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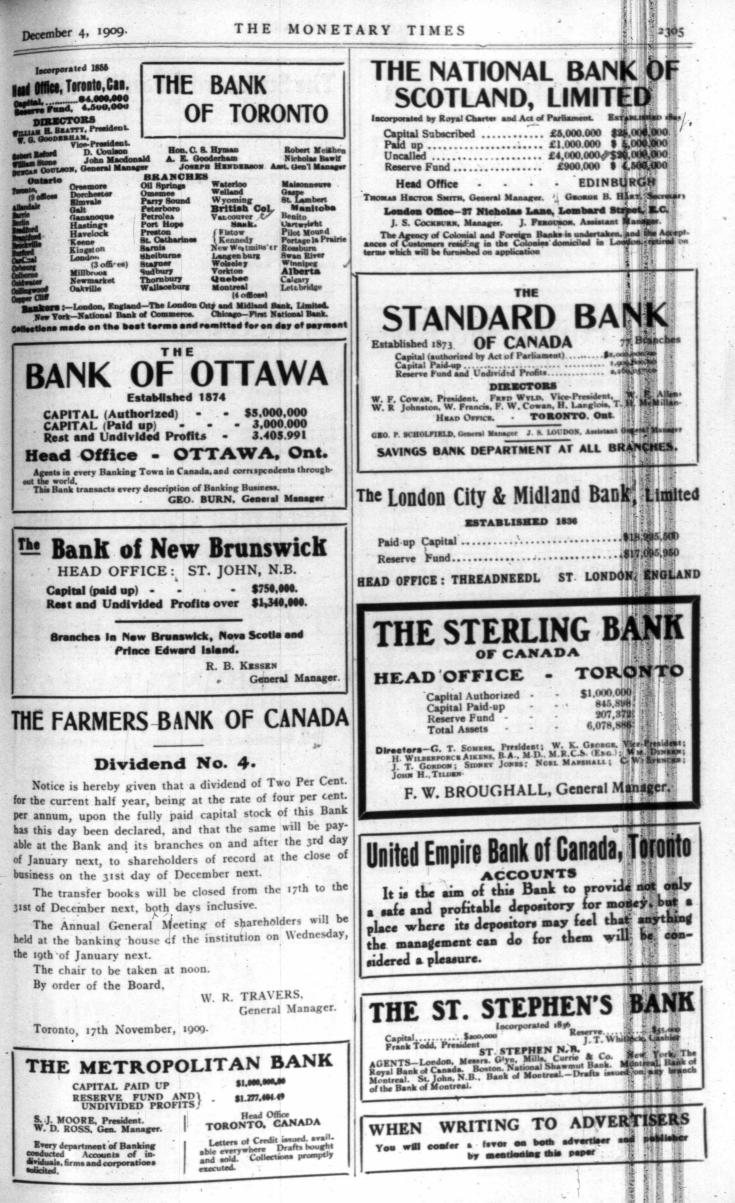
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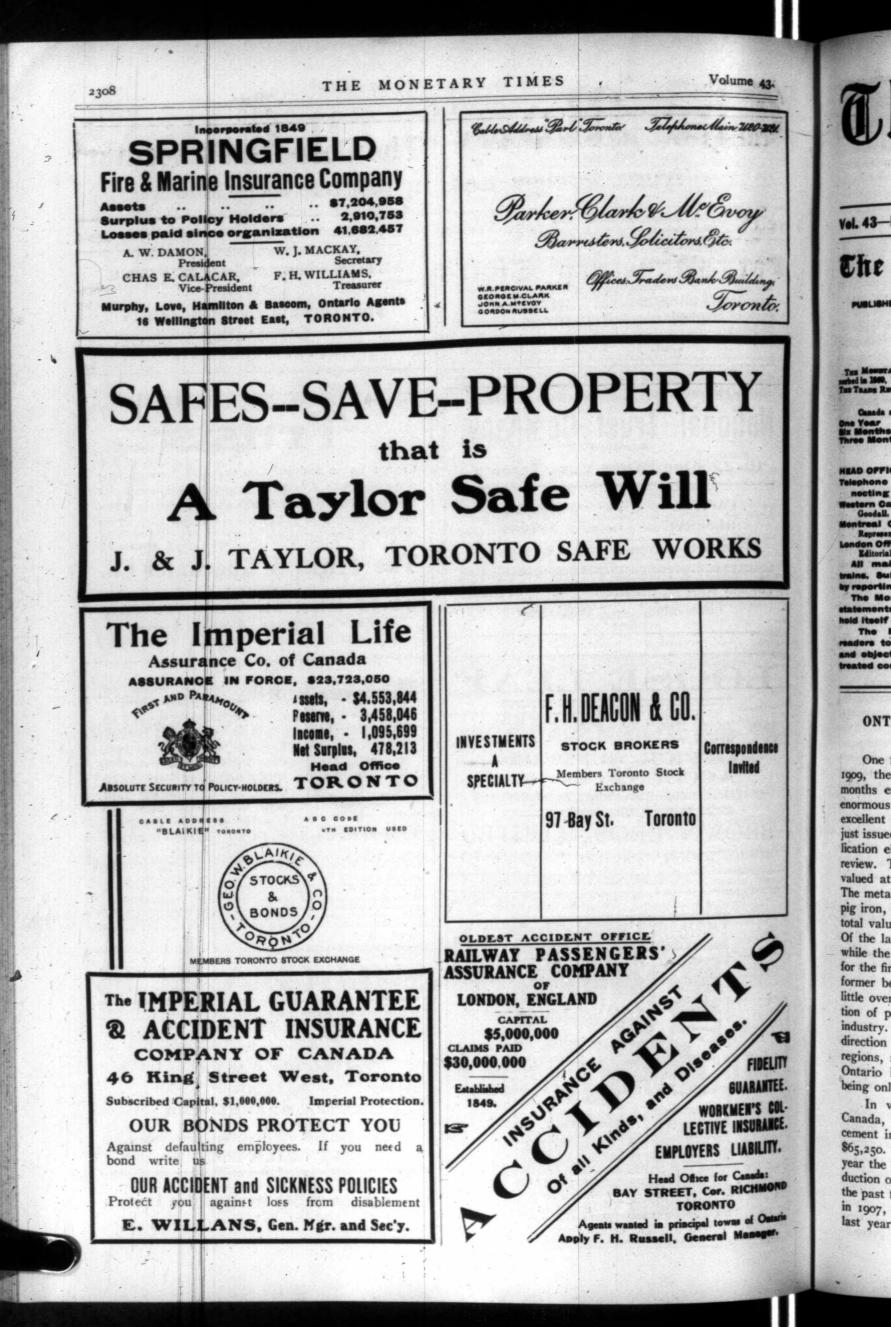
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ONTARIO AS A MINERAL PRODUCER.

One feels almost apologetic to discuss in December, 1909, the production of minerals during the twelve months ended December, 1908. While recognizing the enormous amount of work entailed in producing such an excellent report as that of the Ontario Bureau of Mines just issued, its value is considerably decreased by its publication eleven months after the close of the year under review. The mineral output of Ontario during 1908 was valued at \$25,637,617 as against \$25,019,373 in 1907. The metallic products, the principal of which were silver, pig iron, nickel and copper, furnished 65 per cent. of the total value, and the non-metallic substances 35 per cent. Of the latter, the most important was Portland cement, while the value of natural gas produced in the Province for the first time was greater than that of petroleum, the former being nearly one million dollars and the latter a little over seven hundred thousand dollars. The production of petroleum in Ontario appears to be a declining industry. In the near future, the seat of activity in this direction will probably be transferred to the Athabasca regions, north of Edmonton. Natural gas production in Ontario is increasing considerably, the value in 1904 being only \$253,524 and last year nearly \$1,000,000.

In view of the interesting cement situation in Canada, the figures are interesting. Natural rock cement in 1904 produced in the Province was valued at \$65,250. This had declined in 1907 to \$5,097, while last year the record was blank. On the other hand, the production of Portland cement has greatly increased during the past five years. The figures in 1904 were \$1,239,971; in 1907, they had increased to \$2,777,478. The figures last year showed a slight decline from those of 1907,

roughly, \$300,000. The 1909 record will probably show a further decrease.

The most important mineral in Ontario is silver, and the most important silver-producing region is Cobalt. The Port Arthur district, where one or two silver mines were operated during the year, contributed to Ontario's record of 1908, 19,444,400 ounces. Of that total, the Cobalt mines produced 19,437,875 ounces, being an increase over the output of 1907 of 94 per sens. Ontario now has the honour to rank third among the silver-producing countries of the world. Mexico heads the list and the United States comes second; Ontario 3 share of the world's silver output in 1908 was about 16 per cent. This year's figures should show a still greater proportion.

The course of prices for silver last year were no encouragement to mining. The tendency was downward, and has continued that way during the current year. The low prices tend to restrict output, and this has been the case in the Cobalt camp. Had the mines desired to make a larger production there is no doubt they could have done so with ease. While it was stated in New York recently that little profit could come of silver mining at less than 23½d. per ounce, the London price, some of the Cobalt mines who have published their cost sheets allege their ability to produce silver at 2½ to 20.7 cents per ounce.

Mr. T. W. Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines, Ontario, points out in his statistical reviews that the methods employed in valuing mineral products for statistical purposes by the mining departments of the Dominion Government and the several provinces are diverse. He cites one example, which shows that the value assigned to the nickel output of 1908 by the Geo-

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logical Survey of Canada is \$8,231,538, while the On-tario Buncau of Mines valuation is only \$1,866,059. Such extraordinary discrepancies in official figures will tend to undermine the faith which exists in Canadian departmental statistics. The discrepancy in this particular case is due to the difference in basis of valuation, The Survey values the nickel contents of the mattes produced by the Sudbury furnaces at the average price of refined nickel in New York, while the Bureau's figures represent the value of the nickel in the form of matte and at the point of production, as given by the producers. The Survey thus reckons the charges for transportation to the United States or England, the cost of separating the nickel from the matte, and probably also the profit arising from the whole series of processes to which the ore is subjected from mine to finished product, as part of the value of the nickel when it leaves Canada in the matte. It can readily be seen how this method of computation swells the aggregate value of the mineral production. The Monetary Times doubts very much if figures thus obtained fairly represent the value. The Bureau's compilation seems more fair, and, therefore, more accurate. This is a matter which might well be discussed by the provincial mines departments and the Dominion Government.

ENGLAND'S CRISIS.

The House of Lords has rejected the famous Lloyd-George budget in what they consider the most diplomatic way under the circumstances. This finance measure is of such a nature that they think the country does not endorse it. Therefore, it is needful to sound public opinion with the help of the general election plumb. However the method of rejection be described, the fact remains that the budget has been rejected. During the weeks prior to the election one of the most strenuous political campaigns ever known will be waged. Two weapons will be pictorial cartoons and class argument. The former is effective and not very harmful. The latter is deplorable and dangerous. Lloyd-George set a questionable example in his Newcastle speech when he pitted one social class against another. His remark that it costs as much to keep one duke as it does two Dreadnaughts is a sample of ill-timed and ill-chosen simile. The Liberal Government will fight largely on the rejection of the budget, and, therefore, to some extent the curtailment of the power of the House of Lords. In this way the popular vote will likely be gained by the Lib-erals. The Socialist party will naturally vote for the budget and the government. The Opposition will try to show that instead of improving conditions in England, the Government's finance bill, if passed, will drive capital out of the country. The present election may also be chosen as an opportunity to push the propaganda of the tariff reform party. The thoughtful men of the country may be the decisive element in the election. In the coming vote it would likely be found, if the information were available, that many men had voted against their party, that many thought to be protectionists had voted in favor of free trade, and vice versa. Those who are not tied up to party and party journals and who think for themselves will be a strong element in the situation.

• The debate during the last few days in the House of Lords has proved that England's Senate is far from The state of decay. Shorn of its absolutely useless members, it stands out in history as a Chamber of deep thinkers, men of high intellect and foresight. The utterances of both Ministerial and Conservative sides of the House were noteworthy. The growing Socialistic tendencies, more in the country itself perhaps than in the House of Commons, and the manner in which the House of Lords considered the Finance Bill, are two excellent arguments in favor of the retention of the second Chamber. In a monarchy such as England, where the indi-

vidual's freedom is actually greater than perhaps in any republic, a second House is a vital necessity. Its method of formation in Britain and the precedent it has created by the rejection of the budget may be questionable, but the principle of a second Chamber has been maintained.

The least discussed feature of the whole affair is as to what has really led to the crisis. The maintenance of England's naval supremacy is costing money. It would seem that the real aim of the present government has been to solve by legislation the complex social problems of Great Britain. In this connection, the old age pension scheme is also accountable for considerable expense. To mitigate the intensity of the unemployment, old age, workhouse, drink and other problems, the legislation already passed by the government will mean greatly increased expenditure. Taxation was then the next consideration. What have hitherto been regarded as sacred pockets have been disturbed to help pay the bill. Whatever be the issue, the onlooker with a knowledge of conditions in England, can only hope that a real beginning will be made to solve England's social problems. If allowed to go unsolved, they may force Great Britain to play a role which will make a blotch in British Empire history.

GOVERNMENT BANK INSPECTION.

Mr. H. C. McLeod, general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is an advocate of government bank inspection. In his position Mr. McLeod, a banker of repute, stands alone. Little support has been received from his colleagues, and in the meantime he has issued a pamphlet on bank inspection, and especially the necessity for external examination. Mr. Byron E. Walker thinks that neither government inspection nor compulsory audit can accomplish what trained bankers do. If either of these means would give substantial protection to the general public the bankers of Canada would not object to their inauguration. If government bank inspection would help the public sufficiently to compensate for the work involved, that inspection would undoubtedly be worth while.

We have such inspection for our insurance companies, but it has not proved a success. The tendency of government inspection is usually towards mercy. It is to the interest of a bank or a company to keep its head above water. Regarding some small insurance companies' failures, blue book figures have shown that the company was on the verge of collapse. Yet the government has seldom, if ever, stepped in and interfered. Usually it has been a case of building a gentle incline down which the company could slide out of existence by voluntary liquidation or otherwise.

Is there a man sufficiently strong in Canada to head an army of government bank inspectors? He would need to have the training of the best general managers in this country. He would require the mathematical turn of the chartered accountant and the instinct of the highest type of detective. He would want tact and diplomacy in full measure. His political nerves would have to be dead, and in case of emergency his inspection knife sharp and respect for personalities, absent. There is some doubt as to whether the right man could be obtained and the right object accomplished.

Mr. McLeod thinks that the remedy for the prevention of bank failure is the verification of the work of the general management. That remedy, he says, can be applied at the head office where the evidence is available on which the general management prepares the statements furnished to the public. It is well that this matter should be thoroughly discussed prior to the revision of the Bank Act. And it is to be hoped that the bankers of Canada will make public their views on the subject. One point should not be overlooked. While dishonesty usually meets grief at the end of the journey, it can deceive not only a president, a director or a general

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manager, but also a government inspector. If a bank or one of its officials really means to inaugurate and carry on financial malpractices, practically nothing will stop it from its downward career and final crash. In banking, as in everything else, the unknown quantity is human nature.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Turkish budget for the year shows a deficit of nearly \$22,000,000, a piece of genuine Turkish delight.

A despatch from Dunara, Manitoba, says that a farmer in boring for water accidently struck a sort of King Solomon's mine of gold, silver, iron, copper, and nickel. He is about to organize a company to work the claim. He did not strike water, although the shareholders of the new company may do so. The farmer thinks his discoveries are the remains of an antediluvian volcanic eruption, while the propective stockholders may discover their investment to be postdiluvian prairie outbreaks. The Manitoba farmer should get along with his farming.

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Speaking of the ratification of the French trade treaty, Mr. Fielding in the House of Commons the other day, showed that Canada had reached the point when it can afford to lay down its trade and tariff dicta. The question was discussed in Parliament chiefly in relation to the United States tariff, but the discussion has been well digested in other countries, most of all perhaps in Germany, neighbor to France, with whom the present treaty is being ratified. Germany is already burdened with a surtax. Canada's reciprocal arrangement with France is almost as bad as another tariff impost. In 1905 the value of France's total trade with Canada exceeded Germany's total trade with Canada by \$1,000,-000. In 1906 the excess in favor of France was \$1,000,-000; in 1907, nearly \$2,000,000; in 1908, nearly \$2,000,-000; and in 1909, nearly \$4,000,000. The strange factor in this particular international trade situation is that unofficial Germany should continue to move heaven and earth in order to win favorable Canadian opinion, to increase trade and to lop off the surtax, while official Ger-many remains silent. The German naval budget estimates of approximately \$108,000,000 for 1910 is the largest in that country's history. The Berlin newspapers have received it in silence. The naval policy of one Ger-many and the commercial policy of another make a curious comparison. Will the Damoclean sword of official Germany one day fall upon the head of unofficial Germany?

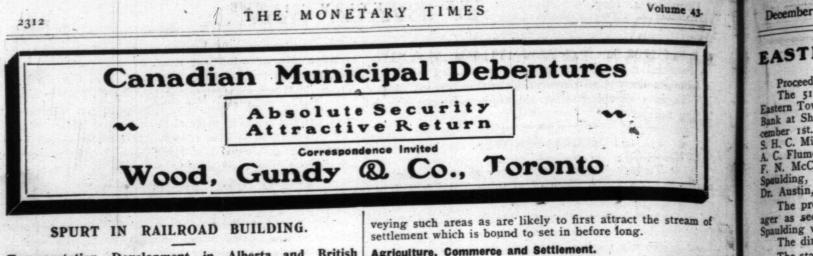
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The National Monetary Commission held a meeting at Washington the other day, when provision was made for the publication of elaborate reports that have been prepared for the Commission by various writers. The first volume will be issued soon after Congress meets. A glance at the list of proposed publications shows that it is intended to supply an extremely valuable banking library. One volume, for instance, will contain 450 pages of interviews on the currency systems of England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Special books are being written by experts regarding the banking systems of those countries, and also of Mexico, Belgium, Sweden and Japan. The United States banking problems and history are covered with several books and reports, while the whole library will be supplemented with special articles and a portfolio of twenty-four diagrams in color indicating the operations and growth of the different sorts of banks, changes in the money supply, foreign and domestic movements of money and merchandise, rates of discount and of foreign and domestic exchange in the United States and other countries during the past forty years. The Monetary Commission, it will be remembered, conducted personal in-

quiries in the leading Canadian cities, and the substance of these will be published later. The Commission will send to press the "History of Banking in Canada" by Mr. R. M. Breckenridge, while Dr. Joseph Freach Johnson, of New York University, is preparing a volume on the Canadian banking system. The United States Monetary Commission will be responsible for the compilation of valuable banking data. The trouble is that the average banker will need several renewals of the lease of life in order to read, mark, learn and even zursorily digest.

. . . . The recent tendency towards the elimination of competition in the United States, if not resisted, thinks Mr. Henry Clews, will rapidly lead to Socialism, national decay and revolution. He bases this assumption upon the decision of the United States Circuit Court against the Standard Oil Company. This decision was not enthe Standard Oil Company. This decision was not en-tirely unexpected, but it emphasizes the bas which the courts across the border are placing upon decided efforts to suppress competition. While the United States gov-ernment and courts recognize that extreme or unintelligent acts towards great combinations of capital, which are necessary to the development of the country, are harmful, they evidently intend to comply with the popular demand for adequate restraint of monopolies and large aggregations of capital. The series of industrial mergers, large and small, recently constantiated in Canada makes the question of interest to North America generally. Broadly speaking, an industrial amalgama-tion is usually made for at least one of three reasons to swallow the shortcomings of one or more of the concerns absorbed in the merger, to make manufacturing and trading more efficient and more economical, or to raise the price of commodities. The first reason is chiefly the concern of the shareholder, the second is legitimate business, and helps the country. For the third reason there is little support unless it can be proved that extreme competition has driven prices below a profitmaking level. * * * *

Cosmopolitan Canada is well illustrated in a gov-ernment schedule showing the former nationalities of persons who were naturalized last year. The United States paid a tribute to the Dominion's treedom and opportunities by sending 9,000 of their citizens to this country during the twelve months of 1908, all to become Canadians. Next in matter of numbers, dustria sup-plied the Dominion with 3,982 naturalized scitizens, while Germany contributed 585. Russia sent 3046, and 1,083 Galicians, who by the way make industrious and law-abiding countrymen, assumed citizenship burdens. Norway and Sweden between them accounted for 1,349 persons. Italians to the number of 1,852 book the oath of allegiance—a good record in view of the fact that the average Italian is fond of dividing his year between America and Italy. Three hundred and eighteen Belgians, 146 Danes, 78 Dutch, 328 Finne, 380 Hun-garians, 187 Icelanders, 271 Roumanians, were also naturalized during the year. One would have expected to find a larger number than 652 French in view of the position of Quebec Province. Only 35 Jews took out their naturalization papers, while, as a striking con-trast, 439 Japanese and 315 Chinese became Canadian citizens. The Argentine Republic contributed 22 Poland, 75; Mexico, 6, and Montenegro, 7. From Syria came 221 new Canadians, 59 from Turkey, 5 from Arabia, 2 from Egypt, 3 from Persia, and finally to give a real cosmopolitan touch to the list, there entered Canada to enjoy the benefits of British freedom, 7 Bohemians, 8 Brazilians, 19 Bucowinians, 1 Chilian, 1 Abrican, 1 Columbian, 1 Croatian, 1 Cuban, 1 Macedoniin, 1 Servian. Of the Doukhobour tribe, whose ideas of the value of garments differ from those of the police and the twentieth century, only 2 came into the Canadian fold by naturalization.



SPURT IN RAILROAD BUILDING.

Transportation Development in Alberta and British Columbia Will Be Rapid Within the Next Few Years.

Premier Rutherford of Alberta and Premier McBride of British Columbia will go down in Canadian history as railway ministers. Transportation talk has kept polias railway ministers. Transportation talk has kept poli-ticians busy in both provinces for many years. The year 1909 has seen formulated definite railway programmes for both provinces. Premier Rutherford the other day stated that if the Dominion Government would not aid railway develop-If the Dominion Government would not aid railway develop-ment in Alberta, the Government of that province would see to the cultivation of transportation steel. With which ulti-matum, most folks will agree. The tapping of the resources of that province, especially in the immense, undeveloped Peace River and Athabasca countries, is of considerable importance to the welfare of Canada and to the progress of cities such as Calgary. Edmoston Strathcona and other municipalities as Calgary, Edmoston, Strathcona and other municipalities. Building of the Waterways Road. The Alberta Provincial Government -guarantee of the bonds of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company

bonds of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company was referred to in last week's issue of the Monetary Times. Some criticism was heard in London respecting the amount guaranteed by the province. The company may issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of \$40,000 per mile of the railway, the mileage at the Edmonton terminals to be excluded in such computation. The Government guar-antee is \$20,000 per mile and a sum not exceeding \$400,000 in respect to the cost of the Edmonton terminals. In the Alberta Legislature last February Premier Rutherford said that the construction of this line would not in the least inter-fere with the construction of railway lines elsewhere. The fere with the construction of railway lines elsewhere. The Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company will build from Edmonton to Fort McMurray.

In wiring to the Monetary Times last week his reply to London critics of the railway bond guarantee, Premier Rutherford referred those interested to the Senate Committee Premier Rutherford referred those interested to the Senate Committee report on the resources of the country which the railroad will serve. The area of those portions of Alberta and Saskatche-wan lying north of the Saskatchewan watershed is about 250,000 square miles. The Mackenzie River watershed has an area of 562,182 square miles.

Cleaned by a Senate Committee.

In the evidence heard before the Select Committee of the Senate some striking facts stand out prominently, among

country, estimated the area of available agricultural lands in zie and northern Alberta at not less than one hun-MacKen dred million acres. At a point some 400 miles due north of Edmonton splendid crops of wheat, barley, oats, peas, etc., have been regularly raised for over twenty years, the pro-duction for the season of 1906 being 25,000 bushels. That the production of grain in these northern sparsely settled regions has already resulted in the establishment of local grist mills of considerable capacity which manufacture flour by modern processes. Potatoes and other vegetables have been for many years satisfactorily cultivated at Fort Good Hope on the MacKenzie River, fourteen miles from the Arctic

circle. "The isothermal lines west of Hudson Bay trend almost due north instead of east and west as popularly supposed. Vegetation matures quickly in northern latitudes owing to the very long days during the season of growth. As to the vast region north of the Saskatchewan Valley and west of Keewatin, which may be broadly described as the Great Mac-Kenzie Basin, thoroughly authentic and well substantiated evidence shows that that country is very much more valuable than was at one time supposed and is capable of sustaining a very large and prosperous population. The settlement in this distant region, while, in comparison with its vast area, insignificant in number and extent, are important as demon-strating practically and unquestionably the great possibili-ties of this territory as an agricultural and industrial country, and also as emphasizing the importance of exploring and sur-

veying such areas as are likely to first attract the stream of settlement which is bound to set in before long.

Agriculture, Commerce and Settlement.

"According to one witness who has had exceptional opportunities for familiarizing himself with the country and its resources, there is in the Peace River section of this country as much good agricultural land fit for settlement, and yet unsettled, as there is settled in Manitoba, Saskatche-wan and Alberta to-day."

The rivers and lakes of this region teem with fish of various kinds and doubtless the inauguration of an important fishing industry depends upon the provision of a market by the opening up of communications or the influx of population. the opening up of communications or the influx of population. The mineral wealth of this region is undoubtedly consider-able, including deposits of coal, oil, copper, silver, native salt, sulphur, ochre sand, suitable for glass making, tar sand, etc. The large area of oil sands, oil gum or asphaltum, as it is sometimes called, along the Athabasca, promises to be of great commercial value, and prospectors are now en-gaged, with costly equipments, exploring that neighborhood for oil.

Some Have Cone Ahead.

As to the means of communication with the outside As to the means of communication with the world those living in that part of the Dominion look forward hopefully to the extension of railway facilities to give their products a route of exportation to the markets of the world, and the construction of railways northwards from the Sas-katchewan Valley is being anticipated.

Both the Provinces of Manitoba and Ontario guaranteed the bonds of the Canadian Northern to the extent of \$20,000 per mile. The Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Comper mile. pany is a colonization railroad to a large extent and the guarantee seems to be amply justified. There appears to be doubt as to whether or not it was wise to issue bonds in

London bearing 5 per cent. interest. Raiiroad Policy in British Columbia.

Railroad Policy in British Columbia. (From Our Own Correspondent.) Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 30. The result of the general election in British Columbia indicates the demand for railways to assist development in all parts of this province. In the month's election campaign scarcely another topic was discussed. When Premier Mc-Bride was called to the Premiership six years ago, he was elected with a majority in the House, so small that at any time he was liable to defeat. He manoeuvred carefully and suc-cessfully weathered a term. securing a larger and comparahe was liable to defeat. He manoeuvred carefully and suc-cessfully weathered a term, securing a larger and compara-tively safe majority less than three years ago. Just now, some particular legislation is pending, and it was almost necessary to go to the country, if not on the railway policy, on something else. Principal among the legislative bills pending are amendments to the Timber Act. These promise to be radical. If in favor of timber speculators, Premier McBride will have formidable capital arrayed against him; if against timber speculators, then the people will be opposed. It will be three or four years before the next election, sufficient time to bring up new issues and forget the old. The opportunity of going to the country on such a vital question as railways was not to be lost. With public interest centred on this, the majority was so great that few Liberal members will sit in the British Columbia House. With such a majority, and with no Liberal fighters in parliament, the

a majority, and with no Liberal fighters in parliament, the Government has practically a free hand, though it will scarcely presume.

Railways are needed, and a policy in any way definite, such as Premier McBride's, was sure of endorsement. He was careful to include in it, consideration for all parts of the province, the northern interior, the districts between the coast and the Kootenay and the lower end of Vancouver Island. With these lines constructed—the contract provides that they must be completed in the next few years—British that they must be completed in the next few years—British Columbia will have the transportation facilities which it did not hope to possess for many years. It will mean great influx of capital. This is assured because of the stability of the Government. The policy has always been progressive but in each other than the policy has always been progressive but in such a way as to encourage investment. With railway facilities for districts rich in mineral and settlement possibilities, the prospect of continued and rapid progress in British Columbia is bright.

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EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The 51st Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank was held in the Board Room of the Bank at Sherbrooke, Que., at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, De-cember 1st. There were present:-Messrs. Wm. Farwell, S. H. C. Miner, C. H. Kathan, G. G. Stevens, J. S. Mitchell; A. C. Flumerfelt, F. Grundy, O. A. Robertson, G. G. Foster, F. N. McCrae, B. C. Howard. F. N. M. Sherman, F. D. Spaulding, J. B. Goodhue, H. E. Channel, W. R. Webster, Dr. Austin, Captain Bennett and H. D. Lawrence. The president acted as chairman and the general man-

The president acted as chairman and the general man-ger as secretary. Messrs. H. D. Lawrence and F. D. spaulding were appointed as scrutineers of votes. The directors' report was as follows :--

The statement presented to you to-day calls to mind the history and progress of this Bank during half a century.

history and progress of this Bank during half a century. Starting in September, 1859, with a paid up capital of \$101,400, subscribed for by enterprising citizens of the Townships, at a period when there was but little development East of the Richelieu, with no banking facilities this side of Montreal and with very little money in circulation, our business has steadily grown until to-day we have a paid up capital of \$3,000,000 held by 1433 shareholders, with a re-serve of \$2,100,000, and with branches well covering this Province and across the continent. Province and across the continent.

Your directors are proud to point to the record of these. fifty years during which you have played so important a part in the development and prosperity which to-day surpart in the development and prosperity which to-day sur-rounds the people of the Eastern Townships, and which pro-gress leads us to hope that a greater usefulness is open to us in a broader field, to which we, as a result of your pros-perity, have extended our business and in which we expect to assist in the development of a greater Canada.

The business of the year just closed has improved over that of the previous year, the net earnings being \$390,535.45 as against a net profit of last year of \$367,111.88, or 13 p.c on its capital, enabling your directors to provide for the usual dividend at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, leaving a balance of \$150,535.45. This together with the amount brought forward from last year of \$215,305.98 makes the sum of \$365,841.43 available for distribution. Out of this balance of Profit and Loss, \$100,000 has been added to the Reserve Fund, bringing that amount to \$2,100,000, or 70% of the capital of the Bank, and the details herewith presented to you show the full disposition made of this amount available. The Bank is now occupying the new building in Mon-The business of the year just closed has improved over

The Bank is now occupying the new building in Mon-treal, the offices are rented to desirable tenants, many of whom have become customers of the Bank, and, with the increase that is bound to follow in the value of that building, our Shareholders are assured of splendid accommodation at a very reasonable charge, in what your Directors believe to be one of the most desirable positions in the metropolis of Canada. Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM FARWELL, President.

Sherbrooke, Que., 1st December, 1900.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, was reminiscent in his observations, referring to the organ-ization of the bank half a century ago, and was followed by the vice-president, who further dwelt on the development of the Townships and the growth of the Bank in particular. The General Manager presented a review of the financial statement for the year, and after remarks by Directors Flumerfelt and Robertson, who dwelt particularly on the wes-tern development and progress of the bank in the western country, the election of directors was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:--William Farwell. S. H. C. Miner, Gard-ner Stevens, C. H. Kathan, J. S. Mitchell, A. C. Flumer-felt, F. Grundy, O. A. Robertson, G. G. Foster, K.C., F. N. McCrae and B. C. Howard. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Wm. Far-

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Wm. Far-well was re-elected president and Mr. S. H. C. Miner vice-president president.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ended 15th November, 1909.

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss brought forward from Novem-ber 14th, 1908 \$215,305 98 Profit of Head Office and Branches, after deducting charges of Management, interest due De-

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Mr. Fred. W. Bain, of the Traders' Bank, Ingersoll branch, has been appointed manager of the Montreal branch of same bank.

Tenders will be received until Monday by Mr. E. L. Pease, general manager of the Royal Bank, for any shares of \$100 each of new stock of the bank. The stock will rank for dividend from date of payment.

While a west bound train was approaching Petersburg, Ontario, recently, the boiler suddenly exploded, and the heater was thrown fully too feet. The engineer and fireman were thrown about 30 feet; both may recover. The rails were badly twisted by the force of the explosion.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

MARKETS REMAIN DULL.

Scotia Was the Feature-Cobalts Improving-Items for Shareholders.

Few features have relieved a dull stock market in Toronto. The Steel and Coal issues were practically the only active securities. Dominion Steel and Coal issues were over-shadowed by Nova Scotia Steel, large blocks of which are not frequently traded in on the Toronto Exchange. The transactions in that stock during the current week have been heavier than for a considerable time next. On Eridan No. heavier than for a considerable time past. On Friday, No-vember, 26th, the market evidently anticipated an attractive dividend announcement, a great number of shares changing hands both at the morning and afternoon sessions. The closing price on that date was around 75¼. On Saturday morning trading opened at 85, an advance of almost ten points. The stock sold off during the morning to 84.

Cobalt Issues Bright.

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Cobalt Issues Bright. The Cobalt issues have received some attention during the week, La Rose accounting for the heaviest purchases at advancing prices. On Monday, 700 shares sold at 453 and 454. On Wednesday at the two sessions, 1,830 shares changed hands, the price opening at 400 and closing at \$5. Some trading also occurred in Trethewey and Nipissing. Twin City was active during the week, largely due to speculation as to the result of the suit in which the company is engaged. It is thought by some that if Twin City wins its case an increased dividend or bonus will be the resultant gift to shareholders. By others that is considered pure

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Among the recently listed stocks, Duluth Superior has received most attention. F. N. Burt securities were traded in to a small extent and evidently felt the effect of the satisin to a small extent and evidently felt the effect of the satis-factory figure recently published. Great-West Permanent, the latest to be listed on the Toronto Exchange, has not been dealt in to any great extent. Twenty shares changed last Saturday morning at 113. Loan and Trust Companies are not strong trading features on the Canadian Exchanges al-though they usually get good bids when offers are made.

Dividends for Holders

Shareholders this month are looking for dividends. The disbursements are fairly large but amount in the aggregate to about a million and a half dollars. On the following to about a million and a half dollars. On the following stocks and bonds, dividends will be paid during December: Lake of the Woods preferred; Montreal Rolling Mills; Riche-lieu and Ontario Navigation; Ogilvie Flour preferred; Bank of Hamilton; Bank of Montreal; Bank of Ottawa; Bank of Toronto; Banque d'Hochelaga; Bank of Commerce; Mer-chants Bank; Quebec Bank; Union Bank; Home Bank; Shawinigan Debenture stock; Canadian Colored Cotton; Montreal Cotton Company; Northern Ohio; Acadia Sugar Refining Company; Trust and Loan Company; St. John Railway Company; Canadian General Electric; Royal Trust Company: Northern Trust Company; Ontario Loan and Company; Northern Trust Company; Ontario Loan and Debentures

Interest on these were paid on Wednesday. In each case the payment was for a six-months period: Camaguey Com-pany, 2½ per cent.; Canadian Converters, 3 per cent.; Lake of Woods, 3 per cent.; Ogilvie Flour, 3 per cent.; Ontario

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British Columbia Electric.

British Columbia Electric have declared a half-yearly dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. The recent statement that inside interests in London were selling their holdings has been followed by a rumour that Messrs. Mac-kenzie & Mann were acquiring control of the road. This was denied by Mr. Mackenzie this week. While writing of this matter, it is interesting to note that plans have been ap-proved by the British Columbia provincial authorities of the proved by the British Columbia provincial authorities of the Vancouver Island Power Company, a subsidiary organiz-ation of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, for the establishment of a power plant on the Jordan River, in the south-west portion of the island, about thirty miles from Victoria. It is proposed to expend \$1,500,000 creating trom Victoria. It is proposed to expend \$1,500,000 creating storage reservoirs on creeks tributary to the Jordan, the erection of a generating plant, etc. Victoria has suffered from an insufficient supply of power for lighting and indus-trial purposes and the carrying out of these plans should furnish what is urgently needed. With more power avail-able, a number of new industries will likely be established in the capital city of British Columbia the capital city of British Columbia.

Position of the Trethewey Company.

Messrs. A. E. Osler & Company, Toronto, who recently purchased on behalf of a syndicate the unissued treasury stock of the Trethewey Silver Cobalt Mine, Ltd., amounting to 54,550 shares, at a premium of 50 per cent. over par value, state in a circular that the capital of the company is \$1,000,000 in shares of one dollar each. The property con-\$1,000,000 in shares of one dollar each. The property con-sists of forty acres adjoining the town of Cobalt, and is equipped with a complete mining plant, as well as commo-dious camp and mine buildings. A concentrating mill which will treat 100 tons of low grade ore per day is in the course of construction. The workings at the south end of the pro-perty consist of three shafts, with over 6,000 feet of drifts and cross cuts at the 100, 150 and 200 feet levels. The north workings consist of five drifts at the 100 and 200 feet levels. On the dumps at No. 1 and No. 2 shafts there are about 45,000 tons of milling ore, estimated to be worth over \$450,000 ounces in sight at the south workings. A dividend 9450,000. In April last it was estimated that there are 2,800,000 ounces in sight at the south workings. A dividend of 10 per cent. was paid in May last and a further 15 per cent. will be paid in December. The estimated revenue to be obtained from the operation of the concentration plant 15 \$1,500 per day for 300 working days per year. The follow-ing is a brief financial summary of the company's position:

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Scotia, the Montreal Feature

Monetary Times Office, Montreal, December 2.

The stock markets of the past week had a new factor injected into them in the action of the directors of Scotia, in declaring a stock bonus of 20 per cent. and a cash dividend, on the total stock, of 1 per cent. Had it not been for this, the market would have been practically featureless. As it was, Scotia received most of the attention for several days, being the whole feature on Saturday and even on Monday. The stock jumped 12 points over night and later eased off, being now around 84. The feeling on the street that the stock should continue to sell between, 85 and 90 until it becomes ex-bonus.

The death of W. McLea Walbank may or may not have been a factor in putting down the price of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Stock; at any rate, the price has been lower all week, selling in the vicinity of 126 to 127. The Steel-Coal stocks have enjoyed a rest for some days, and the gen-eral tendency of prices is downwards. Steel common is selling eral tendency of prices is downwards. Steel common is selling around 68³/₆ and Coal at about 91³/₂, the latter having been lower recently. Dominion Park stock has been listed on the Exchange but no tendence. Exchange but no transactions resulted, owing to the diversity between views of buyers and sellers, the former offering 45 and the latter demanding 54.



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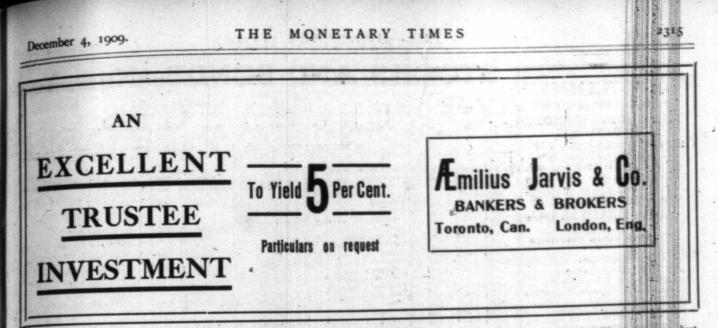
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Cable and Telegraph Stocks and Marconi. Holders of cable and telegraph stocks will receive some comfort from the statements made at Montreal by Mr. A. W. Baxendale, the manager of the Pacific Cable Company, who is on a visit to Canada. Mr. Baxendale does not think it possible to use the Marconi wireless system of telegraphy between Canada and Australia. It would be impossible for the messages in the present state of the system's development to traverse the great distance. The shortest space across which messages would have to be sent is half as long again as the distance across which the Atlantic stations operate. The only use to which wireless in its present condition can be put on the Pacific, will be for communication between the islands of the Australasian Archipelago. The sole way in which his company would consider using wireless, Mr. Baxendale said, would be in using the Marconi system as a connecting link between Great Britain and Canada. At present this was impractical, Marconi said so himself. If in the future this difficulty could be removed, Mr. Baxendale in the future this difficulty could be removed, Mr. Baxendale said his company would adopt it for the transmission of press messages at a much reduced rate. All the cable companies would probably do the same. They all sustained losses by the transmission of press messages. If that buiness could be shifted to the wireless it would result in reduced rates for the newspapers and for commercial cable business gener-ally. Mr. Baxendale's company operates a cable service be-tween the Canadian Pacific Coast and Australasia. tween the Canadian Pacific Coast and Australasia.

On the Winnipeg Stock Exchange.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, November 30.

Winnipeg, November 30. The Winnipeg Exchange was quieter than usual during the past week and little of interest occurred. The only sales recorded were twelve shares of Northern Crown Bank (Nor-thern Certificates) at 97; and ten Great-West Permanent at 10%. No sales took place in South African Scrip but it is held considerably higher than a week ago, the bid and asked price now being 540 and 555. The Government report on South African land warrants for the week ending November 22nd, as received by MacMillan & Vollans, shows that up to date there had been 6,561 of these warrants issued. Of these, 427 have been located by veterans and 2,580 have been registered by substitutes, as under the terms of the Act. registered by substitutes, as under the terms of the Act. There have been 3,007 warrants used, and during the seven days ending November 22nd there were 97 half sections located on warrants.

Activity of the Vancouver Exchange. Increased interest is being taken in the Vancouver Stock Exchange. During the week ended November 20th, 58,156 shares were transferred, the bidding on which was keen. With indications of provincial development, the outlook is that this feature of a progressive city will become a financial factor. Of the total sales for the week referred to, 53,010 shares were of Portland Canal mining stock. This is a new district, north of Prince Rupert, and on the southern side of the boundary between British Columbia and Alaska. Several property of the Portland Canal Mining Company, native silver is being found, and the shares are rapidly increasing

in value. A short time ago, they were selling at usc., but are now close to par, namely, 25c., and it looks as if they will go much higher. There is no treasury stock on the market and the company has done no general advertising. A gratifying feature of this activity is that coast mining is attracting attention. It is being discovered that on the coast are as good mines, if not better, than ever were found in the discovery recently of tellurides on Valdez Island shows that gold is there. Further north, silver is found in tanty large quantities, the values going as high as \$107 to the tan, with-out taking into account the other minerals.

DEATH OF MR. W. MCLEA WALBANK

DEATH OF MR. W. MCLEA WALBANK. The death of Mr. W. McLea Walbank, C.E., Brst vice-president of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, and chief engineer, which occurred last week, came as an en-tire surprise to all. Mr. Walbank was supposed to be the inaugurator of the policy of independence, as receaseds alder-manic influence, and what his company lost in pepulacity at the City Hall, has been gained in the estimation of the public who, although never friendly to the company, dist is at less than formerly. Mr. Walbank came into office with the Power company when that concern purchased the Lachure Rapids Hydraulic and Land Company, of which deceased was the in-stigator, promoter and engineer. During his term of office in the Power company, the tariff charges to the public have been modified, upon one or two occasions, and where the re-ductions may not have effected any considerable saving to the public, they have been almost the only concessions the company has ever made. During the recent interestigation of the Royal Commission, Mr. Walbank declared than eertain demands had been made upon him as the representation of the Power company, and the substance of his evidence was, that the company, because of his refusal to entertain these propositions, had failed to receive the treatment in might otherwise have had. Mr. Walbank was zealous in the inter-ests of the Power company, and the shareholders have lost in him a valuable official. him a valuable official.

ALBERTA RAILROAD AND IRRICATION

Attention has recently been drawn to the progress made by the Alberta Railroad & Irrigation Company, and a rise in the company's stocks followed the publication of the last-annual report. A dividend of 5 per cent. was declared. The net revenue for 1909 was \$429,000, and the net profit on land sales for same period was \$398,000. The total amount now in reserve in connection with land sales is \$1,262,000. The amount of land still unsold at 30th June was 201000 acres. in reserve in connection with land safes is encoded at a amount of land still unsold at 30th June was 2005 too acres. The following table shows the growth in net revenue since the formation of the company.

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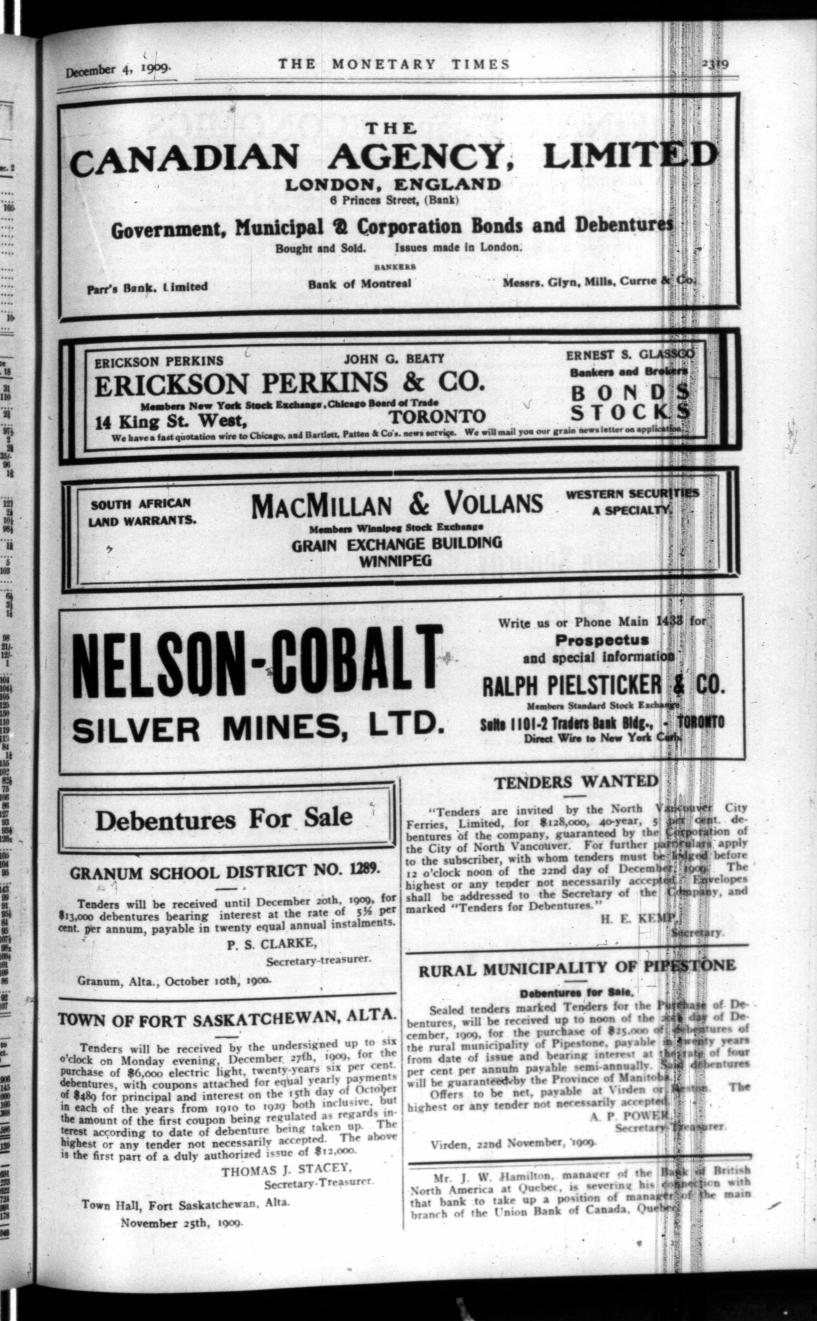
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FINANCE and ECONOMICS

SCOTIA DIVIDEND DISBURSEMENT.

Reveals Company's Strength-President Harris Gives the Monetary Times Some Details-Notes of Financial Position.

Monetary Times Office, Montreal, December 2nd.

Montreal, December 2nd. One of the biggest surprises of the year was furnished by the directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, in the announcement that they had decided to give the com-mon stockholders of record of December 20th, a stock bonus of 20 per cent., and that in addition thereto they would pay a cash dividend of 1 per cent. to shareholders of record of De-cember 31st, payment to be made on January 15th. Thus, both the old and the new shares will participate in the dividend. A brief reference to this matter appeared in last week's Monetary Times. The announcement was naturally received by the share-

The announcement was naturally received by the shareholders with gratification. On the following morning, the

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tickers were surrounded by a crowd, which was by no means tickers were surrounded by a crowd, which was by no means unmixed in its admiration for the course of the directors. The disgruntled, it is only fair to say, were "shorts," and those who had abandoned their holdings owing to the general doubt occasioned by the somewhat erratic record of Scotia in the past. Many of those who had recently parted with their stock criticized the directors for not making an announcement re-garding their proposed course, entirely forgetting that Presi-dent Harris said months ago that as soon as the financial arrangements had been completed, the shareholders might look for something in the way of a reward for their long wait. Old and New Capital.

Other criticisms were offered as to the absence of any statement concerning the possibility of dividends in the future. Some doubt is entertained regarding this phase. The general feeling is that the directors would not declare a dividend at all at this juncture, unless they proposed to con-tinue it. In fact, judging from the directors' attitude in the matter, some look for a higher dividend, commenting on the fact that 5 per cent. on the increased capitalization would require exactly the same payment as the 6 per cent. which was formerly paid on the old capitalization. On the authorized capital, the situation would be :-

capital, the situation would be :--Old capital of \$5,000,000, at 6 per cent....\$300,000 New capital of \$6,000,000, at 5 per cent....\$300,000 Experienced financiers, knowing the difficulty of keeping secret any knowledge of the intentions of directors, were astonished at the success upon this occasion, no hint of any nature having gone abroad. That there was considerable purchasing for some time previously, was only to be expected. The market closed on the afternoon of Friday, after the final decision had been reached at the Windsor Hotel at 75 to 76, or 11 to 12 points under the high record of the following morn-ing. This almost establishes a record for discretion on the part of directors. part of directors.

What the Bonus Means.

At the conclusion of the meeting, President Harris com-

give the shareholders the full advantage of the announcement. We were actuated, in our decision, by the consideration that the funds which were earned by the company and might have been disbursed in dividends in the past, were required for the betterment of the company's property, so that the com-mon stock-holders have been compelled to go without dividends during certain periods in the past. The stock bonus is designed to take the place of the dividends which have been witheld, the amount of the bonus just about represent-ing the amount of the dividends which were not paid during

having its own iron ore and coal, and being in no way de-pendent upon any other concern. The company's output of coal was larger than ever this year, and the deposits both of coal and of iron ore at Wabana are practically inexhaustible Everything in connection with our properties is encouraging, and with the improvement in finances, the company can go

and with the improvement in finances, the company can go ahead and work out its own destiny to greater advantage than if it were in a merger." Those at the meeting were, Mr. R. E. Harris, K.C., President; Hon. J. S. Pitt, C.M.G., Hon. L. M. Jones, Hon. Robt. Jaffray, Messrs. Robert Reford, Jas. C. McGregor, J. W. Allison, W. D. Ross, Geo. F. Mackay, Robt. E. Chambers, and Thos. Cantley.

Securities Sold in Canada.

The discussion of the directors showed that \$3,000,000 of the new 5 per cent. bonds and \$1,000,000 of the new de-benture stock had been disposed of in Canada, the net price realized being 94 per cent. of par. This enabled the company to redeem its first mortgage and consolidated bonds and reduce its bank indebtedness, placing it in an easy financal position.

The profits for this year, it was expected, would exceed those of the previous year by at least \$100,000. The stock bonus was given in view of the fact that the profit and loss account at the end of 1908 showed a balance of \$1,219,221 of

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expended on property and was properly chargeable to capital account. The company had mined 800,000 tons of coal dur-ing the past season, thus breaking its previous record. The outstanding issues at the present time, including the increased capital, as compared with those at the last annual meeting, are as follows:--

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Stock, common	\$4.087,600	\$6,000,000
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Financial Position Has Been Improved. From the above, it is seen that the former annual interest charges on bonds amounted to \$213,600, whereas those on bonds and debenture stock in the future will be \$235,000, or an increase of \$21,310. The indebtedness to the bank, in the past, was upwards of \$1,000,000, whereas it is now less than

accumulated profits, and that during the past two years only 1½ per cent. had been paid in dividends on common stock, while during the last eight years over \$1,500,000 had been while during the last eight years over \$ ages result from sinking fund arrangements. The Bank of Nova Scotia has shown its confidence in the company by itself taking \$500,000 of the company's bonds. Banking arrange-ments are now satisfactory and the company may take its time in marketing the balance of its authorized bond issue of \$2,500,000, if it should become advisable to raise more money. It is interesting to learn that since the last annual meet-ing, the company issued the balance of its authorized com-mon stock, this accounting for the apparent discrepancy be-tween the present and future issue, as shown in the above table.

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How the New Securities Were Marketed. There has been considerable doubt concerning the pro-There has been considerable doubt concessing the pro-gress the company made in issuing its new securities. The story has apparently never been told. In a few words, here it is. After President Harris arrived in England and had dis-cussed the situation, he arranged to return to Canada to make an offering of the bonds here, the securities to be re-tired being mainly held here. Such securities as did not sell here were to be offered to London. Despite many predic-tions, the 5 per cent. issue not only brought over 90 but netted 94. Instead of \$3,000,000 being taken. \$3,500,000 was sold, besides \$1,000,000 debenture stock. The company has the right to issue \$2,500,000 more bonds and \$5,000,000 more debenture stock. Hence, none of the issue antended for Eng-land ever reached there at all.

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BONDS and MUNICIPAL CREDIT

RAILWAY BONDS IN LONDON.

Prospectus of Atlantic Quebec Western Issue Criticized -Progress of Ontario Loan.

Much satisfaction has been evinced at the agreement reached between Mr. Mackenzie of the Canadian Northern and the market regarding threatened legal proceedings by and the market regarding threatened legal proceedings by the former against the latter in connection with the recent Canadian Northern Ontario issue of £800,000. The "market" in this case was two prominent firms in London. It would undoubtedly have harmed Canadian credit abroad had the case been aired in court. The Canadian Northern issue of £850,000 was successfully floated last month. Eleven debenture stock and bond issues of the Canadian Nor-thern Railway Company total £16 864 687 and in addition to Eleven debenture stock and bond issues of the Canadian Nor-thern Railway Company total £16,864,687, and in addition to these there are other minor issues outstanding. The capital stock is given as \$55,000,000, but the balance sheet of June 30th, 1908, shows the stock then outstanding to have totalled \$30,750,000. Even if the issued capital stock is now \$55,000,000, it is plain that the debt capital is considerably in excess of the capital stock. The debenture stock is still being increased, and large outlays will be necessary before the company owns a transcontinental line. The £850,000 4 per cent. perpetual debenture stock now being issued will rank pari passu with the £4,042,750 similar stock now officially quoted on the London Stock Exchange. The trust deed provides that the total amount of debenture stock shall not exceed £2,000 per mile of line for the time being open and operated and an amount not exceeding the cost price of and operated and an amount not exceeding the cost price of securities of independent corporations deposited with the trustees, but the company cannot issue any debenture stock trustees, but the company cannot issue any debenture stock against such securities without the consent of the trustees. The company is now operating 3,180 miles, inclusive of 710 miles of leased lines, and has in addition constructed 371 miles of new branches which will shortly be opened, and has over 400 miles partly constructed. If the £2,000 per mile which may be raised applies to leased lines as well as mile-age owned, the company has the right to raise £6,360,000 in trustee applies along

age owned, the company has the right to raise £6,360,000 in stock on the mileage basis alone. For the twelve months from July 1st, 1908, to June 30th, 1909, the gross earnings amounted to \$10,581,767, and the net earnings to \$3,566,362, an increase over the previous year of \$872,305 and \$533,676 respectively, and for the three months from July 1st, 1909, to September 30th, 1909, the gross earnings show an increase of \$349,800, and the net earnings of \$105,400 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

Wanted More Information

Wanted More Information The last Canadian bond issue to be made in London during November was that of the Atlantic, Quebec and West-ern Ry., which offered 1,750 5 per cent. first mortgage deben-ture bonds of £100 at £98 per bond. The issue was criticized in London, it being stated that a 5 per cent. bond offering should provide more information and more evidence of security than afforded in the prospectus. The company is building, and has nearly completed a line (102 miles in length) from Paspébiac to Gaspé Harbour in Bonaventure, and another line of greater length from Gaspé to Edmunston. It is empowered to issue first mortgage debentures, secured on these lines, to the value of £1,866,000, but by an agree-ment with the contractors the company has restricted the total issue of these bonds to £525,700, and the present issue represents the full balance of the issuable first mortgage bonds. Further sums will be raised by consolidated bonds, ranking behind the first mortgage. The special security for these first mortgage bonds is the Government subsidy to which the line is entitled and which amounts to £153,200. This amount will be paid over to trustees for the bondholders, and constitutes a guarantee of interest for five years. The proconstitutes a guarantee of interest for five years. The pro-spectus states that every effort is being made to complete the section as quickly as possible, and that when finished it will provide long-desired communication between Gaspé and the rest of Canada.

Referring to this matter the London Statist says: Referring to this matter the London Statist says:-"Doubtless a Canadian Railway 5 per cent. bond at a price below par looks attractive; but before jumping to the con-clusion that the company's railway nearing completion be-tween Gaspé and Paspébiac, some 102 miles on the extreme north-eastern coast of New Brunswick is likely to pay, we suggest that the intending investor should grasp not only the financial position of the project but also the climatic con-ditions of the region in which the railway is situated and the claims that have been made in the nast as to Gaspé forming claims that have been made in the past as to Gaspé forming

an Atlantic seaport that will rival other routes of communi-cation between Europe and Canada.". Another Million and a Half Needed.

Another Million and a Half Needed. Up to date about \$2,100,000 has been subscribed to the \$3,500,000 4 per cent. issue made by the Ontario Government in July. This loan, it will be remembered, was made pay-able at Toronto, Montreal and New York, free from succes-sion duty and was issued direct to the public at 2 per cent. premium. Applications for the remainder of the loan are still being received at a satisfactory rate.

still being received at a satisfactory rate. Mr. Rudyard Kipling has money invested in Montreal to the extent of \$5,000. The City Treasurer recently received a letter from Mr. Kipling, dated from his residence at Bate-man's Burwash, Sussex, England, asking for the transfer of the bonds, so that the interest can be paid in Montreal in-stead of London. Is Mr. Kipling thinking of Mr. Lloyd-George's new imposts? asks a London contemporary.

Mr. R. G. Hutchins, jun., representing Messrs. N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, who hold six millions of the bonds of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, bonds of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, of Hamilton, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa, on Wednesday, and urged the Dominion Government to dis-allow the hydro-electric legislation of the Ontario Govern-ment. Sir Wilfrid stated that the question had already been brought to the consideration of the Government by various deputations recently in Ottawa.

BOND NOTES.

Nine bids were received for the Exeter, Ontario, \$22,000 5 per cent. 20-year waterworks debentures, awarded to Brent, Noxon & Co., as previously noted. The Union of Manitoba Municipalities held its sixth an-nual convention in Portage la Prairie last week.

hual convention in Portage in Participant of Montreal, have Messrs. St. Cyr, Gonthier & Frigon of Montreal, have purchased \$18,000 bonds of the corporation of the village of Masson, County of Labelle. Que. In this connection the financial statement of the town is interesting. The assessed value of taxable real estate is \$121,263. The estimate true value of property is \$360,000. The value of non-assessable property is \$35,525. The general debenture debt, including the issue which Messrs. St. Cyr, Gonthier & Frigon have purchased, is \$19,400. The rate of taxation is 134%. The population is 1,065. This village is situated on the Ottawa River near the Canadian Pacific Railway and has a water power which is said to be of considerable value. The depower which is said to be of considerable value. The de-bentures above mentioned bear 5% and are payable in 80 semi-annual instalments. These are issued in denomination of \$1,000 each, each debenture bearing 80 coupons of \$20.02, including principal and interest, and payable in April and October at Montreal.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE.

Some Details of Calgary's, London's and Fort Wil- # liam's Position.

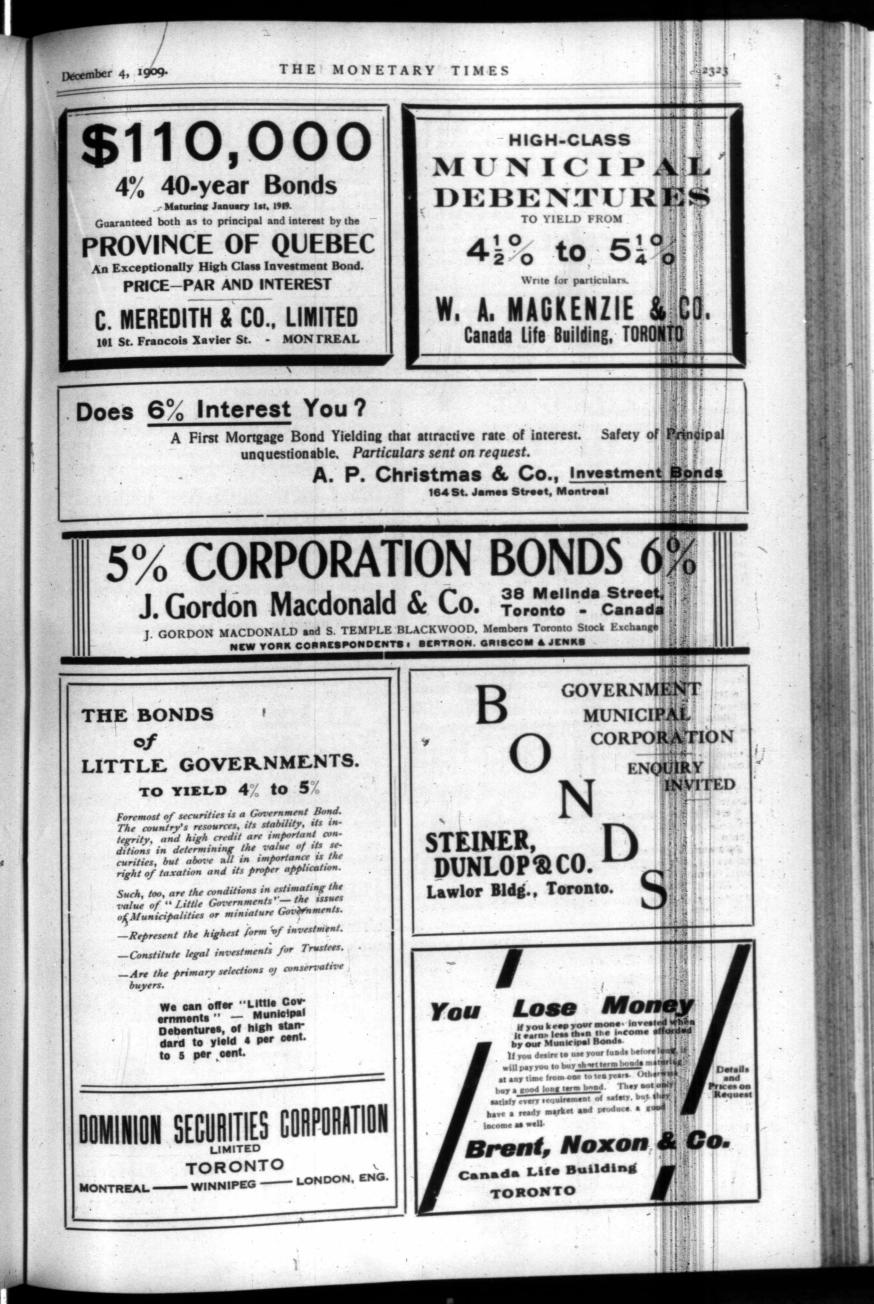
The total debenture debt of London, Ont., now amounts to \$3,192,847, exclusive of \$235,000 for the Niagara power distributing plant, for which debentures have not yet issued. The total assessment of London amounts to \$25,621,-693, and the borrowing power of 14 per cent. on that totals \$3,587.037. A considerable portion of the above debenture debt does not apply a series of the above debenture \$3,587.037. A considerable portion of the above debenture debt does not apply against the borrowing limit of the city. The waterworks bonds of \$549,909; sinking funds \$216,937; proportion of local improvements, 11,582, and the expenditure for Niagara power all to be deducted from the total debt. This would reduce the actual debenture debt to be reckoned against the borrowing limit of the city, down to \$2,314,148. In December 1908 the city's assets totalled \$3,781,981 and the liabilities \$2,060,115. The amount spent on local improve-ments up to October 31st was \$67,000. **Calgary's Debenture Debt.** A statement of the finances of the City of Calgary shows

statement of the finances of the City of Calgary shows that the city has sold \$2,764,450 worth of bonds, the average

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rate of interest on same being 4½ per cent. There are still on hand bonds valued at \$1,955,850 which should bear the same rate of interest. It has been necessary to borrow from the bank \$1,277,000 on which the city pays 6 per cent. The total yearly interest payments of the city pays o per cent. The total yearly interest payments of the city amount to \$201,020. The amount of the sinking fund now in the bank is \$144,300 bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. The total amount of bonded indebtedness is \$4,422,200

of which \$4,215,050 has been spent.

The commissioners and the council appear to be holding back considerable bonds expecting to get better prices early next year. The question is will the increased price they ex-pect be enough to counterbalance the excessive interest paid —over \$50,000 more a year than if the bonds were sold, and the 4½ per cent. interest they call for paid. The following is a table showing how the bonds stand :-

Amount	Interest	Sinking Fund	
General debentures \$1,145,950	\$ 51,350.25	\$29,356.19	
Electric light 364,000	16,680.00	6,560.53	
Waterworks 842,000	51,180.00	27,757.68	
Street railway 516,000	23,220.00	9,370.65	
Local improvement 1,554,250	6,639.00	7,947.78	
Total	\$149,069.25	\$80,992.83	

Assessment of Fort William.

The report of the assessment commissioner of Fort The report of the assessment commissioner of Fort William, Ont., for the year 1909 shows that the total expendi-ture on account of local improvements amounts to \$245,000 as against \$164,373 for 1908. The tax rolls for 1909 show a total of \$311,517, an increase of \$97,537 over 1908. The total valuation of the city is \$19,412,352, this is an increase of \$4,875,900 or about 32 per cent. over last year. The popu-lation returns for the year 1909 show a total of 18.004 as compared with 15.773 in 1908 and 13.882 in 1907. The local improvements of 1908 required the passing of 72 by-laws. The valuation of the city is made up as follows: Value of lands \$89,995,261; value of buildings \$7,790,760; value of business \$1,617,221; value of income \$9,110. The Monetary Times has omitted the cents from all the above estimates.

DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Sarnia, Ont .- \$31,361 5 per cent. 20-year debentures, to Mr. Frank Smith, Sarnia.

Lefield S.D., Alta.—\$1,300 5% per cent. 10-year deben-tures, to Messrs. H. O'Hara and Company, Toronto.

North Prairie S.D., Sask.—\$1,000 5½ per cent. 10-year debentures, to Messrs. H. O'Hara and Company, Toronto. Whiska Greek S.D.. Sask.—\$1,500 5½ per cent. 10-year debentures, to Messrs. H. O'Hara and Company, Toronto. Maidstone, Ont.—\$11,921 5 per cent. 10 instalment drainage debentures, to Messrs. G. A. Stimson & Company, Toronto.

Toronto

Lindsay, Ont.—\$25,000 4 and 4½ per cent. 20 and 30-year school and waterworks debentures, to Messrs. Hanson Bros., Montreal.

West Zorra Township, Ont.-\$7,000 5 per cent. 10 instal-ment debentures, to Messrs. G. A. Stimson and Company, Toronto.

Sarawack Township, Ont.—\$2,500 4½ per cent. 20-instal-ment school debentures, to Messrs. Brent, Noxon and Com-pany, Toronto.

Adjala Township, Ont .- \$2,400 5 per cent. 10 and 15 instalment school debentures, to Messrs. Brent, Noxon & Company, Toronto.

Petrolea, Ont.—\$20,535.80 4½ per cent. 20 and 30 instal-ment special act bridge and local improvement debentures, to Messrs. Brent, Noxon and Company, Toronto. Elma Township, Ont.—\$15,167 4½ per cent. 10 instal-ment drainage debentures, to Messrs. G. A. Stimson and

Company, Toronto. Harwich Township, Ont.—\$5,961 5 per cent. 5 and 15 in-stalment drain improvements and school debentures, to stalment drain improvements and school de Messrs. G. A. Stimson and Company, Toronto.

RUSSIAN COURT MAKES AWARD TO TORONTO COMPANIES.

It is seldom that Canadian insurance companies figure in legal suits surrounded by an atmosphere of warfare and

Sold \$ 889,950	Unsold \$ 256,000	Spent \$1,010,700	Borrowed \$ 121,000
220,000	144,000	355,000	85,000
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250,000	266,000	486,000	226,000
356,500	1,189,850	1,255,350	755,000
\$2,764,450	\$1,955,850	\$4,215,050	\$1,277,000

The Supreme Prize Court of St. foreign governments. foreign governments. The Supreme Prize Court of St. Petersburg has awarded the British America Assurance Com-pany and the Western Assurance Company, of Toronto, $\pounds_{1,393}$ and $\pounds_{11,621}$ respectively in connection with the loss of the cargo of the Ikohna which was rammed by the Russian cruiser Teretz in June, 1905. The New Zealand Insurance Company of Auckland was also awarded a sum of $\pounds_{16,696}$ in connection with the same occurrence.

The Ikohna was owned by the British Indian Steam Navigation Company and was sunk by the Russian cruiser in the China seas during the Russo-Japanese war. The Canadian companies were interested in the loss on the cargo by insurance placed with their London offices. The suit was instituted there immediately after the Russian Admiralty Court had decided that the warship was blameworthy for the indiant. the incident.

BANKING NEWS AND NOTES.

The Eastern Trust Company, of Halifax, has decided to open a branch in Montreal.

The Prudential Investment Company, Limited, has been licensed to do business in Manitoba.

Mr. Gordon Burnett, of the Bank of Montreal, Brandon, Man., has been transferred to Victoria, B.C.

The Buffalo Gow Ganda Silver Mines, Limited, has increased the number of its directors from 4 to 8.

The head office of the Canadian Sheet Steel Corporation has been changed from Morrisburg to Toronto. The Au't & Wiborg Company of Canada, Limited, has

increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$150,000. The number of directors of the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, Limited, of Hamilton, Ont., has been increased to

nine. The Union Bank of Canada have purchased two lots in Lethbridge, Alta., and will erect a brick block on the pro-

perty. The capital stock of the St. Jerome Power and Electric Light Company, Limited, has been reduced from \$30,000 to \$3,000. The par value of each share has also been reduced \$3,000. from \$100 to \$10.

VICTORIA COUNTY'S BOND STANDINC.

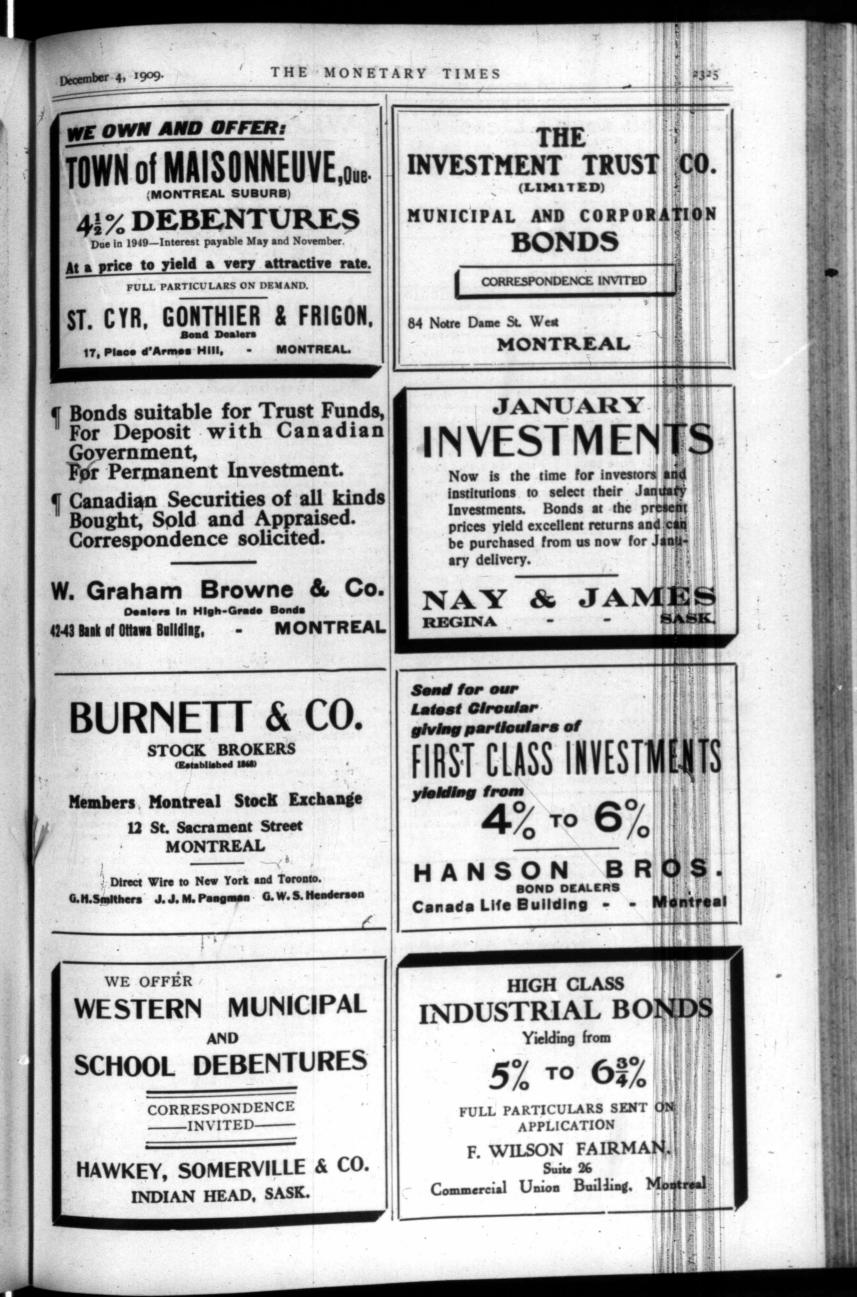
4 per cent. 20-years bridge and improvements debentures, was united to the County of Peterborough for all municipal purposes until the year 1861, in which year, following a favor- chasers.

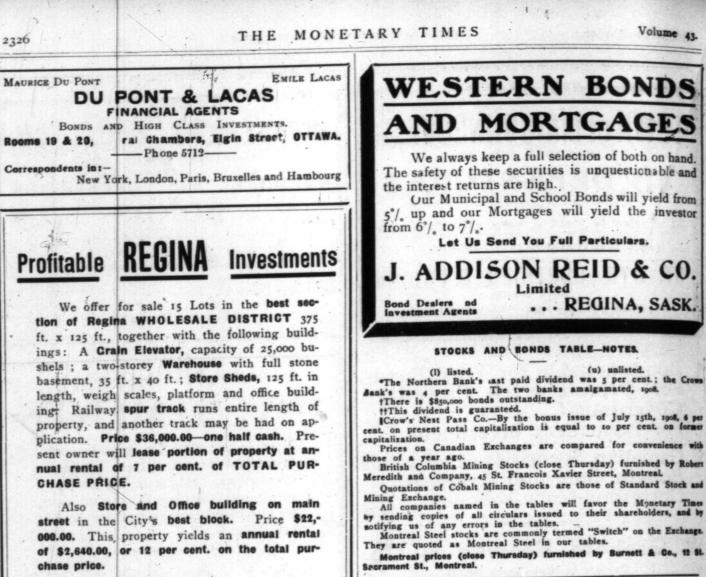
The County of Victoria which recently awarded \$20,000 able vote of the ratepayers, the counties were separated, and Lindsay became the county town of Victoria. The following table gives particulars of all the debentures issued by the county, including the issue about to be delivered to the pur-

Date.	Amount. \$	Principal, Payable.	Interest, % Sold at.	Value of County,	Purpose of Issue.
1861, December oth	20,000	20 years, Sinking Fund	6 881/2	3,348,883	Court House and Gaol.
1862, June 10th		20 years, " ">	6 881/2	3,348,883	cc cc cc cc
1863, June 20th		20 years, " "	6. 88	3,178,805	ct ct ct ct
1864, March 26th	16,000	20 years, " "	6 88	4,526,960	ee ee ee ee
1876, March 19th	85,000	20 years, " "	6	5,152,812	Bonus for extension of Whitby and Port Perry Railway.
1904, September 27th		20 years, """ 20 years, principal and		11,656,215	House of Refuge.
		interest, payable in annual instalments		15,989,749	Bridges and County Bldgs.

terest on which is payable yearly.

The interest in all the above cases is payable half-yearly with the exception of the \$85,000 railway bonus issue, the in-





street in the City's best block. Price \$22,-000.00. This property yields an annual rental of \$2,640.00, or 12 per cent. on the total purchase price.

FARM AND RANCH LANDS.

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A BROKER, with means and good references, about to settle in Prince Rupert, B.C., desires commissions from insurance or banking interests. Address, Collateral, care Monetary Times.

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MORE BONDS FOR VANCOUVER, B.C.

In addition to the \$1,075,000 by-laws covering the Cambie Street bridge construction and extensions to waterworks, which were noted last week, it is stated that about a million and a half more will be required. Of this amount \$500,000 will be for street improvements, \$350,000 for the opening and rough grading of all unopened streets within the city limits, and \$150,000 to grade and macadamize the streets already opened. The urgency of these improvements is apparent to anyone who knows Vancouver. Facilitating settlement, the anyone who knows Vancouver. Facilitating settlement, the British Columbia Electric Railway Company is constructing several miles of lines east, south and west, and the number of people to be benefited by the expenditure of the money proposed to be borrowed is already large.

It is also proposed to submit a \$350,000 by-law for the purchase of parks, notwithstanding that \$225,000 by law lot the purchase of parks, notwithstanding that \$225,000 was ap-proved for this purpose last January. Another by-law will be for \$42,500 for the improvement of parks already acquired by the city.

The school trustees will ask for \$300,000, required for new schools, sites, and board offices. The item for board offices has been voted down on two previous occasions.

The Exhibition Association want \$125,000. New fire halls require \$50,000 and about \$100,000 for the new cause-way over Coal Harbour at the entrance to Stanley Park 15. halls require \$50,000 and about \$100,000 for the new cause-way over Coal Harbour at the entrance to Stanley Park 15 needed. The finance committee is now considering these mat-ing by-laws:—\$200,000 good roads by-law; \$50,000 police

mitted in January as \$500,000 was appropriated for this purpose this year. DEBENTURES OFFERING.

ters, preparing them for the vote of the ratepayers on the

It is probable that a sewer extension by-law will be sub-

second Thursday in January.

Yorkton, Sask.—Until December 14th, for \$40,000 5 per cent. 30-year high school debentures. (Official advertisement

appears on another page). Rural Municipality of Pipestone, Man.—Until December

Rural Municipality of Pipestone, Man.—Until December 20th for \$25,000 4 per cent. 20-year debentures. A. P. Power, secretary-treasurer, Virden. Midland, Ont.—Until December 14th, for \$12,000 5 per cent. 20-year permanent walks, and \$2,370 5 per cent. 30-year sewer bonds. T. I. Trueman, secretary treasurer. Cranum, S.D. No. 1289, Alta.—Until December 20th for \$13,000 5½ per cent. 20-year debentures. P. S. Clarke, secretary-treasurer, Granum Miniota, Man.—Until December 7th for \$12,000 4 per cent. 20-year telephone debentures, guaranteed by the Mani-toba Provincial Government. William Howard, secretary-treasurer.

treasurer.

Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.—Until December 27th, for \$6,000 6 per cent. 20-year electric light debentures, being the first part of an authorized issue of \$12,000. Thos. J. Stacey, secretary-treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

North Vancouver, B.C.—Until December 22nd, for \$128,-000 5 per cent. 40-year City Ferries debentures, guaranteed by the corporation of North Vancouver. H. E. Kemp, secre-tary, North Vancouver City Ferries, Limited, Columbia. Ave., Vancouver. (Official advertisement appears on another nage) page).

COMING BONDS.

Lindsay, Ont .- The ratepayers will vote on a \$55,000 school by-law

Welland, Ont .- The ratepayers will vote on a pavement by-law in January

-The ratepayers will vote on a \$46,000 Lethbridge, Atla .general purposes by-law.

Guelph, Ont .- The library board have asked that de-

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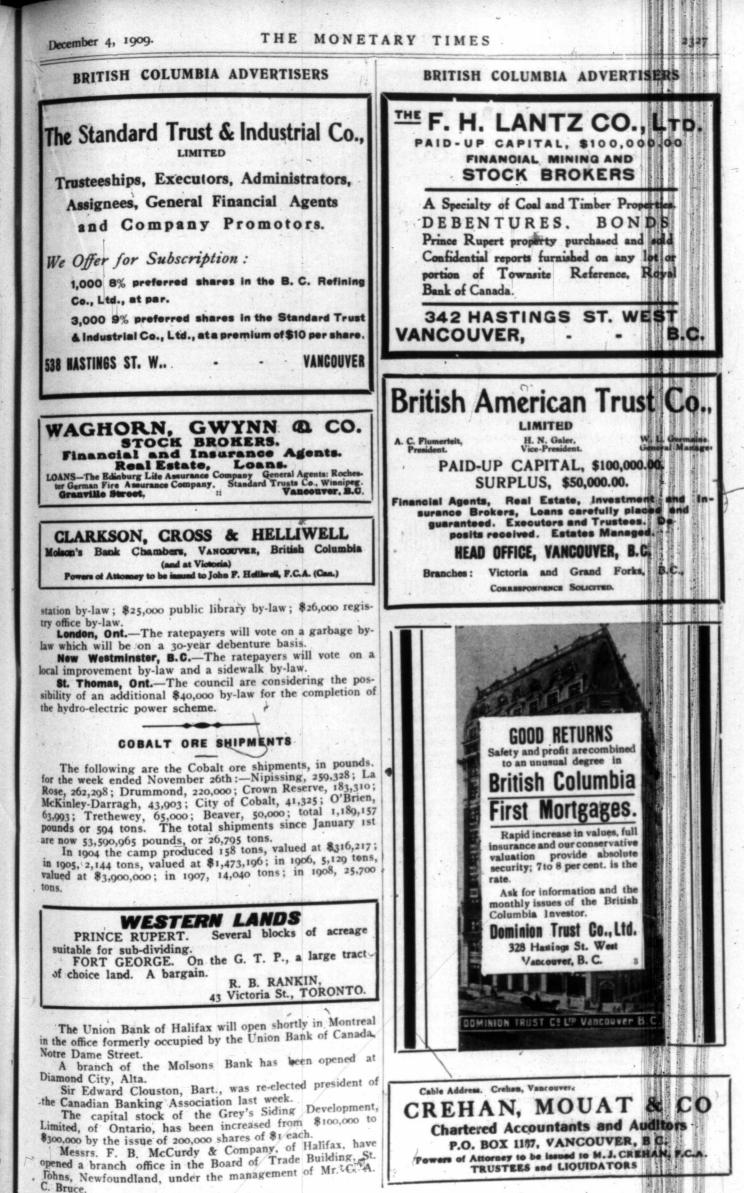
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This power is one of the "silent assets" of Siemon Co., Limited, of Toronto. It is within "striking distance" of Vancouver and New Westminster, and though its value is calculated to be \$500,000, it does not figure in the estimates of the Company's assets.

We have secured part of a block of \$400,000 shares of Siemon Preferred Stock, and offer it for sale to our clients on specially tempting and easy terms.

We will gladly send you prospectus. It shows a certainty of 7 per cent., and probabilities of very large returns indeed. If you have money earning as little as 7 per cent., you cannot afford to let pass the opportunity of sharing in this development of Canada's wonderful natural resources.



EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK

The report presented to the shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank, of Wednesday, was the fiftieth annual statement, marking half a century's progress of this bank. The net earnings for the year ended November 15th, were \$390,535, as against \$367,111 last year. The usual dividend of the statement paid leaving a bal \$390,535, as against \$367,111 last year. The usual dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum was paid leaving a bal-ance of \$150,535. With the amount brought forward from last year, \$215,505, there is a sum of \$365,841 available for distribution. Out of that balance the reserve fund has been strengthened by \$100,000. The bank's reserve now amounts to \$2,100,000 or 70 per cent. of the institution's capital. This is an unusually strong feature of the report. Mr. W. Farwell, the president, drew attention at the meeting to the fact that the bank opened its doors in September, 1859, with a paid up capital of \$101,400. The paid up capital to-day is \$3,000,000, held by 1,433 shareholders. The bank now has a string of branches throughour Quebec province and across the continent. "This progres," added Mr. Farwell, "leads us to hope that a greater usefulness is open to us in "leads us to hope that a greater usefulness is open to us in a broader field.

CONIACAS ANNUAL REPORT

The report of the directors of the Coniagas Mines, Ltd., for the year ended 31st October, 1909, shows that the total assets of the company are \$4,561,626, and the total liabilities \$4,121,613, leaving a surplus of \$440,013. The capital of the company is \$4,000,000, consisting of 800,000 shares of \$5 each. The estimated one in sight on sust October may the company is \$4,000,000, consisting of 800,000 shares of \$5 each. The estimated ore in sight on 31st October was \$12,557,700 ounces. Work done during the year consisted of, shaft sinking, 51 feet; drifting, 1,254 feet; cross-cutting, 376 feet and winzes 80 feet. There were 350 tons of mine ore and 426 tons of concentrates shipped from the mine from October 21st 1008 to October 21st 1000. The average The average 1908, to October 31st, 1909. October 31st, price received for silver during the past year was 50.18 cents as compared with 52.3 the previous year. The Coniagas Mines, Limited, practically ownes the Coniagas Reduction Company. Limited, which has a capital of \$250,000, the par value of their shares being \$100.

This company has a floating debt of \$164,000 and it is the intention of the Coniagas Mine Company, to take up part of this, and to provide for further working capital.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing Houses for the weeks ended November 26th, 1908, November 19th and November 25th, 1909, with percentage increase of

decrease :	Nov. 26,'08	Nov. 18,'09	Nov. 25,'09 C	
Montreal	\$32,990,957	\$44,434,985	\$44,125,931 + 3	
Toronto	28,355,677	34,586,776	31,029,670 +	
Winnipeg	21,546,368	27,658,559	25,394,233 + 1	
Vancouver	4,087,003	7,372,207	8,200,363 +10	0.00
Ottawa	3,511,147	3,979,247	3,530,553 +	
Ouebec	2,197,707	2,750,152	2,490,887 + 1	
Halifax	1,699,070	2,175,238	1,858,128 +	
Hamilton	1,505,693	1,952,698	1,909,882 + :	
St. John	1,289,618	1,524,190	1,448,519 + 1	
Calgary	1,837,478	2,639,233	2,415,214 +	
London	1,037,738	1,184,262	1,210,466 +	
Victoria	1,193,396	1,811,179	1,851,091 +	
Edmonton	878,768	1,148,826	1,093,404 +	24-4
Total	\$102,130,620	\$133,217,552	\$126,558,341 +	
Regina		1,158,703	1,197,145	

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing Houses for the weeks ended December 3rd, 1908, November 25th and December 2nd, 1909, with percentage increase or decrease :-

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Montreal\$3		\$44,125,931	\$40,907,788	+ 42.5
Toronto	28,130,656	31,029,670	31,025,968	+ 10.2
	0,329,839	25,394,233	27,845,410	+ 36.9
Vancouver	3,894,351	8,200,363	7,416,159	
Ottawa	3,606,851	3,530,553	3,655,806	
Ouebec	2,395,507	. 2,490,887	2,474,712	+ 3.3
Halifax	1,700,670	1,858,128	2,268,340	+ 33.3
Hamilton	1,565,785	1,909,882	1,998,690	+ 27.6
St. John	1,379,453	1,448,519	1,436,934	
Calgary	1,908,960	2,415,214	2,763,620	
London	1,108,654	1,210,466	1,182,269	
Victoria	1,084,338	1,851,091	1,244,673	+ 14.6
Edmonton	867,014	1,093,404	1,194,710	+ 37.7
Total\$10	00,035,630	\$126,558,341	\$131,475,079	+ 30.2
Regina		1,197,145	1,132,766	121000

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EXCHANCE RATES.

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SURETY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The profits made annually by the mutual fire insurance companies doing business in Waterloo County, Ontario, have caused several residents of that district to organize a non-tariff stock and the several residents of the several several residence of the several tariff stock company with its head office at Galt. They will do a general fire insurance business throughout the province. The shares of the The shares of the company are selling at \$105, par value \$100. The first payment on the subscription is ten per cent. of the stock purchased together with the premium in full and is payable to the company within thirty days.

The name of the company is the Surety Fire Insurance The name of the company is the Surety Fire Insulate and it has an authorized capital of \$500,000. The following are the provisional directors:-Messrs. F. D. Palmer, of Shurly & Dietrich, Galt; W. D. Sheldon, of Sheldons, Ltd., Galt; C. L. Bailey, Canadian manager, Jessop Steel Com-pany, Toronto; J. J. A. Weir, barrister, Berlin; Carl Kran, insurance, Berlin; G. W. Robinson, merchant, Hamilton; Peter Bernhardt, Preston, and A. D. Strong, insurance man-ager, Galt. ager, Galt.

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The Directors of The Protential Investment Co., Limited, having a thorough knowledge of conditions prevailing throughout Western Caa-ada, and of the wonderful development of its immense resources, are confident that these Western Provinces afford unlimited possibilities for the profitable investment of capital. The limited possibilities afforded for making large profits for its shareholders, a charter has been secared for "The Prudential Investment" Co., Limited," under the Companies Act.

The Shares are now offered for sale at \$100 per share, together with a premain of \$15 per share. Terms of payment have been arranged to cover a period of four years, thus enabling in estors to subscribe for a larger unuities of share han could otherwise be secured.

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TRETHEWEY SILVER-COBALT MINE, LIMITED.

DIVIDEND No. 6.

Notice is hereby given that a division of profits, equal to fifteen per cent. on the capital stock of the Trethewey Silver-Cobalt Mine, Limited, will be made to shareholders of record on December 1st, 1909, payable on December 15th, 1909, making a total distribution of 25 per cent. for the current year.

The transfer books will be closed from the 1st till the 15th day of December, both days inclusive. Transfers are made only at the offices of the company, 1428 Traders Bank Building, Toronto.

By order of the Board.

D. A. BREBNER, Secretary-Treasurer.

Toronto, Nov. 13th, 1909.

THE CANADA LANDED AND NATIONAL INVEST-MENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

DIVIDEND No. 97.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Dividend of Four Per Cent. (being at the rate of Eight Per Cent. Per Annum) on the paid-up capital stock of this Company has been de-clared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after the Third Day of January 1910

Day of January 1910. The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st days of December, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the office of the Company, 23 Tor-onto Street, in the City of Toronto, on Wednesday the Second Day of February 1910, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, to receive the report of the Directors for the election of Direct-ors, to confirm certain by-laws passed by the Directors, and for other purposes for other purposes.

By Order of the Board. EDWARD SAUNDERS, Managing Director.

Toronto, November 24th, 1909.

Mr. Norman G. Neil, who during the past fifteen years has been connected with the Caledonian Iron Works, Mont-real, has been appointed Industrial Commissioner for Port Arthur.

A contract is to be signed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce with the Thompson Steamship Company, of St. John, for a direct monthly service between Cuba and St. John, N.B. The unbridge for the service between Cuba and St. John, N.B. The subsidy for same is to be \$25,000.

A feature of progress on the Pacific Coast is the first out-put of paper by the British Canadian Wood Pulp and Paper Company. Vancouver and Victoria people have financed this concern. The mill is situated on Howe Sound, at Port Mellon, 17 miles from Vancouver. Its product is news and wrapping paper. It is reported that there is a good demand for this paper. It is reported that there is a good demand for this class of paper. If so, the company's operations should meet with success paper. with success.

Advertisements under this heading will be accepted hereafter a rates: "Position Wanted" advs., one cent per word each in Wanted" advs., two cents per word each insertion; "Agencies two cents per word each insertion. A minimum charge of fifty cas will be made in every case. LIVE FIRM, business getters, with good connections, want agency for reliable Fire Company who will write busi-ness at non-board rates. Refer any bank or business house here. Established, 1900. Dow Fraser & Company, Limited, Vancouver, B. C.

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WANTED.—We want the agency of Eastern Loan Com-pany who will loan money on Improved Vancouver Real Estate at 7 and 8 per cent. We also want private funds to loan on Mortgages. Refer to any bank or business house here. Established, 1900. Dow Fraser & Company, Limited, Van-couver, B. C.

WANTED.—Thoroughly reliable man, experienced in handling Stocks and Bonds. Office position in strong West-ern concern. Must have references. Good position for a good man. Apply in first instance to Box at, Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, Man.

A BRITISH FIRE OFFICE invites applications for the position of Inspector with headquarters at Toronto, Duties to commence January 1st, 1910. Applications which will be treated as confidential should be addressed in the first in-stance, c/o Box No. 91, Monetary Times, Toronto.

OPEN TO CONSIDER the purchase of an Ontario or Quebec Charter — strictly confidential. Calgary, Alberta.

NOTICE

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this bank for the election of directors and for other business will be held at the Banking House in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January next. The chair will be Baken at 12 o'clock noon. By order of the Board, ALEXANDER LAIRD,

General Manager. Toronto, 28th October, 1909.

Progressive Fernie is the title of an illustrated book re-ceived by the Monetary Times. It is barely a year since Fernie was almost wiped out by fire, the loss to property be-ing estimated at \$5,000,000, and since them the entire town has been rebuilt and a waterworks and electric system ac-quired at a cost of \$150,000. The city's chief industry is coal mining and the fact that the fire did has permanently drive folks away from the city is ample proof of their faith in it as a thriving industrial centre. The views of present day Fernie certainly emphasize the fact of its coming pro-sperity. sperity.



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ussell Township	2,180 5	1919	The St. Louis, Que., issue cent. were sold at 104.25.		
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Stamford Township	8,700 5	1929.	England recently. When the B sales there will probably increa	Budget question	is settled the
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Victoria	20,000 4	1933	-Fatalities Highest for	Year-Manito	ba Blaze
Fernie	25,000 5		Accounts for	Six Lives.	
Fernie North Vancouver		1939 1⁄2 1939	The Monetary Times estin	- of Canad	ale fire losses
North Vancouver	17,474 5	1929	for the month of November is	nine hundred	and thirty-live
Victoria North Vancouver		1959 1/2 & 5 1929-301	thousand, one hundred and nin since April and the third lowest	nety-one, which	is the lowest
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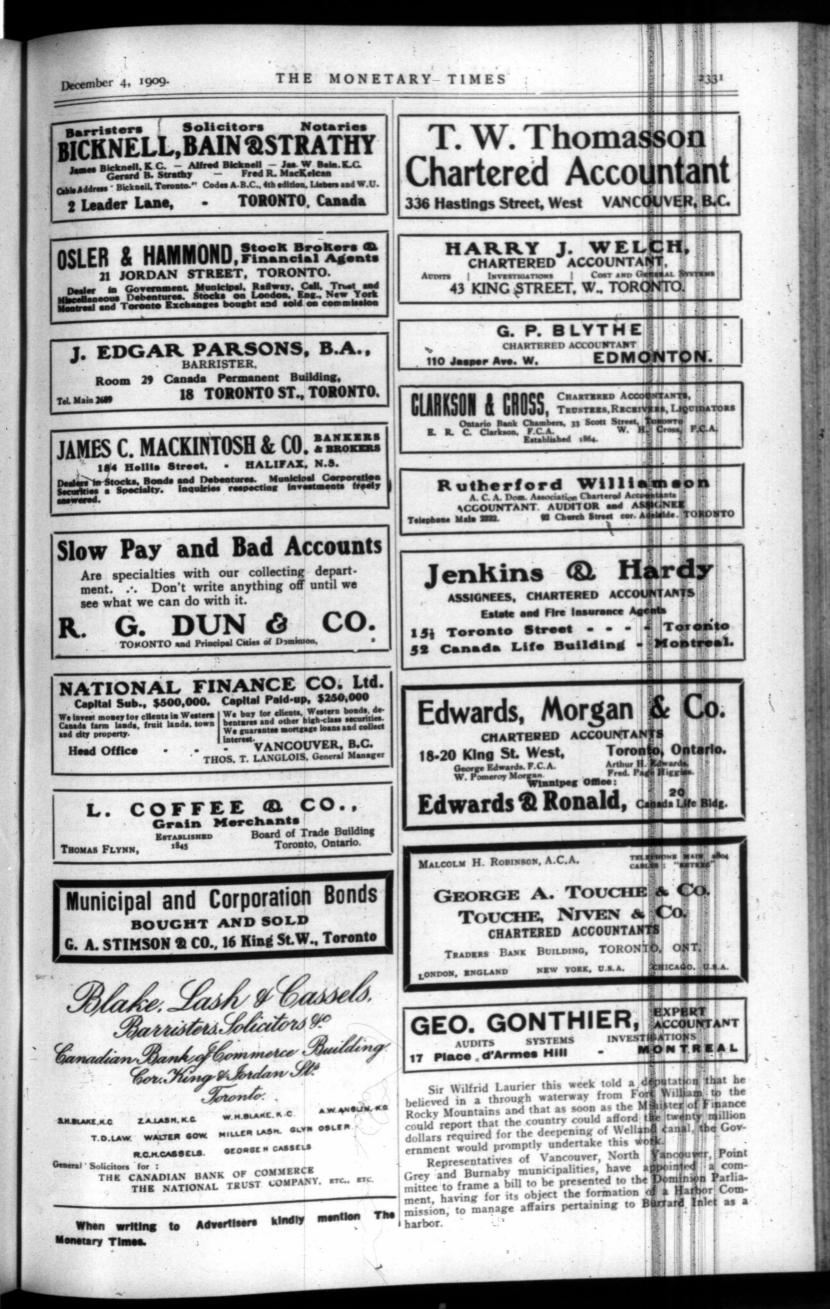
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The total number of fires exceeding \$10,000 is twenty-five against twenty-one in October, while the loss incurred by big fires in November was \$717,200 against \$1,775,700 in October.

The total loss for the first eleven months was \$17,471,725. The average monthly fire waste in Canada this year has been \$1,588,338.

96,010 121,981 Small fires Fifteen per cent. for unreported fires.

935,191

Canada's fire losses for the first eleven months were :-

To be a second of the		1,500,000
January		1,263,005
February		851,690
March	********************	051,090
April		720,650
May		3,358,276
Iune		1,360,275
July		1,075,600
August		2,582,915
September .		1,615,405
October		2,208,718
November		935,191
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17,471,725

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ber :--

The following is a list of November fires involving a loss of \$10,000 and over :--

	\$ 20,000
Victoria, B.CMill	10,000
	26,000
Dictory chow elc	59,500
Newton DIOCK	10,000
and the one Woolen mills	50,000
	10,000
	55,000
	40,000
	10,000
	13,000
	16,000
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And Wird Tacioty	15,000
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	150,000
	10,000
	20,000
	61,000
	20,000
	30,000
	16,000
	12,000
Barrie, OntOffice block	20,700
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What Were Destroyed.

What were Destroyed. The structures destroyed and damaged by fire included 23 dwellings, 24 stores, 10 barns, 9 hotels, 6 mills, 6 lumber yards and sawmills, 6 warehouses, 5 office blocks, 4 factories, 3 steamers, 3 churches, 2 stables, 2 post offices and a picture show, iron works, gas well, foundry, city hall, parsonage, greenhouse, paint store, railway depot, and a quantity of orain grain.

Causes of Fire.

Of the presumed causes to which fires are attributed, in-cendiaries were responsible for 6, lamp explosions 4, spon-taneous combustion 4, Halloween jokes 3, playing with matches 2, hot ashes 2, and one each resulting from the fol-lowing: Lightning, defective grates, smoking, spark from engine, furnace explosion, stove pipe, defective furnace, gasoline explosion gasoline explosion.

Loss of Life in Fires.

November was the most unfortunate month during 1909 regarding loss of life in fires, the total number perishing being thirty-four, and of this number two were firemen, who lost their lives while in the performance of their duty. A gasoline explosion in Warroad, Man., accounted for six, a whole family with the exception of one being burned. No deaths are recorded as the result of prairie fires. The loss of life by fire is greatly on the increase, the total for October and November being sixty, five more than the total of any other three months during the year. The number of places burned in which loss of life occurred was thirteen, as against sixteen in October. November was the most unfortunate month during 1909

The following are the details :--

North Yarmouth, Ont ... I ... Burning house ... Clothes catching fire Guelph, Ont. 1 Moore Township, Ont.... 1 ... Lamp explosion Spragueville, Que.I...Clothes catching
Arcade, Ont.Arcade, Ont.ICoal oilInnisfail, Alta.3...Burning houseUxbridge, Ont.3...SuffocationMontreal, Que.2...Firemen on dutyWarroad, Man.6...Gasoline explosiBerlin, Ont.3...Playing with maWestminster Tp., Ont.1...UnknownCollingwood, Ont.3...Burning houseStavely, Alta.I...Clothes catchingWestholme, B.C.1...Upsetting lampAurora, Ont.3...Coal gas stoveLimoulou, Que.1...Coal gas stove Spragueville, Que. 1 ... Clothes catching fire ...Firemen on duty ...Gasoline explosion Playing with matches 2 ...Clothes catching fire ...Burning house Limoulou, Que. I ... Burning house 34 The fire fatalities for the first eleven months of the year average over 16 per month and were as follows :-

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Incendiary Fires.

Archibald McLaughlin, of Uxbridge, Ont., was arrested and will be tried on charge of murder and arson. Mrs. Guthrie and her daughter, of Barrie, Ont., were

Mrs. Guthrie and her daughter, of Barrie, Ont., were arrested on a serious charge of arson and perjury. Robert John Gowling, who was arrested at Cobourg, Ont., on a charge of arson was found "not guilty" by his Honor Judge Benson.

Portage la Prairie continued to be on the scene of incen-diarism. The police investigated another case in November Mr. R. H. Roe being the sufferer.

Incendiaries attempted to fire the mill of Messrs. Moxley & Joy, Elk Lake, B.C. An examination revealed a quantity of jute bagging saturated with oil.

Richard Y. Price was sentenced to seven years in Kings-ton penitentiary for setting fire to the sawmills of Messrs. Hamilton Bros., Glen Huron, Ont.

NOVEMBER'S COBALT SHIPMENTS.

The following are the Cobalt ore shipments for November :-

Name	Sugar	Sector Color	Tons
Beaver			 25.
			 26.4
Conjagas			 42.4
			 215.3
			 340.
Kerr Lak	e		 150.
King Edy	ward		 24.6
La Rose			 620.4
			 96.5
			 453.7
Nova Sco	tia		 20.
			 96.
Right of	Way .		 65.6
Temiskan	ning		 60.
Temiskam	ning &	H. B	 30.1
Trethewey			 70.

Total..... 2,336.0

The September shipments were 2,341.9 tons. The shipments for November 27th, 29th and 30th, are not included in the above.

NOVEMBER DIVIDEND CHANCES.

The following dividend changes occurred during Novem-

Dividends Increased.

	Present	Former
Mackay Common	5	4
Hamilton Provident	7	7
Traders Bank	8	6
Haliifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd.	7	6
Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company	7	

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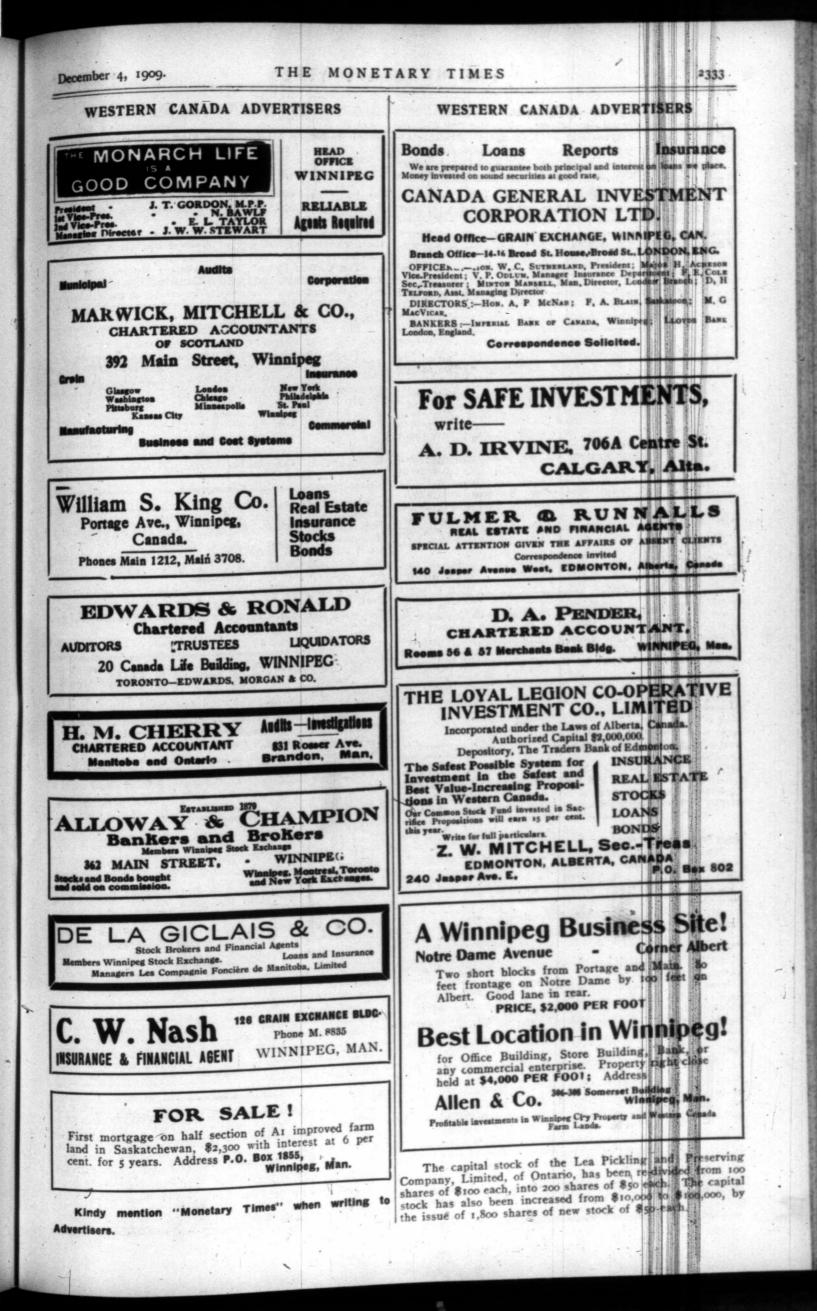
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White Pass & Yukon Railroad Co.... 2 4 The Crown Reserve Mining Company in November de-clared a special bonus of 10 per cent. and the regular 6 per cent. quarterly dividend, together with a further bonus of 9 per cent., making a total disbursement for the current quarter of 25 per cent.

9 per cent., making a total disbursement for the current quarter of 25 per cent. Hamilton Provident directors have declared a bonus of 1 per cent., bringing the dividend for the year up to 7 per cent. The shareholders of the Montreal Investment & Freehold Company received a 10 per cent. bonus during November. The company paid during the year 70 per cent. in bonuses, as well as the usual dividend. The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company at a directors' meeting on November 25, declared a stock bonus or dividend of near per cent. to the common shareholders of record of

meeting on November 25, declared a stock bonus or dividend of 20 per cent. to the common shareholders of record of December 20, 1909. Each shareholder of common stock was to receive one share of new stock for each five shares now held by him. It was also resolved to pay a cash dividend of 1 per cent. on the common stock of the company on January 15th, 1010, to shareholders of record on December 31, 1909, so that the new stock issued would participate in this dividend dividend.

CANADIAN FLOTATIONS IN LONDON.

The following flotations of interest to Canada were made

£98. Alberta and \$7,400,000 (£1,520,550) 5 per cent. first mortgage gold de-benture bonds at 110, guaranteed by the Province of Alberta. Canadian Car cent. participating cumulative preference stock at £19 105. 6d.

per \$100 share, being approximately 95 per cent. Canadian Northern Railway.—£850,000 4 per cent. per-petual consolidated debenture stock at 93.

NOVEMBER STOCK EXCHANCE LISTINCS.

The Great-West Permanent Loan Company \$2,500,000 was listed on the Toronto Exchange during November. This stock is also listed on the Winnipeg and Vancouver Ex-

Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation, Ltd., listed its \$8,125,000 common and \$1,875,000 preferred stock on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

BANK BRANCHES OPENED AND CLOSED.

During November 20 new branches of Canadian chartered banks were opened and 2 closed. During October 32 new branches were opened and 4 closed; during Septem-32 new branches were opened and 4 closed; during Septem-ber 29 opened and 1 closed; during August, 34 opened and 5 closed; during July, 19 opened and 3 closed; dur-ing June, 34 opened and 2 closed; during May, 22 opened and 3 closed; during April, 15 opened and 2 closed; During March, 24 opened and 9 closed; during February, 13 opened and 5 closed; during January, 13 opened and 3 closed. Houston's Bank Directory gives the following details for No-vember: vember :---

Branches Opened.

Digitation	o ponto an
Brandon, Man.	Royal Bank of Canada.
Burlington, Ont.	Bank of Hamilton
Cherry Valley, Ont	Standard Bank of Canada.
Cloverdale, B.C	Bank of Montreal.
Diamond City, Alta.	Molsons Bank.
Elfros, Sask,	Canadian Bank of Commerce.
Hamilton, Ont., Market Branch	Traders' Bank of Canada
Meadowvale, Ont	Merchants Bank of Canada.
Montreal, Que.	Traders' Bank of Canada.
Montreal, Que.	Union Bank of Halifax.
Montreal, West, Que	Royal Bank of Canada,
Moose Jaw, Sask	Bank of Montreal.
Outlook, Sask.	Bank of Montreal.
Paris, Ont	Bank of Hamilton.
St. Bonaventure, Que	La Banque Nationale.
St. Hugues, Que	La Banque Nationale.
St. Pacome, Que	La Banque Nationale.
Vancouver, B.C.	Traders' Bank of Canada.
Virden, Man.	Canadian Bank of Commerce.
Yorkton, Sask.	Canadian Bank of Commerce.
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Branches Closed.

Alfred, Ont. Sterling Bank of Canada. Burlington, Ont. Bank of Nova Scotia.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS.

Brief Summary for the Busy Man of the Chief Events During the Past Month.

Fire Insurance

Fire Insurance Judge Leet of Montreal in hearing case against Willis, Faber & Co., agents for Lloyds, declared the insurance act invalid.

The Canadian Financiers, Limited, Vancouver, absorbed the fire insurance business of Messrs. Burnett & Son, Vancouver.

The Central Canada Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insur-ance Company and the Eastern Canada Manufacturers Mu-tual Fire Insurance Company gave notice of their intention to apply for charter amendments at the next session of the Dominion Parliament.

Dominion Parliament. The subscribed capital of the Pacific Coast Fire Insur-ance Company was increased from \$275,000 to \$500,000. A new fire insurance company commenced business in Winnipeg under the name of the Continental Fire Insurance Company. It is: capitalized at \$500,000, and has subscribed % in each of which \$25,000 is naid un \$200,000 of which \$25,000 is paid up.

Mr. T. E. Greer was appointed as manager for Ontario, of the Pacific Coast Insurance Company.

Stock Exchange -

The New York firm of Trippe, Thompson & Company, was dissolved. This firm was interested in the market operations of La Rose.

Commerical

A consolidation known as the Quebec Railway & Power Company, with a capital of \$10,000,000 was formed and will after the New Year control the electric service corporation of Quebec.

A report of the investigation into Winnipeg's high pressure plant was issued.

Banking

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Sterling Bank of Canada was held, to consider the advisability of increasing the bank's capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$3,-000,000.

The half-yearly report of the Grand Trunk Railway, shows the net revenue receipts to be £962,201, as against

L905,671 for same period 1908. The liquidator of the Bank of St. John's, published a statement showing the total assets at \$1,411, and the total liabilities at \$385,487. The total nominal assets amount to liabilities at \$385,487. \$1,399,498.

Mining

The American Coal & Coke Company of Frank, Alta., was reorganized and will in future be known as the Cana-dian Consolidated Coal Company. The Diamond City Coal Company opened their private

railroad from Lethbridge, Alta., to the coal fields, a distance of six miles.

Transportation

The City of Montreal lost its case against the street railway for freight carrying.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce signed a contract with the C.P.R. for another year's steamship service between St. John, Halifax and Liverpool.

Life Insurance

The Protectorate Life Insurance Company of Canada gave notice of their intention to apply at the next session of Parliament for a Dominion charter. The head office will be in Ottawa.

NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The following were among the companies and institutions which held their annual meetings in Canada during Novem-ber: Longueuil Tramways Company, Montreal Street Railways, Foster Cobalt Mining Company, National Snuff Company.

The meeting of bondholders of the Mexican Northern Power Company, Ltd., held at the company's head office at Montreal last week, decided to increase the bond issue from Montreal last week, decided to increase the bond issue from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000, to be secured by a deed amending the present mortgage or deed of trust granted by the com-pany in favour of the Montreal Trust Company, as trustees. Among the bondholders present were the following: Edwin Hanson, G. F. Greenwood, E. B. Savage, S. J. Moore, J. D. Patterson, F. B. McCurdy, James W. Baillie, James Skeoch, C. Cushing, J. Fasker, Frank Thompson, C. L. Hervey, A. Hamilton Gault, E. A. Whitehead, F. S. Hetherington, C. A. Lemieux, B. F. Pearson, H. A. Hutchins. Decemb

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SENATORS DISCUSS INSURANCE.

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The discussion of the Insurance Bill in the Senate has proved interesting, although lasting but a few days. The Bill has now been shelved until after Christmas. After its provisions have once been passed, no further alteration will be allowed. This means that over contentious clauses the fight will wax hot. Lloyds Agency evidently have Senatorial champions at Ottawa. Last week, a Senator stated that the licensing provision of the Act would prevent Lloyds doing business in Canada. He thought that was a defect which should be remedied, as Canadian marine interests should not be deprived of the right to insurance in Lloyds. By a strange oversight, the Senator forgot to mention Lloyds fire insurance business in Canada. It is an important point, for while each underwriter of Lloyds has to make a deposit with the committee, that deposit is only for the protection of their marine insurances, there being no guarantee fund whatever to protect the fire insurances.

An unfair reflection was made by another Senator upon the efforts of the legitimate fire insurance companies in Canada to place fire underwriting upon a common basis in this country. The contribution of Canadian companies, he said, to the cost of maintenance of the Insurance Department was extremely small. But it should be remembered in answer to this objection, that not only Canadian, but also British and United States companies, tariff and non-tariff, all licensed to transact business in Canada, are united in their stand against underground insurance and unlicensed companies. No particular point is gained by naming the respective contributions of the various groups of companies towards the upkeep of the Government Insurance Department. While they contribute proportionate sums, they are of one opinion regarding what is fair and just in the Canadian fire underwriting field.

FIRST CASE UNDER WORKMEN'S

Compensation Act Decided in New Brunswick-Loss of Finger Brings Large Award.

Six hundred and fifty dollars for the loss of a finger is Six hundred and fifty dollars for the loss of a finger 1s the result of the first case under New Brunswick's Workmen's Compensation Act. Mr. J. Frederick Baxter claimed dam-ages from the Minas Basin Steamship Company, and Mr. Justice McKeown heard the case and found for the plaintiff. The accident occurred while the plaintiff was assisting to put a propeller in position on one of the ships belonging to the defendants. It was stated that an eye bolt to which the heisting to the maximum assignment of the ships belonging to the derendants. It was stated that an eye bolt to which the hoisting tackle was suspended was improperly fixed in the stern of the ship. The defendants claimed that it was an extra strain put on tackle by plaintiff and assistants that caused the accident. The plaintiff asked for damages under the 3rd section of Chapter 31 of the Acts of Assembly 1908, which states :-

Claimed Under this Section. Where any work is being carried on under any contract, and

(a) The person for whom the work, or any part thereof is done, supplies any ways, works, machinery, gear, appli-ances, plant, scow, boat, vessels, building, or premises used for purpose of executing the work; and (b) By reason of any defect in the condition or arrangement of such ways, works, machinery, gear, appliances, plant, scow, boat, vessel, build-ing or premises, personal injury is caused to any workman employed by the contractor, or by any sub-contractor, the person for whom the work, or that part of the work, is done, shall be liable to pay compensation for the injury as if the workman had been employed by him, and for that purpose be deemed to be the employer of the workman within the meaning of this Act; provided always that any contractor or sub-contractor shall be liable to pay compensation for injury

as if this section had not been enacted; and also provided that double compensation shall not be recoverable for the same injury. The plaintiff contended that the accident was caused by a defect in the condition or arrangement of the appliances; or, in other words, that the eye bolt should not have been put into an old hole which had been previously used for that purpose."

Amount of Compensation.

Amount of Compensation. Dealing with the amount of compensation, the Act above mentioned provides as follows: "Section 6. The amount of compensation under this Act shall be . . . (2) Where the total or partial incapacity for work resulting from an injury, a weekly payment during the incapacity not exceeding fifty per cent. of his average weekly earnings during the previous twelve months, if he has been so long employed, but if not, then for any less period during which he has been in the employment of the same employer, such weekly payment not to exceed ten dollars (\$10), etc." and sub-sections (b) of the same section says: "(b) If the incapacity lasts for more than one hundred weeks, compenincapacity lasts for more than one hundred weeks, compen-sation shall be payable in respect to the first one hundred weeks only." weeks only.

The judgment given was for a weekly sum of \$6.50 pay-able for 100 weeks from the date of accident.

SOME RECENT ACCIDENTS.

Elk Lake, Ont.—Mr. John Morrison; drowned; skating. Kingston, Ont.—John Johnson; drowned; fell from wharf. Kingston, Ont.—Elwood Ingram; drowned; fell through

- ice. Maynooth, Ont .- Mr. David Hamilton; fatally injured; log falling.
- London, Ont .- Mr. James S. Cook; fatally injured; boiler
- plate falling. Woodstock, Ont.-Three workmen; one seriously injured; wall collapsed.
- Vancouver, B.C .- Mr. Chas. Pearce; electrocuted; struck by broken wire
- Rathwell, Man .- Mr. W. McCreary; shot in chest, fatal; mistaken for deer.
- Amaranth, Ont .- Mr. J. W. Neill; shot in foot; slipped
- and gun discharged. Ottawa, Ont.—Mr. Victor Charland; fatally injured; fell from roof of church.
- Montreal, Que .- Lucien Derocher; choked; playing with
- book, swallowed paper. **Toronto, Ont.**—Mr. Gordon Mottashed; shot in thigh; re-pairing a loaded revolver. Pairing a loaded revolver. South Yarmouth, Ont .- Mr. Robert Roberts; internally
- injured; falling down stairs. Appin, Ont.—Mr. Chas. W. Hathaway; fatally injured;
- driving team, struck by train. Toronto, Ont.—Philip Keresina and infant sister; slight
- ly injured; playing with cartridge. Nelson, B.C.-Mr. John L Lamont; skull fractured;
- splinter from bursting emery wheel.

Cobalt, Ont.—Mr. Alfred Silvia; killed; dynamite ex-plosion. Two others seriously injured. Plattsville, Ont.—Mr. Isaac Battler; drowned; pinioned under traction engine which fell through bridge into five feet

ACCIDENT AND CASUALTY NOTES.

Twenty-five buildings were wrecked in Danville, Que., by a dynamite explosion. Four people are missing in the ruins.

Mrs. August Lesowski of Bow Island. Alta., was seriously injured in an explosion, by two sticks of dynamite being placed in an oven to thaw. The residence was wrecked.

The Guarantee Company of North America. Montreal, has established an office in Winnipeg, in charge of Mr. H. F. Gordon, of the home office staff.

The articles, Workmen's Compensation in Canada, from the pen of Mr. I. D. Clawson, Canadian Claim Division, Maryland Casualty Company, a series which recently ap-peared in the Monetary Times, have now been printed in pamphlet form by the company pamphlet form by the company.

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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."

Sarnia, Ont.-Wooden steamer, "Lake Michigan"; cause unknown.

Ottawa, Ont Civil service club; cause, defective fireplace; damage about \$200.

Fenelon Falls, Ont .- Residence of Mr. Edward Brynell; cause unknown; totally destroyed.

Nose Creek, Alta .- House owned by Mrs. Annie Miller; cause, lamp upsetting; damage \$1,000.

Wetaskiwin, Alta .- Building occupied by Mr. J. Gardner and a Chinese laundry, totally destroyed.

Sedgewick, Alta. — The Imperial elevator; cause un-known; damage \$25,000; covered by insurance.

Milford, N.B.—Residence of Mr. Geo. S. Cushing, oc-cupied by Mr. Cunningham; caused by defective flue. Truemanville, N. S.—Farm house of Mr. C. Wood; cause, defective flue; damage \$3,000; insurance \$1,300.

Carberry, Man.-Store of Mr. W. Gareau; stock owned by the Sandford Company of Hamilton; valued at \$15,000.

Wapella, Sask.-New brick block of Messrs. Kidd & Clements; cause, unknown; building and contents insured. Montreal, Que.-Basement of Royal Edward Institute; cause, rubbish in basement; damage slight. Residence and

stables belonging to Messrs. Dawes & Co. Sussex, N. B .- Two barns, 100 tons of hay and farm

implements; cause, incendiaries; damage, \$3,000; i ance small. Smoke house of the Sussex Packing Co. insur-

Quebec, Que.-Store and residence of Mr. Lewis Lazar ovictz; cause unknown; damage not estimated; insurance \$7,000.

North Vancouver. B. C .- Residence owned by Mr. A. E. Macnaughten and occupied by Mr. T. A. Martin; cause, defective chimney; damage to building \$2,000. Toronto, Ort.-Store of Messrs. Morley Ewing & Co..

Toronto, Ort.—Store of Messrs. Morley Ewing & Co., damage about \$2,000. Laboratory of University of Toronto; cause, incubators; damage about \$1,000; insurance under the Provincial Government system of insurance. Residence Mr. John Hollinger; cause, pot of tar upset; damage, \$800

-Seven stores: damage estimated at \$40, Oxford, N. S. 000; insurance, \$20,000; the following is the latest list of loses:-Mr. J. E. Hills, damage \$2,000, no insurance; Oxford Clothing Company, loss about \$15,000; partially insured; Mr. W. R. Slade, loss \$3,000, partially covered; Mr. sured; Mr. W. R. Slade, loss $\$_{3,000}$, partially covered, Mr. Alex. Ross, loss $\$_{3,000}$, insurance $\$_{1,400}$; Mr. Peter Slade, loss $\$_{3,000}$; insurance, $\$_{1,500}$; Mr. A. S. McIntosh, loss $\$_{3,000}$, insurance $\$_{1,800}$; Mr. H. S. Smith, loss $\$_{2,500}$, no insurance. Names of insurance companies not to hand.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Moncton, N. B. -Intercolonial Railway rest house; cause unknown; damage \$4,200; no insurance. Merritton, Ont.-Residence of Mr. Lorenzo Bradley;

cause unknown; damage \$4,000; insurance \$1,500, in Metropolitan and \$400 in Hartford.

Manuels, Newfoundland. — Residence, post office and telegraph office, occupied by the Misses Kearney; cause, defective chimney; 'damage \$1,000; no insurance.

Hamilton, Ont.-Summer residence of Mr. Chas. Kime; cause unknown: damage on contents, piano, \$450; insur-ance, \$150 in Saltfleet Mutual; damage on buildings, \$1,500; insurinsurance, \$750 in Binbrook Company. Total damage,

\$1,950; total insurance, \$850. Toronto, Ont.—Carriage works of Messrs. Robt. Elder Carriage Works, Limited; cause, carelessness of man at furnace; damage, on stock, \$450; insurance, Lancaster {5,000; London Mutual, \$5,000; damage on buildings £260; Carriage furnace;

£5,000; London Mutual. \$5,000; damage on buildings £260; insurance, Caledonia, £8,000; Queen City, \$1,200; Lancas-ter, \$400. Total loss \$710; total insurance, \$19,600. **Rigaud, Que.**—Store owned and occupied by Mr. James Fletcher; cause, unknown; damage on stock, \$25,000; in-surance, Rimouski, £1,800; Dominion, \$2,250; Anglo Amer-ican, \$1,800; Montreal Canada, \$2,125; London Mutual \$2,550; Equitable, \$3,000, total \$13,525; damage on build-inger \$6,000; insurance, Cuardian, \$2,000; Total loss

\$2,550; Equitable, \$3,000, total \$13,525; damage on buildings, \$6,000; insurance, Guardian \$3,000. Total loss, \$3r,000; total insurance, \$16,525.
 Midland, Ont.—Lumber vald of Messrs. Chew Bros.; insurance carried as follows:—Atlas, \$12,700; Crown, \$3,000; Dominion, \$3,000; General. \$20,035; Home, \$2,000; Insurance Company of North America. \$3,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$13,200; Lumber Insurance Com-

pany, (N.Y.) \$9,300; Mercantile, \$9,000; Metropolitan, \$1,500; Montreal-Canada, \$2,000; North British and Mer-cantile \$5,000; Northern, \$6,000; Norwich Union, \$4,900; Qntario, \$5,000; Queen, \$10,000; Phoenix of London, \$15,-530; Rimouski, \$7,272; Royal, \$28,200; Union, \$3,500; total, \$164,137-9

Montreal, Que.—Rolling mills of Messrs. Peck, Benny & Company; loss about \$20,000; insurance as follows:— Ætna, \$6,090; Alliance, \$8,120; British America, \$6,090; Caledonian, \$4,060; Commercial Union, \$14,210; Connecti-cut, \$6,090; German-American, \$7,105; Guardian, \$10,150; Hartford, \$8,120; Home, \$6,090; Law Union & Crown, \$4,060; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$14,210; London As-\$4,000; Liverpool & London & Giobe, \$14,210; London As-surance, \$4,060; North America, \$7,105; Northern, \$12,180; Norwich Union, \$4,060; Phœnix of London, \$10,150; Queen, \$8,120; Royal, \$16,240; Scottish U. & N., \$6,090; Sun, \$8,120; Western, \$8,120; R. and D., \$4,060; Yorkshire, \$6,090; Rochester German, \$6,090; St. Paul, \$4,060; Pacific Coast, \$4,060; total \$203,000.

cific Coast, \$4,060; total \$203,000. **Dollartown, Ont.**—Lumber yard of Messrs. Manly, Chew; insurance carried by:—Adirondack, (N.Y.) \$5,000; Anglo-American, \$5,000; British America, \$12,500; Cale-donian, \$5,000; Canadian, \$4,500; Connecticut, \$3,000; Crown, \$3,000; Dominion, \$3,000; General, \$5,000; Hart-ford, \$7,500; Guardian, \$18,000; Home, \$2,000; Indepen-dent, \$2,000; Insurance Company of North America, \$8,500; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$14,500; London and Lancashire, \$8,000; Lumber Insurance Co. (N.Y.) \$34,500; Manitoba, \$2,500; Mercantile, \$20,500; North British and Mercantile, \$7,000; Northern, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$10,-000; Ontario, \$2,000; Phenix of Brooklyn, \$4,000; Queen, \$20,000; Pheenix of London, \$13,000; Richmond and Drum-\$20,000; Phoenix of London, \$13,000; Richmond and Drummond, \$2,500; Fintenix on London, \$15,000; Rochester German, \$4,000; Royal, \$16,000; St. Paul, \$5,000; Scottish Union and Na-tional, \$5,000; Sovereign, \$1,000; Springfield, \$5,000; Traders, \$500; Union, \$10,000; Waterloo Mutual, \$3,000; Yorkshire, \$10,000; total \$298,000.

FIRE AND MARINE NOTES.

Mr. James Saulter, inspector of the Liverpool and Lon-don and Globe Insurance Company, for Toronto and district, has been granted four months' leave of absence.

Two sixteen year old boys have been arrested at Wind-sor, Ontario, on a charge of arson. They confessed to having started twelve fires within the past three months.

The Government of Holland have asked the fire insurance companies of that country to co-operate with them in an inquiry into the number of fires and the loss of national wealth therefrom. * * *

The Canadian Fire Insurance Company, of Winnipeg, has appointed Mr. J. H. King manager of their Ontario branch, in succession to Mr. A. Hutchinson, who resigned, to take up a position as city agent for the Union Assurance Company.

At Orangeville recently the wires of the Cataract Electric Light Company became crossed with the wires of the G.N.W. Telegraph Company. The result was disastrous to the local office of the latter, it being thought that it had been struck by lightning.

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Messrs. W. C. J. Hall, superintendent, and B. L. O'Hara, assistant superintendent of the Bureau of Forestry of the province of Quebec, have issued a neat little book entitled "Treatise on the protection of forects from fire." The book is well illustrated and gives some excellent advice as to the preservation of forests from fire.

Mr. Harold M. Sampson, Inspector of the General Fire Insurance Corporation, has resigned to accept a similar position with the New York Underwriters Agency for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Mr. T. H. Hall, manager of the General Fire, on behalf of the office staff the other even-ing presented to the atticities of the office staff the other evening presented to the retiring inspector a handsome smoking Mr. Sampson will leave for the West next spring with set. sincere wishes for his success from all who know him.

LIFE AND ACCIDENT NOTES.

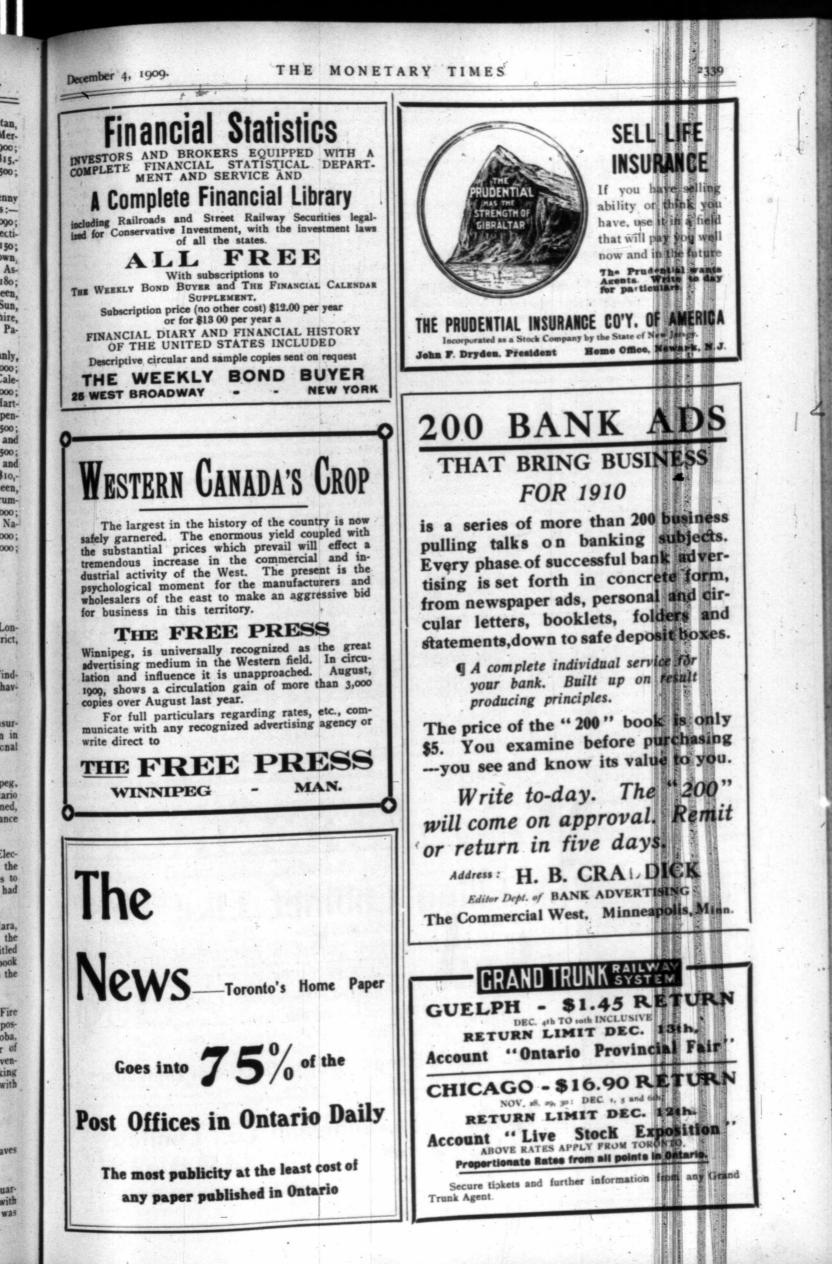
Mr. T. G. McConkey of the North American, leaves shortly on a business trip to the West Indies.

* * Turquand of the Dominion of Canada Guar-Mr. J. L. antee and Accident Insurance Company, was presented with a suite of den furniture recently. The presentation was from the office staff, superintendent, and city agents.

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The Connecticut General Life of Hartford, have secured the services of Mr. Laird, assistant actuary of the London Life. Mr. Laird will assume his new duties on January 10. *

A recent visitor to the Canada Life head office was their British manager, Mr. A. D. Cheyne of London, England.

Mr. F. E. Bradley of the Prudential of Newark, Port e, Ontario, has been promoted to the superintendency Hope, of Stratford, Ontario.

MONEY FLOWS FREELY IN THE WEST.

Farmers Paying Well-Wheat Moves More Rapidly-In the Wheat Markets.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, November 30th.

During the last week or ten days the flow of money in Western Canada has been at its height and according to rewestern Canada has been at its height and according to re-ports from Winnipeg financial concerns, and those at out-side points, payments are being met in a satisfactory man-ner. Some farmers, want to pay off mortgages before they are due. This speaks well for the farmers, particularly in the face of the fact that many people thought that the good crop of the present year had averted disaster for many far-mers who had, for the past two years been on the verse of mers who had, for the past two years, been on the verge of bankruptcy as the result of poor crops. Upon inquiry, it is learned that in regard to payment of interest upon mortgage learned that in regard to payment of interest upon more age loans, they have never been in serious default. In some dis-tricts the farmers had to live frugally, but they were able to meet the demands of the loan companies satisfactorily. The amount of arrears at the end of each of the last three years was small, according to the statistical records of the loan companies.

Wheat Shipments Increase

The past week witnessed a noticeable increase in the volume of wheat passing inspection at Winnipeg, shippers being anxious to get it to the terminal points before the season of navigation closes.

The present receipts, taking the past week as a basis, are behind those of last year by several hundred cars, which shows that farmers are holding their wheat. It is hard to understand why, as the present price is favorable, and is being well kept up, November during the week, sold at over the dollar mark.

It is the opinion of some, that the farmers have the wheat situation in their own hands and that they will hold until the demand is urgent and then get big prices for their surplus supply. The continued high price of all grains has stimulated the farming community to largely increase the area of cultivation, and the rapidity of development in this direction throughout the West is phenomenal. The province direction throughout the West is phenomenal. The province of Saskatchewan it is said, has this year possibly increased its productive area twenty-five per cent. The market continues bullish in tone, and a moderate of the Association.

advance is to be recorded as the result of last week's trading. advance is to be recorded as the result of last week's trading, dollar wheat having again arived on the Winnipeg market, which has been steady and firm. There has been a good demand for cash wheat for export, which is not to be won-dered at, seeing our wheat is probably the cheapest in the world, considering quality and its accessibility for European buyers. Nearly all the export worked within the last week has been for the more distant months, while there has been considerable cash demand to fill vessel space. Local re-ceipts are materially behind those of the corresponding week of last year, and the free run of grain may be considered as over for this season. over for this season.

Fully two-fifths of our surplus western crop has passed Winnipeg since September 1st, leaving the marketing of the remaining three-fifths to be spread over the next nine months.

No special feature has developed in the markets during the week, but a strong undertone still prevails, and the trend appears to be in the direction of support to the bull side of wheat. A bullish sentiment will in all probability continue wheat. A bullish sentiment will in all probability continue until the outcome of the Argentine crop is definitely known. Much depends on the progress and ultimate result of that country's yield as affecting the price of wheat during the last half of the present crop year. The Argentine crop is now at its most critical period, so far as damage reports are concerned, and it will be the middle of December before there will be any certainty as to the actual damage by lo-custs, which is variously estimated at from 10 to 30 million bushels. Meantime, the latest estimated exportable surplus is placed at 112,000,000 bushels. placed at 112,000,000 bushels.

World's Shipments and Visible Supply

World's shipments show a falling off as compared with the record week's shipment, of 17½ million bushels, but are 3,000,000 million bushels greater than for the corresponding period of last year. Notwithstanding the large shipments, the quantity on ocean passage shows a slight decrease, and this in face of the fact that the world's shipments for the past two weeks have amounted to fully 30 million bushels as compared with 18½ millions for corresponding two weeks last year. The United States visible supply also shows a decrease, and now stands at practically 20 millions less than last year, or 28 millions. The Canadian visible stands at 4 millions over last year, but this increase does not appear so important when it is remembered that the movement from Western Canada is about 15 million bushels larger than in the same period last year. Crop prospects the world even

Crop prospects the world over are favorable in a general way. Conditions in Australia and India are satisfactory, and the same applies generally to the European new crop of winter wheat. In the United States the winter wheat has got a good start and a fair increase in the acreage is es-timated.

The directors of the Peoples' Building and Loan Associa-tion, London, Ont., have declared the usual half-yearly dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum for the current half year ending December 31, 1909, on the permanent stock



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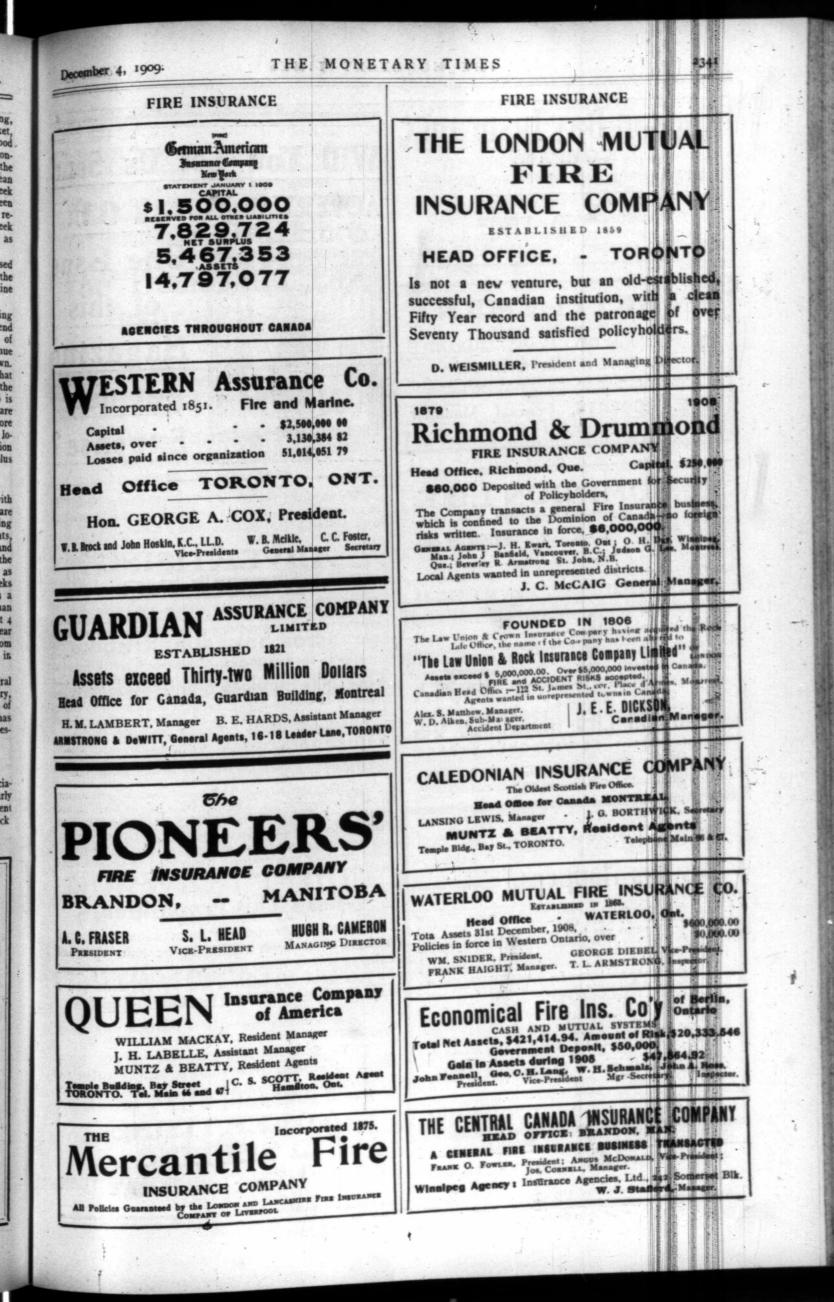
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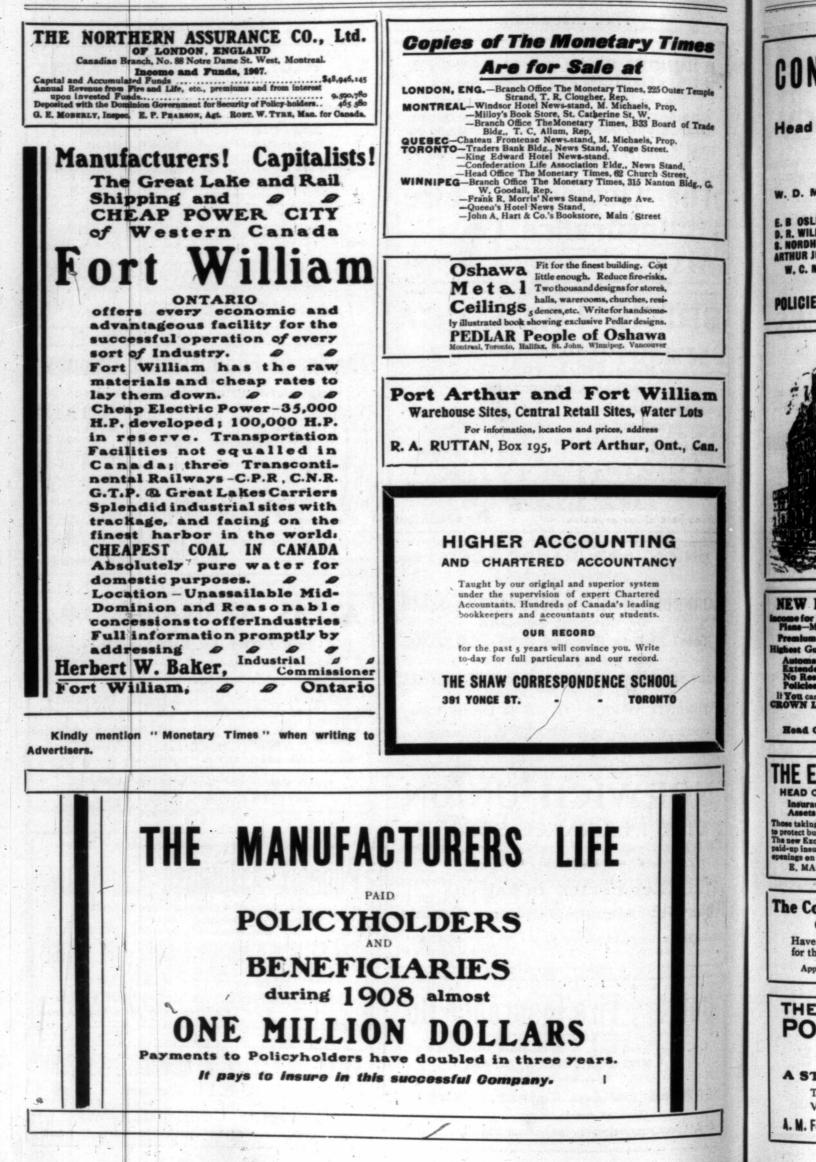
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CRAND TRUNK COMMENT.

In making these changes the board has done something to meet the agitation for Canadian directors, but it is doubt-ful if the discontent will be allayed.—London Investors' Guardian.-

Success or failure will largely depend on the quality of the management, and we trust that the old tradition of gov-ernment from Dashwood House will not be allowed to hamper the work of managers in Montreal. The change now being the work of managers in Montreal. The change now being made by which Mr. Hays becomes president in succession to Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson is undoubtedly sound, and it is to be hoped that the new title will carry with it a full measure of power. That the English shareholders should retain a strict general control is both reasonable and fair, but except on broad matters of policy they will be wise to trust their managers in Canada.—London Economist.

The truth is that in Canada, of the two great railways, the Canadian Pacific is a native company and the Grand Trunk an outsider. There is the plain fact of the matter. the Canadian Pacific is a native company and the Grand Trunk an outsider. There is the plain fact of the matter. The sense of patriotism to the Empire does not extend so far that people on the other side will refrain from making money out of the Grand Trunk if they can by processes which would not be brought to bear upon the Canadian Pacific. The latter is a Canadian company with stockholders in England; the Grand Trunk is an English corporation with hardly any proprietors in the Dominion. And it suffers accordingly. Now, the creation of a local board worthy of the undertaking as it is, and as it must become, would bring about a different state of affairs. Men of eminence in Canada could doubtless be brought to accept office, and they could and would uphold the interests of the company in and out of Parliament as they are not upheld at this moment. The Canadian people would learn gradually to regard the line as something they possess. They would buy its stocks, interest themselves in its progress and development, feel dissatisfied if it were hampered by legislation or legislators, and enormously help it forward, in a word, by the entertain-ment of a feeling imposing upon the Government a sense of pressure which is now non-existent. There need be no disadvantage to British stockholders in such an arrange-ment. The board at home would remain responsible for the finances of the company which assuredly constitute a bur-den quite sufficient for the shoulders of any body of men, and, as a matter of fact, they have very little else to do as it is.—Joint Stock Companies' Journal, London.

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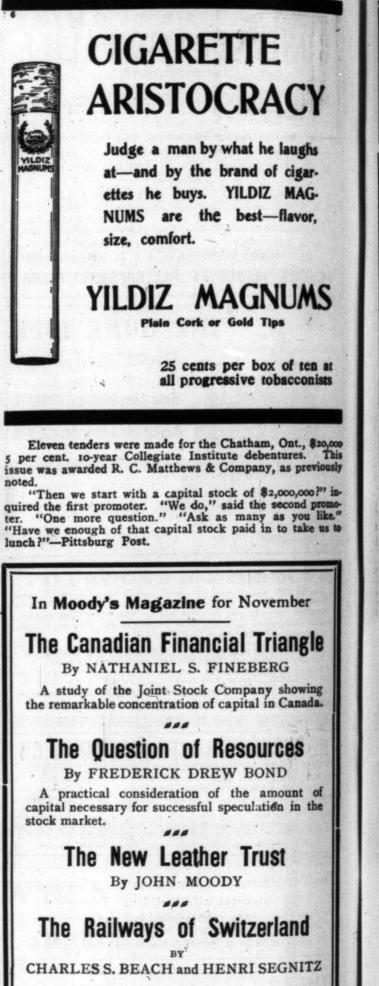
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