, \$11,000. Origin,

sun's rays through defective window pane.

Montreal.—House in St. Paul Street, damaged,

June 18. Two deaths. Origin, matches.

Stable at 264a Liverpool Street, damaged, June 22. Automobile of Dr. L. L. Reford, 275 Bishop Street, destroyed, June 26. Origin, spark igniting oil. Champlain School, 220 Fullum Street, heavily

damaged, June 23. Supposed origin, dropped match.

Premises of Standard Chemical Company, St. Ambroise Street, damaged, June 24. Origin, sparks from

chimney.

Art Tailoring establishment, St. Catherine Street, damaged, June 19. Loss, \$3,000. Origin, gasoline

explosion.

Building in Bronsdon lane, occupied by Crown Press Co., New York Cloak & Suit Co., and British Paper Box Co., damaged, June 19. Loss, \$5,000.

Shed of J. P. Baillargeon Express Company, corner of St. Denis and Ontario Streets, destroyed, June 24. Loss, \$10,000. Origin, lighted match.

Victor Forest's shop, 26½ Chenier Avenue, damaged, June 24. Loss, \$2,000. Origin, cigar stub.

Storage in rear of establishment of O. Langlois & Co., furniture dealers, corner of Laurier Avenue and St. Urbain Street, damaged, June 20. Loss, \$5,000.

Suspected incendiarism.

Three storey store building, Nos. 204-6-8-10-12 St Lawrence Boulevard, heavily damaged, June 21. Losses estimated as follows:—Comforter Company, \$2,000; Paul Lemaitre, jewellery manufacturer, \$4,000; Baker & Reindolph, manufacturers of fur, \$10,000; Lanctot, corset manufacturer, \$20,000; World Billiard Hall, \$12,000; Royal Embroidery Company, \$6,000; Musicians Club, \$5,000; Museum of Anatomy, \$10,000; the Elrich Medical Institute, \$10,000; auction rooms of T. E. Du Plessis, \$5,000. Building loss, \$60,000. Total, \$130,000. Origin, unknown.

Sash and blind factory of Itzweire & Sazzarin, Duvernay and Lewis Streets, Ste. Cunegonde ward, destroyed, June 22. Loss, \$125,000. Four firemen

killed.

Traffic Returns.

	CANADIAN	PACIFIC RA	ILWAY.	
Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
May 31 \$3	8,047,000 \$4	8,494,000	\$53,136,000	\$4,642,000
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
	2,071,000	2,520,000	2,627,000	107,000
** 14	2,057,000	2,525,000	2,563,000	38,000
* 21	2,068 000	2,510,000	2,530,000	20,000
		RUNK RAIL		,
Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913	Increase
May 31	\$18.083.584	\$19.201.93	6 \$22,089,652	\$2.887.716
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
June 7	873,582	983,931	1,114,348	130,417
" 14	952 264	1,051,171	1,143,971	93,800
" 21	982,414	1,066,726	1,166,394	99,668
	CANADIAN N			
Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
May 31	\$5,687,300	\$7,434,400	\$8,561,700	\$1,127,300
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1913.	
June 7		403,000	481,800	Increase
" 14		375,100		78,800
· 21	312,200 361,500	411,700	506,500 489,309	131,400
				77,600
V TW	IN CITY RAP			
Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
May 31			\$3,442,269	\$247,151
Week ending.	1911.	1912.	1913	Increase
June 7	155,060	155,165	169,745	14,580
" 14	255,071	160,760	272,863	12,102
	HAVANA ELE	CTRIC RAILS	WAY Co.	
Week ending		1912.	1913.	Increase
June 1		\$48,096	\$54,671	\$6,575
. 8		40,085	55,008	14,923
15		47,040	54 536	7,496
" 22		48,174	54,390	6,216
	DULUTH SUP	ERIOR TRAC	TION CO.	
	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
May 7	20,832	20,645	23,028	2,383
" 14	20,255	21,703	23,134	1,431
" 21	21,124	21,565	23,635	2,120
** 31	21,280	30,645	34,465	3,820
		NITED RAIL		.,
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
May 7		203,667	241,652	37,985
. 14	. 185,107	195,977	238,923	42,946
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" 21	189.077	207.437	242.731	25 294
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CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

	June 26, 1913	June 19, 1913	June 27, 1912	June 29, 1911
Montreal	\$35,891,939	\$56.892,615	859,996,701	\$47,001,751
Toronto	41,363,962	40,894,800	49,597,335	85,812,591
Ottawa	4,163,581	4,541,653	4,570,220	4,423,649

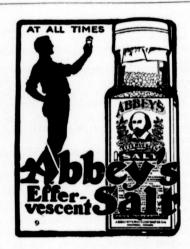
MONEY RATES.

			To-day	Last Week	A Year	Ago
Call	mone	y in Montreal	6-61%	6-61%	5 %	
"	**	in Toronto	6-61%	6-61%	5 %	
**	**	in New York	14-2 %	2%	21%	
"	**	in London	3-31%	21-31%	21-21%	
Ban	k of l	England rate	41%	41%	3 %	

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\$114 296 017 October 31, 1912. \$115,748,414

April 30, 1913 \$114 236,016	October of this.	DI. 10, 120, 111
March 31 112,101,886		115,995,602
February 28, 110,484,879		116,210,579
January 31, 113,602,030		113,794,845
December 31, 1912 115,836,488		111,932,239
Nov. 30 118,958,620		113,114,914
Specie held by Receiver-		
· April 30, 1913 \$100,706,287	1 Oct. 31, 1912	\$103,054, 008
March 31 98,507,113	Sept. 30	103,041,850
	August 31	103,014,276
	July 31	100,400,688
	June 30	98,141,536
Nov. 30 106,693,599	May 31	98,831,169



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BANK STOCKS.	Closi prices Last s	or	Par value of one share	Return per cent. on investment at present prices.	Rate of Annual Dividend	Capital subscribed	Capital paid up	Rest Fund	Per cent'ge of Rest to paid up Capital	When Dividend payable.
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	Aske	Bid						
Bell Telephone Co		993		\$3,649,000	1st Oct. 1st Apl	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	April 1st, 1925	
Can. Car & Fdy			6	3,500,000	1st June 1st Dec.		Dec. 1st, 1939	Red, at 110 aft. Nov.'1! or in pt. aft. Nov 1
Can. Converters			6	474,000	1st June 1st Dec.		Dec. 1st, 1926	or in planting (
Can. Cement Co	97		64	5,000,000	1st Apl. 1st Oct.	" "	Oct. 21st. 1929	Redeemable at 110
Deminion Coal Co	98	974	5	6,300,000	lst May 1st Nov.		April 1st, 1940	Red, at 105 and
Dom. Iron & Steel Co		89	51	7,332,000	lst Jan. 1st July	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	July 1st, 1929	Int.after May 1st, 191
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" "В"		100	6	1,000,000			"	and Interest. Redeemable at pa
" " C"		100	6	1,000,000	" .			after 5 years Red. at 105 and Interest
" "D"		100		450,000			**	interest "
davana Electric Railway			5	7,824,731	1st Feb. 1st Aug.	52 Broadway, N.Y	Feb. 1st, 1912	Redeemable at 105
Halifax Tram			5	600,000	lst Jan. 1st July	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	Jan. 1st, 1916	
keewatin Mill Co			6	750,000	1st March Sept.	Royal Trust Co., Mtl.	Sept. 1st, 1916	Redeemable at 110
ake of the Woods Mill Co			6	1,000,000	lst. June 1st Dec.	Merchants Bank of	I 1 1020	
Laurentide Paper Co	108	102	6	947,305	2 Jan. 2 July	Canada, Montreal Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	Jan. 2nd, 1920	
Mexican Electric L. Co			5	5 778 600	lst Jan. 1st July		Ju'y 1st, 1935	
Mex. L't & Power Co			5		1st Feb. 1st Aug.		Feb. 1st, 1933	
Montreal L. & Pow. Co	981	9;	44	6,787,000	lst Jan. lst. July			Red. at 105 and
Montreal Street Ry. Co		90	43	1,500,000	lst May 1st Nov.		May . 1932	Int. after 1912
Ogilvie Flour Mills Co	108	106	6	1,750,000	1st June 1st Dec.	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	July 1st, 1932	Redeemable at 105 an Interest
Penmana	921	,	5	2,000, 00	lst May 1st Nov.	Bk. of M., Mtl. & Ln.	Nov. 1st, 1926	Redeemable at 110
Price Bros	85		6	833,000	1st June 1st Dec,		June 1st, 1925	after Nov. 1,1911
Quebec Ry. L & P. Co	49		ò	4,866,666	1st June 1st Dec.		une 1st, 1929	
Rio Janeiro		•	5	25,000,000	l Jan. I July	C. B. of C. London.	Jan. 1st, 1935	
ao Paulo			5	6, 00,000	let June 1st Dec.	Nat. Trust Co. Tor	June 1st, 1929	
oronto & York Radial			6	1,620,000	I July 1st Jan	B. of M., Tor. & N.Y.	Feb. 1st, 1919	
Winnipeg Electric West India Electric	104	101	5	4,000,000	2 Jan. 2nd July	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	Jan. 1st. 1927 Jan. 1st. 1935 1929	

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From Post Office: 20 mins, service from 5.40 a.m. to 12.00 midnight Lachine: 20 " 5.10 a.m. to 12.45 midnight

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