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By Order of the Board.

GEO. H. SMITH, Toronto, November 30th, 1010.

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The transfer books will be closed from the 20th December, 1910, to the 2nd January, 1911, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Offices, 51 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Wednesday, 15th February, 1911. Chair will be taken at noon.

By order of the Directors,

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Toronto, November 29th, 19

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HEN our contemporaries this week commenced to don gaudy colors and allow a familiar long-bearded gentleman from Legendland to oust political, commercial and other news, a pa se there was here. Because, when one offers to the banker, the financier and the manufacturer such unseasonable pages as follow there must be trouble.

When the printer meets misfortune with his type he calls it pie. While pastry of this kind is not included between these covers, yet unwillingly a statistical pudding is presented in this issue. For this competition to the proverbial Christmastide concoction,

we may, perhaps, blame the Department of Finance. They saw fit to introduce the bank statement as a sort of mercenary ghost to stalk the land when earth is covered with mantle white and man with good cheer. For twelve months business methods have produced dividends, but we have yet to meet him who will, in Shylock fashion, expect to squeeze seven per cent. out of Christmas.

If legal holidays did not occasionally stop business, the banker would bank, the captain of industry manufacture, the railroads ship freight, the common round continue until revolt of the economic system. Only one man ever refused to succumb to the seductive spirit of Christmas. Created by man's imagination, he was pressed on paper and shut between cloth covers. Once a year he is led forth from the library and the moralist presents him as a miserable example of what Christmas would be without heart, and soul, and charity, and goodwill to men. For fifty-two weeks, an effort has been made to accomplish nation building of value. Success is achieved. Percentage increases where most welcome are found at the year end. Work was done during 1910 which will give ample labor for our census statisticians

As was the case twelve months ago, so it is to day. These words are set to the music of the printing next year. press. a polished, calculative, mechanical, businesslike individual, with a steel heart. He has thrown off the paper sheets this week, not wishing to break the record of forty-four years. Place the chronicle of finance aside till Monday. The printing press will forgive you. He knows, as Mr. Mantalini said, that there is no room for a "demd, damp, most unpleasant body" in the bright glow of To-day.







THE FARMERS BANK SUSPENSION.

The Farmers Bank has closed its doors. They may be re-opened in a few days, says its general manager. For three months it will have an opportunity to liquidate its liabilities and recommence business. Is it worth while to continue the bank's existence in view of the lack of confidence therein on the part of the financial fraternity and the well-informed public? The evidence given at the Lindsay conspiracy trial was sufficient to damn the future prospects of any chartered bank. The knowledge of the single fact that more than half a million dollars had been invested in a Cobalt mine by an institution which had but \$567,000 of paid capital could do little else than start a run on the bank and cause its suspension.

In several interviews given to the daily press by Mr. W. R. Travers, vice-president and general manager of the bank, the responsibility for the crisis is placed upon newspaper publicity and what he terms the unwarranted comments of Judge Harding at the Lindsay trial. Mr. Travers must know that is a weak excuse for the crash. Publicity is the best friend of honest conduct. If a man has nothing to conceal, publicity may shout facts from the housetops. In the drafting of the recent Insurance Act, the value of publicity received full acknowledgment. In drafting its Combines Investigation Act, the government relied on publicity to effect much. Mr. Travers therefore cannot reasonably complain of newspaper publicity. He must search further for the real cause.

Of what does ne particularly complain in Judge Harding's remarks? According to newspaper reports the judge said he thought the statements made by the former employees of the Farmers Bank on trial in regard to the standing of the bank were justified by the conduct of the Farmers Bank's chief officers in entering into such transactions as putting \$540,000 of the bank's money into a mining speculation. Does Mr. Travers object to that? The judge remarked that he thought it an unfortunate thing for the Farmers Bank that the matter ever came before a jury. Is objection raised to that? Judge Harding also stated he was sure the Attorney-General never imagined that such a state of affairs prevailed in any bank in Canada as had been shown in connection with the Farmers Bank. In view of the evidence, does Mr. Travers raise an objection there? The judge did not think any other bank in Canada would give three per cent. to one depositor and four per cent. to another, charging an extra one per cent. to advertising. Does Mr. Travers think otherwise? The general manager of the bank is blaming the results at the expense of the causes. Assuming for a moment that the newspapers had not reported the case so fully and that Judge Harding had maintained complete silence, does Mr. Travers assert that the bank would not have suspended? The suspension might have been delayed, but in face of the facts it could scarcely have been long postponed.

Many incidents have happened to prove that the Farmers Bank employed questionable banking practice. It was shown at Lindsay that Mr. Travers and Mr. Fitzgibbon, the latter of whom the court complimented on his straightforward evidence, had taken to Syracuse \$150,000 in notes of the bank, which were momentarily loaned to the directorate of the People's Mutual Life Company in order that the latter might purchase \$100,000 of the capital stock of the bank at 130. At the same time the stock was being quoted in Toronto from 35 to 40, and at one time dropped as low as 11. According to Mr. Fitzgibbon, the money was kept in a room at Syracuse from Saturday night till Monday. The People's Mutual Company were changing directors, and he believed the money was to be paid to the retiring directors. It was handed over and then handed back as a deposit. Mr. Fitzgibbon was asked at the conspiracy

trial why it was necessary to take that money to Syracuse, to which he replied: "That is not for me to say." In reply to a query as to whether it was a shock to his ideas of banking, Mr. Fitzgibbon said he did not like the transaction. Later, the New York Superintendent of Insurance caused the arrest of the People's Mutual directors. We submit that the part played by the Farmers Bank in this transaction neither reflected credit upon the institution nor followed conservative banking principles.

When the Cobalt silver camp was at its zenith, the chartered banks were inundated with applications for mining loans. Even when offered what mining men considered good mining security, the banks properly refused to speculate their funds in these enterprises. The general manager of an old and conservative chartered bank, with many years' experience in the mining business, used to advise his managers thus: "Remember, the bank lends no money on a hole in the ground." In other words, it is not a banker's business to provide money for development work. The practice of the most conservative banks is well defined. There is a rigid rule that shareholders of the mining companies must find the money themselves for development work. Banks may do business with them by lending money upon ore on the dump or in transit, but the managers have to remember that ore from different levels of the same mine often varies considerably in value. The banks receive numerous applications for loans on mining stocks, but they are almost universally refused.

The Farmers Bank saw fit to make innovations of its own in this direction. It held \$1,000,000 worth of bonds in Keeley Mine stock, some of it in trust. This was lodged as security on the money loaned on the mine and mining machinery that went into it. More than half a million dollars of the bank's funds were tied up in this security. And yet the mines had only made one shipment. Mr. W. R. Travers, general manager of the Farmers Bank, was also Mr. W. R. Travers, secretary of the Keeley mining company. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, former president of the Farmers Bank, was also Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, formerly interested in the Keeley mining company. Forgetting Mark Twain's definition that a mine is a hole in the ground owned by a liar, the bank took as security for its loan the notes of the mine. If all went well, the bank would get seven per cent.; otherwise the bank would get nothing. Dr. Nesbitt secured an option on the Keeley mine in 1908, and then went to Mr. Travers, "because I knew he was in touch with certain American and English financiers who were looking for mining investments.

A syndicate was formed, took up Dr. Nesbitt's option and purchased the mine. Mr. Travers' New York and London associates having failed to advance the capital they had promised, new difficulties presented themselves. Early this year, according to Dr. Nesbitt, Mr. Travers told him that for the mine to be handled successfully in the interests of the bank, it would be necessary to acquire Dr. Nesbitt's interest in the property. This was done. With only \$567,000 paid-up capital, the Farmers Bank saw fit to place \$535,000 into a mine which has made one shipment, has as yet returned nothing to the bank, and, because it is a mine, is highly speculative. We submit that the part played by the Farmers Bank in this transaction neither reflected credit upon the institution nor followed conservative banking principles. Financially, and to some extent personally, the bank and the mine were almost one and the same institution.

The stock of the bank has been sold at low levels. This is not an event of merely recent date. Months ago it was being quoted sufficiently below par to admit the question, "What is wrong with the bank?" According to the latest annual report of the Department of Finance respecting the shareholders of chartered banks, it is seen that Farmers Bank stock was largely held by small investors in Ontario towns and villages. A year ago the

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subscribed capital totalled \$979,800, but of that only \$567,357 had at that time been paid up. In the name of M. D. Chapman, New York, a block of 3,850 shares stood, but not one dollar of the \$385,000 subscribed had been paid. John Tevis, of Louisville, Kentucky, is on the list as the owner of 1,120 shares, on which the full amount of \$112,000 has been paid. Deducting this sum from the bank's capital, it appears that the total amount paid in by all other shareholders was in December, 1909, a little over \$450,000. There are only six shareholders with \$10,000 or more invested, most of them being directors. John Tevis was concerned in the Syracuse transaction, and exactly how he paid up his \$112,000 bank stock should prove enlightening knowledge. Did the bank lend him the money to pay for his stock?

The small investor will probably be the sufferer. It is doubtful whether even half of the Farmers Bank shareholders knew of the double liability attaching to their stock holdings. The proposed change in the Bank Act, therefore, that all documents issued in connection with the formation of a bank shall have printed upon them the section of the law which provides for the double

liability of the shareholder, is welcome.

On October 30th, 1909, according to the returns made to the Department of Finance by the Farmers Bank, that institution had subscribed capital of \$996,ooo, of which \$567,152 was paid up. A year later, October 31st, 1910, the subscribed capital had been reduced by a little less than half, the figures being \$584,500. The bank management should be able to throw some interesting light upon these figures, giving the reason why their subscribed capital shrunk 41 per cent. in twelve months. An inquiry respecting this fact might well have been made of the bank by the Department of Finance.

When the bank on Monday found itself unable to clear paper amounting to \$20,000 at the Toronto Clearing House, the climax was reached. The bank had either to rely on the other banks for assistance to clear or notify the chairman of the clearing house of its failure to meet immediate liabilities. Help from the other banks was not forthcoming. It is doubtful whether the public would have viewed any such help, even had it been

given, with approval.

In view of the matters which have become public in the past few weeks, curiosity must be aroused at the persistence of the Farmers Bank management in pressing the charges of conspiracy against three of its former employees. The bank knew its own position. It realized what would result from the elicitation of the evidence. Yet the trial proceeded, and such evidence given which induced the Crown to withdraw from the case. Then when the bank suspended, its general manager com-plained bitterly. The press and Judge Harding were responsible, he said. We are surprised at the advancement of such a childish and empty excuse. Bad banking was responsible. And finally, was the Lindsay conspiracy case a medium through which to break the news gently?

QUEBEC'S UTILITY COMMISSION.

Colonel Hibbard, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Quebec, has been cautious in exercising the powers of that commission. The other day it was necessary to define the authorities of the commission. The contention of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company that Mr. H. F. Gribble had no right to make the complaint he did against what he alleged to be excess rates for electric light and gas, as he had no interest in the matter, was dismissed by the Public Utilities Commission in a decision regarding the point, given at the court house Saturday morning.

In defining the powers of the commission Colonel had no authority to order a discriminatory rate for Mr. manner, without allowing themselves to be pitted against Gribble against other consumers, it could order another each other by a financial buccaneer.

tariff of charges to be made if investigation proved that the present tariff was excessive. There were three points, the chairman said, filed by the counsel of the company in appealing against Mr. Gribble's charge.

These were, firstly, that the Public Utilities Commission had no jurisdiction regarding the matter had been given to them to investigate; secondly, the appeal of Mr. Gribble had no grounds for the of any jurisdiction; and thirdly, Mr. Gribble, having interest in the matter, had no right to make the complaint regarding the price of electric light and gas

The company claimed that Mr. Gribble should have approached them first before he had gone to the council. The chairman, however, quoted a precedent from the records of the Wisconsin Public Utilities Commission in which it was stated that a commission of that kind could investigate the complaint of a body of not less than twenty-five citizens. The resolution of the city council to refer Mr. Gribble's complaint before the Public Utilities Commission for investigation was then read, it being held that an investigation was entirely within the authority of the board.

The commission in this respect, the chairman de-clared, had no limitations as in the Criminal Court, where the facts and matters and the persons most directly concerned therein were alone considered and

dealt with.

From present appearances it looks as though much time of the Quebec Public Utilities Commission occupied by deciding questions as to the commission's

authority.

To some extent, we are in the experimental stage with public utilities commissions. Broadly speaking, they seek to give fair play to the public and the consumer, corporations meanwhile resisting the growing tendency of commissions to probe to the last figure. Questions of jurisdiction are cropping in all par the continent. The Trenton Board of Public Utility Commissioners the other day decided that under the Act of last winter it is without jurisdiction to regulate the issuance of stock or securities of holding companies formed under the general corporation Act with the obj acquiring the stock and other securities of public utilities. The question was raised during the recent hearings in the case of the Trenton Street Railway Company, whose system has been leased by another corporation.

It is suggested by the board that should legislation be enacted, as contemplated, regulating and providing for the supervision of the issuance of stock and other securities by corporations in general, the situation be met. If, however, such legislation is not enacted an amendment is urged to the Act of 1910 bringing holding companies under the same supervision as the co tions now defined in the Act as public utilities.

While Lindsay, Ontario, are biting their lips because D. B. Thomas, of Cleveland, played a bonus hunter's trick on them, Portage-la-Prairie are rubbing pains because D. B. Thompson, of Cleveland, failed with periment in that Manitoba town. It appears that Thomas and Thompson are one and the same person. The enterprising gentleman did business extravagantly on borrowed money. He endeavored to interest Portage-la-Prairie in a shoe factory, but discovered that sprinkled in Western hospitality was also common sense. Thompson then came east, changing his name en route, and proposed a shoe factory for Lindsay. The result was chronicled in these columns last week. When we suggested that Mr. Thomas, of Cleveland, might scheme in another city, we were not aware that h already tested the business mettle of Portage. Little pity can be expressed for those Canadian towns and cities which accept any stranger at par without first inquiries. They will suffer the fate which so many bonus hunting municipalities have met in the past few Hibbard, the chairman, pointed out that while the board. Towns should compete for industries in a legitimate

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PARLIAMENT AND THE BANK ACT

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION.

The qualifications required to enable an outside examiner to go into a bank and value the loans and discounts carried at over a hundred branches are special in character. The examiner would need to be a man with a long, practical experience in a special department of the banking business—that of making and supervising discounts. Any outside examiner who had not this expert knowledge would have to be guided by the opinions of bankers, some of whom might not be entirely disinterested or unbiased. There is some probability that under a system of examination of the head offices by chartered accountants the item of loans and discounts would be largely taken for granted.

Thus it may be seen that there are objections to all three methods of external supervision, and some of them are exceedingly weighty. When it is considered that bank note holders are absolutely secure and bank depositors fairly secure under the present system, without the external examination, one may, perhaps, understand why certain of the bankers, actuated by a desire to forward the best interests of the country, are averse to the introduction of the proposed change at this time.

Question of Internal Supervision.,

The contention that the bank shareholders can, and should, protect themselves without calling on the Government to undertake special responsibility on their behalf is worthy of careful consideration. If Parliament is determined to take some action intended to provide greater protection to bank stockholders it is possible that it might be adopting the wisest course if it endeavored to make it easier for a body of shareholders in any particular bank to provide internal checks or some form of internal supervision over the management. Under the conditions presently prevailing it may sometimes happen that the shareholders, or some of them, wish to do this, while their directors do not regard it as necessary or advisable. The shareholders may be unable or unwilling to unseat the directors, and the latter may thus defeat attempts at providing supervision.

Notwithstanding the objections that are urged against the institution of external examination, there is a considerable body of public opinion holding that there should be supervision of some kind over the banking executives, designed to reduce the liability to banking failures and to ensure that the bankers use their immense resources unselfishly for the good of the general body of their shareholders and of the general public.

Heavy Expense for Duplication.

It may be that on the present occasion, or on some subsequent occasion, it will be decided that the external examination shall be inaugurated. It seems clear, if that course is followed, that the supervising or examining authority ought not, in any case, to aim at going over the ground now gone over by the regular inspectors in the employ of the banks themselves. No corps of outside inspectors could hope to do this work as efficiently as it is now done; and if it were attempted the result would be a heavy expense for the purpose of duplicating in inferior fashion a work that is now well done. This expense would surely fall, in the last instance, either upon the Government or upon the customers of the banks.

The supervising authority should aim at making the largest possible use of the labors of the existing inspection forces. It might be found possible, ultimately, to arrange a plan whereunder there would be a resident inspector or auditor at the head office of each important bank, in the employ of the Government, but possessing a good, practical knowledge of banking. This officer would be there to safeguard the interests of the general public—noteholders, depositors, borrowers—and in a lesser degree as guardian of the interests of the general body of stockholders. He would, of course, have access to all books and reports. Perhaps he might be admitted to the board room itself. I confess, however, that a plan of this kind would be more feasible in the United States than in Canada, providing the Republic were to institute branch banking. The bankers there are accustomed to external examination, and such a scheme as this might be acceded to by them on the institution of a new system of banking.

Is the Time Ripe?

But it is doubtful if the time is ripe for its introduction to Canada. Before it or any other plan is adopted the adhesion and support of a large body of expert banking opinion should be gained. Also, it seems advisable that the details should be worked out by the bankers. It is quite possible, before another tenyear period passes, that either the bankers will have perfected some plan by which the individual banks are brought under the supervision of a competent outside authority possessing their respect and good-will, or the course of events will have demonstrated that no immediate occasion exists for the institution of examination from the outside. In other words, the matter may, properly and wisely, be deferred to the next revision of the Act.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

Present Rate of Production Varies—Pig Iron and Steel Confined to Eastern Canada—Chief Statistics of Production.

The iron and steel industry in Canada in 1909 shows a satisfactory and steady growth as compared with previous years. There was a larger production of iron ore than in 1908; an increased output of pig iron from Canadian blast furnaces and a larger production of steel ingots and castings; while the imports of pig iron and of iron and steel goods more or less highly manufactured were greatly diminished. The above statements are made by Mr. John McLeish, B.A., Superintendent of Mines, Ottawa, in his recent report.

Although iron ores are of wide occurrence throughout Canada, being found practically in every province, the development of these resources has not kept pace with the growth of our iron metallurgical industries.

About 17 per cent. only of the iron ore used in Canadian furnaces during 1909 was of domestic origin. Much of the coke and limestone was also imported, so that our iron industries are now, and have been for a number of years, largely dependent on imported raw materials.

Present Rate of Production Varies.

The total production of iron ore in Canada to the end of 1909 has probably only slightly exceeded 5,000,000 tons, while our present rate of production varies from 300,000 to 400,000 tons per annum.

400,000 tons per annum.

There were shipped from Newfoundland in 1909 about 1,110,049 tons of ore, of which about 697,068 tons were sent to Canada for use at Sydney. Since 1896, or during the past fourteen years, we have imported 7,521,086 tons of iron ore, chiefly from Newfoundland and the south shore of Lake Superior. As against this we have exported during the same period about 1,556,996 tons, chiefly to the United States.

Developments are in progress, however, which may in the near future furnish a much larger supply of domestic ore. Active operations are in progress at Torbrook, N.S., and extensive preparations being made to ship from the large magnetite deposits near Bathurst, N.B. The Moose Mountain mine, north of Sudbury, of which much has been expected, shipped an important tonnage during 1909, and development work is being continued. Operations have been started on a deposit twenty-four miles east of Port Arthur, the first in this district, and some initial shipments made A magnetometric survey was made of the old Bristol mine, Pontiac county, Quebec, by an officer of the Mines

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NOVEMBER BANK STATEMENT.

Deposits Continue to Increase-Decrease in Circulation -Chief Figures of the Farmers Bank.

	*			Inc.	Inc.
	Nov., 1909.	Oct., 1910.	Nov., 1910.	or dec.	or dec.
Deposits on demand	\$264,285,803	\$280,838,612	\$289,756,025	+ 3.1	+ 9.7
Deposits after notice	493,253,823	549,016,725	551,113,835	+ 0.3	+ 11.7
Current loans in Canada	590,291,944	679,820,039	677,617,478	- 0.3	+ 14.7
Current loans elsewhere	35,358,214	41,269,126	42,396,585	+ 2.7	+ 19.9
Call loans in Canada	57,875,677	64,561,641	62,866,513	- 2.6	+ 8.6
Call loans elsewhere	134,836,591	103,279,774	96,404,136	- 6.6	28.5
Circulation	86,390,876	95,992,866	90,165,730	- 6.07	+ 4.3

The bank statement for November shows a continuance of satisfactory business conditions in the Dominion. The decrease in circulation of 6.07 may be accounted for by the contraction of the emergency circulation which the banks make use of during the crop movement. Current loans in Canada decreased 0.3 during the month, while deposits on demand increased 3.1.

		Current		Call
Loans.		in Canada.	i	n Canada.
1909—November	1	8590,291,944		857,875,677
December		592,741,812		63,554,222
1910-January		590,984,344		63,945,539
February		602,454,539		61,855,519
March		624,550,051		59,945,735
April		638,247,238		50,621,328
May		643,246,518		58,159,050
June		649,145,920		61,598,958
July		653,008,336		60,081,256
August		657,813,770		60,427,996
September		668,076,522		62,428,576
October		679,820,039		64,561,641
November		677,617,478	4.	62,866,513

Current loans in Canada show a decrease of \$2,202,561 the month of November. The percentage gain for the for the month of November. The percentage gain for the past year is 14.7. Call loans in Canada also show a decrease of \$1,695,128 and an increase of 8.6 during the year.

The figures for the past four years show how the Canadian Banks have extended their credit.

Loans.	Nov., '07.
Current in Canada	\$570,896,77
Current elsewhere	23,576,315
Call in Canada	45,733,765
Call elsewhere	,41,198,293

The approximate total of current loans in Canada in November, 1907, was \$570,000,000, and in November, 1910 \$677,000,000, an increase of \$107,000,000. During the past four years domestic call loans have increased over \$17,0 000, the figures being November, 1907, \$45,733,765, and Nov ember, 1910, \$62,866,513.

Satisfactory gains continue in the deposit accounts as evidenced by the following table.

	On demand.	After notice.
1909—November	\$264,285,803	\$493 253,823
December	261,268,387	499,082,024
1910—January	238,423,785	508,207,804
February	236,697,987	507.307.733
March	247,562,171	515,272,117
April		521,427,072
May		524,680,979
	263,417,539	534,432,054
June	251,638,522	538,384,371
July	256,613,172	545,357,452
August		545,630,667
September		549,016,725
October		551,113,835
November	289,759,025	, 55,,,,3,,55

Nov. On Demand.	After Notice.	Total.
1906- \$183,391,213	\$400,307,693	\$583,698,906
1907— 160,529,719	408,002,274	626,236,083
1908- 206,315,800	419,920.274	757,530.626
1909- 264,285,803	493,253,823	840,872,860
1010- 280.750.025	551,113,835	040,072,000

an increase of \$106,000,000. In the same period deposits after notice increased \$151,000,000. The total deposits show

after notice increased \$151,000,000. The total deposits of an approximate gain of \$257,000,000.

The deposits after notice of the Farmers Bank, where we will be suspended payment this week, show a decrease of ne \$300,000 since the beginning of the year. The chief it of the bank as they appear on November 30th are as followed the bank as they appear on November 30th are as followed by the suspension of the year.

Capital, \$1,000,000; subscribed, \$584,500; paid-up, \$567, notes in circulation, November 30th, \$429,490; balance notes in circulation, November 30th, \$429,490; balance due Provincial Government, \$26,696; deposits payable in Canada after notice, \$1,100,250; liabilities not included under special heads, \$226,883; total liabilities, \$1,997,041; specie, \$7,154; Dominion notes, \$15,173; notes and checks of other banks, \$72,111; deposits with and balances due from other Canadian banks, \$8,153; railway and other debentures, \$650,976; call loans in Canada, \$394,134; call loans outside, ; current loans in Canada, \$1,143,903; overdue debts, \$67,820; other assets not included under regular classification, \$64,098; total assets, \$2,616,683; loans to directors, \$28,800. \$28,800.

Mr. Philippe H. Roy, K.C., ex-M.L.A., for St. Johns, ex-Speaker of the Quebec Legislature, and ex-president of the defunct Banque St. Jean, died recently at the Hotel Dieu, Montreal, where he had been confined for several weeks, suffering from an acute attack of general paralysis.

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MONTREAL WILL HAVE DRY DOCK.

. Montreal is to have a first-class dry dock with a lifting capacity of twenty-five thousand tons, at a cost of four inilion dollars. The dry dock will be built at Longue Pointe by a British firm. It will be ready by September next. Thirty acres of land are to be reclaimed from the bed of the river for the dry dock. This work has already been commenced. There will also be a ship repairing plant equal to any of the largest repairing plants of Great Britain. This is the announcement made by Mr. C. C. Ballantyne, of the Montreal Harbor Commission.

NEW LOAN COMPANY IN THE WEST

A new loan and mortgage company is being organized, with headquarters at Calgary. It will have ample Western capital and excellent connections in the Old Country. Mr. Edmund Taylor, vice-president, Gowans Kent Company, Toronto, and for many years one of the Hudson Bay Company's managers at Winnipeg, will be the managing director of the new corporation. An application has been made for an Alberta charter. Senator Lougheed will probably be the president of the company.

past year and deposits after notice show a gain of \$57,860.
102. In October the demand deposits were \$280,838,612 and last month \$280,759,025, an increase of \$8.020,413. While deposits after notice increased \$2,007,110 during the month, deposits after notice increased \$2,007,110 during the month, being in October \$549,016,725, and November \$551,113,835

The growth of deposits is seen in the following table:

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The civic budget of Montreal for 1911 shows that a million will be given to schools, and the anterest and rest on loans will amount to over two millions and rest on loans will am

FARMERS BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS.

Suspension is Announced and May be Temporary or Otherwise-Failed to Meet its Debit Balance at the Toronto Clearing House.

"Owing to the publicity given by the newspapers to the Lindsay trial and to the remarks of the judge, the bank has suspended temporarily. The judge's remarks started a run on the bank at its branches throughout the country. As we did not wish to give anybody the preference, we have decided to close the doors in order to give us an opportunity to ascertain our real position. The suspension may remain for only a few days, but under the Bank Act we have ninety days in which to liquidate our liabilities and resume business."—Mr. W. R. Travers, vice-president and general manager of the Farmers Bank. of the Farmers Bank.

"The failure of the Farmers Bank of Canada to The failure of the Farmers Bank of Canada to meet some \$20,000 of its paper in the clearing house, Toronto, on Monday afternoon, followed by the notification from Mr. W. R. Travers, the manager, that the bank had temporarily suspended payment, caused me to notify Mr. Duncan Coulson, Chairman of the Toronto District of the Bankers' Association of the occurrence. man of the Toronto Dastrict of the Bankers' Association, of the occurrence. He in return has notified Sir Eward Clouston, president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, who will, if he sees fit, appoint a curator to take charge of the affairs of the bank."—Mr. A. B. Patterson, manager of the Merchants Bank, Toronto, and chairman of the Toronto Clearing House.

On Tuesday morning the Farmers Bank of Canada closed its doors. The first indication of the coming crash occurred when the bank defaulted to the Toronto Clearing House on Monday for the amount of its debit balance to the other banks, the sum being approximately \$20,000. Thus unable to meet its liabilities. Sir Edward Clouston, the president of the Dominion Bankers' Association, was notified, and Mr. John Knight, secretary of the association, immediately left Montreal to investigate the bank's position. Mr. G. T. Clarkson has been appointed curator.

Under the Bank Act, a defaulting bank has ninety days in which to resume its payment. If it does so, the institution is again in good standing, but few instances have occurred where a bank in difficulties has been able to benefit by this clause.

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Organized Five Years Ago.

The Farmers Bank was organized about five years ago, ex-Mayor T. Urquhart, Dr. J. D. Ferguson, and Mr. A. Fraser being among the provisional directors. These gentlemen severed their connection with the directorate before the bank was organized for business. Mr. W. R. Travers, who had been manager of the Merchants Bank at Berlin for about ten years, was actively engaged in the promotion of the new institution. He was appointed its general manager and later became its vice-president. Ever since its inception, the bank has encountered difficulties of various kinds. At the beginning, some of the subscribers to the stock became suspicious and sought to have their subscriptions cancelled. Suit to that end was brought, but the courts refused to relieve the shareholders. Later the Department of Finance was asked to refuse to issue a certificate to the bank, it being stated that notes had been taken in payment for stock and that these notes were discounted at a heavy rate in order to obtain money for the deposit with the Dominion Government. Objections were overruled by the Finance Department and the bank was incorporated on November 30th, 1906, opening its doors for business at the beginning of 1907. beginning of 1907.

Involved in Many Lawsuits.

The bank has been frequently involved in police court cases with members of its staff. In November, 1908, there was a large shortage in the accounts of one of the tellers at the head office. At the Athens branch of the bank it was found necessary to dismiss one of the tellers and an investigation which followed revealed a shortage in the accounts. The manager of the branch was later sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Other difficulties were met, it being found necessary for the bank to make a claim for \$26,336 against the Manhattan Securities Company, of New York, the claim being for the balance alleged due on three notes of \$10,000 each. Then there was some difficulty in connecof \$10,000 each. Then there was some difficulty in connection with the Peoples Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Syracuse, the Farmers Bank having been connected with the financing of the company's re-organization. Mr. Travers, general manager of the bank, gave evidence respecting this

matter to Mr. Hotchkiss, superintendent of the New York

State Insurance Department.

Ever since the organization of the bank, well-informed financial men and the public, too, have expressed doubts of its stability. The trial at Lindsay employees of the bank, on a charge of conspiracy elicited evidence of an extraordinary nature. In face of this, Mr. Travers, who lays the responsibility for the suspension largely to the press and the comments of the judge who tried the case, decided to close the bank's doors temporarily or for longer.

for longer.

The Farmers Bank has branches in the following cities and towns:—Allenford, Arden, Arkona, Athens, Brucefield, Burgessville, Belleville, Bethany, Camden East, Cheltenham, Dashwood, Dunsford, Embro, Fingal, Haileybury, Janetville, Kerwood, Kinmount, Lakeside, Lindsay, Milton, Millbank, Nestleton, Norval, Parham, Philipsville, Pontypool, Sharbot Lake, Stouffville, Toronto, Trenton, Williamstown, Zephyr.

A table showing the changes in the principal accounts of the Farmers Bank during the past twelve months is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. William I. Lindsay, creditor and shareholder, and

Mr. William J. Lindsay, creditor and shareholder, and John Fraser MacGregor, creditor, both of Toronto, filed petitions at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday to have the Farmers Bank wound up. Mr. Lindsay in his affidavit declares that the Farmers Bank owes him \$9,692, and that he is a shareholder to the extent of \$500. He further states that the institution is insolvent, and asks that the affairs of the bank and the accounts of the president, directors and shareholders be investigated. He asked that Mr. George Kappele, official referee, of Toronto, be empowered to appoint a permanent liquidator.

permanent liquidator.

Mr. MacGregor deposes that he is a creditor of the Farmers Bank for \$1,000, that the bank is unable to pay its debts, and that it has acknowledged its insolvency. He asks for an interim liquidator.

Mr. W. R. Travers, general manager of the bank was arrested on Wednesday on a charge of having made false statements respecting the affairs of the bank. Bail was fixed at \$20,000 and was furnished by Mr. A. Orpen, where upon the bank manager was released.

BANK CONSPIRACY CASE

Came to a Sudden Conclusion-The Crown Withdrew -Letters from Stockbrokers.

The Farmers Bank conspiracy case came to an abrupt conclusion on Monday afternoon. As the result of a conference with the Attorney-General during the week end Mr. N. F. Davidson, K.C., Crown Counsel, although his case had not all been presented, informed the court that he would offer the conference of the consented on heads of the no further evidence and that he consented on behalf of the Crown to a verdict of not guilty being returned. The judge so instructed the jury and the verdict was returned.

Mr. Davidson gave as his reason for this action that matters had come to the attention of the Crown which were not before them at the time of the preliminary investigation.

not before them at the time of the preliminary investigation, and not before him when the indictment was laid. He referred to the letter placed in evidence as coming from a Toronto firm of stockbrokers on June oth to Mr. A. B. McGill, saying that Farmers Bank stock had sold there at \$11. This letter had come to his knowledge only when the indictment was before the Grand Jury. The other letter of June 7th to the defendant, J. J. Fleury, neither he nor Mr. H. H. Dewart, who represented the Farmers Bank, had any knowledge of whatever until Mr. Furlong was in the box on Friday.

This letter said that ten shares of Farmers Bank stock had been delivered to a client the day before at \$15 a share. Furthermore, it went on to say, that owing to a writ being issued against this institution for \$150,000 by some party in Louisville the stock had been very weak. Another statement was that insiders were selling their shares. He showed that the reference to the stock at \$11 and \$15 referred to one transaction back as far as May 28th, and that the writ had never been issued, and the transaction with the alleged insider was as far back as the end of 1909.

Mr. M. K. Cowan, K.C., counsel for the defence, asked the indulgence of the Court to say a few words for his clients. The best evidence against them had been that the stock had sold down to 11, and generally at 25 and 30, which This letter said that ten shares of Farmers Bank stock

clients. The best evidence against them had been that the stock had sold down to 11, and generally at 25 and 30, which was actually what it had been doing. As to the injunction for \$150,000, the second officer of the Farmers Bank had himself given that evidence before the Magistrate at the former inquiry, and retracted it on later knowledge during the present trial.

Mr. Davidson objected, saying that if the Crown had known the counsel for defence would have proceeded with the defence he would not have consented to a verdict.

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Judge Harding ruled that as the counsel for the defence had asked the indulgence of the Court he could proceed, but he first instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty.

Honesty of Witnesses.

Judge Harding thought the Crown had done the right fludge Harding thought the Crown had done the light thing in consenting to a verdict of acquittal. He referred with approval to the honesty displayed by nearly all the witnesses, especially mentioning the frankness of the chief inspector and chief accountant of the Farmers Bank, Mr. J. G. FitzGibbon. "He was in a delicate and difficult situation, but he answered like an honest man.

PRESS COMMENTS ON BANK SUSPENSION.

The following are extracts from editorial comments re-

specting the suspension of the Farmers Bank.

"The shareholders of the Farmers Bank are entitled to the fullest possible statements as to the condition of their affairs, as well as to the best efforts that can be made by skilled financiers to recover for them anything that may be saved of the bank's capital. They are entitled also to the most sympathetic action of the officials of the Crown should it be shown that the difficulties of the Farmers Bank have been brought about by more sinister causes than lack of judgment in the making of loans and an unfortunate ac-tion at law. There have been too many bank failures in Canada in recent years, and too few bankers have been send

to jail for proving false to their trust."—Toronto Globe.
"If there had been Government inspection, or independent audit, or any proper publicity of this one fact alone, the Farmers Bank would not have been allowed to injure so many people as we fear will now be injured. It is curious what motherly care the Government takes of insurance com-panies, each of which has ten thousand busy detractors throughout the country picking its published statements throughout the country picking its published statements for flaws for the edification of would-be policy-holders, while it takes none at all of banks, concerning whose condition there is nobody to warn the public."—Mentreal Witness.

"It should be made impossible for a prospective purchaser of bank shares to make the public with the public of the pub

er of bank shares to make the plunge without full knowledge of the double liability which every share carries. Such outside audits are needed as will at least lessen the alarming number of bank failures in this country. Lastly, it is high time that general managers and directors should be held civilly and criminally liable for the disasters for which they

civilly and criminally liable for the disesters for which they are responsible."—Toronto News.

"However near perfection banking laws may approximate, however vigilant bank shareholders may be, the ultimate basis of security and of success is high professional merit in the banker. If he has great special proficiency, if he has the prudence to keep out of business that might tie up his money, if he is in every way trustworthy, the shareholders, the depositors, and the customers will generally fare well. But if he is weak at any one of the many vital points in the make-up of a banker, the shareholders may some time find their property in a critical position."—Toronto Mail & Empire.

"The probable losses of the Farmers Bank shareholders

"The probable losses of the Farmers Bank shareholders and the possible losses of the Farmers Bank depositors are circumstances that enter into the makings of the prophecy that no more new banks will be started in Canada."-Toronto Telegram.

"The hapless institution perished in the publicity of court proceedings in which his Honor Judge Harding disported himself in loud comments that put the Farmers Bank out of business. The Farmers Bank might have survived the perils of combat with its prosecutor, M. K. Cowan, K.C. Mr. Cowan's attack on the Farmers Bank was brilliantly designed and splendidly executed. The forensic strength and fighting skill of M. K. Cowan dominated the court, and made a solemn process of law look like the antics of a lyaching party headed by his Honor Judge Harding."—Torento Telegram. Telegram.

WEYBURN SECURITY BANK

Will Open its Doors on January the Third-Treasur Board Has Issued Certificate.

The Treasury Board at Ottawa on Tuesday granted a certificate to The Weyburn Security Bank, of Weyburn, Sask, incorporated at the last session of parliament. The bank will open for business as a chartered bank on January 3rd, 1911 This institution will succeed the Weyburn Security Company which has been operating in Saskatchewan for many year Four of the provincial directors are Canadians and two ericans, although five directors are resident in Canada. majority of the stock is held in the United States. authorized capital is \$1,000,000, of which \$601,000 is scribed, and \$300,800 paid-up.

Every subscriber of the stock paid the first call of 50 p

From Private to Chartered Bank. Several of the directors some years ago were engaged a profitable lumber business in Western Canada, and felt the need of banking facilities. The nearest chartered bank then at Moose Jaw, which was considered too distant. As a result, the Weyburn Security Company was incorporated result, the Weyburn Security Company was incorporated and did a private banking business. This enterprise proving successful, those interested decided to apply for a bank charter, the result being the inauguration of the Weyburn Security Bank. The directors were offered the charter of the proposed Bank of Winnipeg, but this was not accepted. The Bank of Winnipeg's charter after a time extension lapsed early this was early this year.

The Weyburn Security Bank opens with branches at Yellow Grass, McTaggart, Halbrite, Midale, Griffin, Colgate, Radville, Pangman, at present operating as the Weyburn Security Company. The Weyburn Security Company has conducted a conservative business. It is not anticipated that further branches will be opened for at least another year. Three chartered banks, namely, the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Commerce, and the Union Bank, are already doing business at Weyburn.

Officers and Directors.

The provisional directors are:—Messrs. Alex. Simpson of Wheaton. Minn., president; Mr., Joseph Mergens, vice president; S. E. Oscarson, White Rock, S.D.; Frank Moffet, H. N. Morphy, H. O. Powell, general manager, and J. A.

STATISTICAL STORY OF THE FARMERS BANK

	October 1909	November 1909	December 1909	January 1910	February 1910	March 1910	April 1910
Deposits on Demand Deposits after Notice Call Loans in Canada Current Loans in Canada Circulation TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 248,581	\$ 286,767	\$ 240,703	\$ 188,461	\$ 254,950	\$ 269,482	\$ 264,71
	1,375,048	1,377,072	1,407,417	1,395,679	1,343,054	1,375,086	1,346,042
	611,679	616,396	623,157	534,436	530,956	496,428	490,47
	1,014,265	1,006,357	1,035,996	1,214,136	1,181,192	1,056,960	1,056,53
	429,630	362,910	326,720	364,765	349,920	375,225	338,44
	2,699,769	2,676,315	2,648,661	2,612,922	2,612,719	2,687,261	2,607,34
	2,090 667	2,065,071	2,031,644	1,998 377	1,993,866	2,067,272	1,986,23
TOTAL LIABILITIES	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novembe
	1910	1910	1910	1910	1910	1910	1910
Deposits on Demand Deposits after Notice Call Loans in Canada Current Loans in Canada Circulation TOTAL ASSETS TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 255,712	\$ 274,672	\$ 184,196	\$ 193,826	\$ 213,323	\$ 214,669	\$ 213,96
	1,308,324	1,305,138	1,276,711	1,280,484	1,312,519	1,278,631	1,100,25
	496,482	515,279	513,993	517,617	491,231	489,131	394,13
	1,057,606	1,087,413	1,088,377	1,084,317	1,087,314	1,143,442	1,143,90
	416,720	396,730	472,045	519,045	525,780	- 455,290	429,49
	2,641,470	2,650,481	2,662,041	2,711,223	2,773,016	2,670,195	2,616,68
	2,017,903	2,034,864	2,046,301	2,094,304	2,153,424	2,051,081	1,997,04

Chartered Banks' Statement

For the months of October and

LIABILITIES (Particulars of capitalization are in Stock and Bond Report.)

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Trade With the South Desired-American Capital in Mining-British Columbia Telephone Company Offers to Sell.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Vancouver. Dec. 17.

Fort George realty owners are concerned over the location of the Grand Trunk Pacific station. Not only those who are resident in Fort George, but a large number east, west, north and south who were persuaded by alluring advertisements to buy a lot in the new northern interior metropolis, at so much down and so much per month, are interested. The announcement has come from Victoria that plans have been filed, showing the Grand Trunk station grounds on the Indian Reservation. Direct information comes from Fort George that the Indians know nothing about any definite arrangements to that end, and that they are averse to parting with their rights for reasons that mostly concern themselves. Since the plans have been filed, it has been stated with some authority that the Indians will not sell and that the station will have to be located about ten or fifteen miles from the present Fort George That will mean serious loss to those who have invested, on the understanding that the railway company would have its headquarters near to where real estate was sold In view of the flat contradiction to the announced plans of the Grand Trunk Pacific, a definite statement should be forthcoming from the railway company as to whether or not it has completed arrangements for taking over the Indian Reserve.

Trade With the South.

The organization of the South American Trading Syndicate in Montreal has awakened interest on the Pacific as to the possibilities of South America as a field for trade. to the possibilities of South America as a field for trade. Eastern Canada possesses some advantages in regard to trading with the South, but many of the products of the West would find a ready market in South America, with a return market here. Those interested feel that the organization should have been broadened so as to include the West, for the whole of Canada could work without competition in securing this trade. It is stated here that the Canadian Pacific Railway contemplates putting on two steamers between Montreal and Southern American ports in the spring, and if this is done considerable business should result. Dealers on the Pacific coast feel that they would like to take advantage of the circulation of a publication in Spanish-American countries, and advertisement of Canadian resources should have the effect of bringing to this country some of the business that now goes to the this country some of the business that now goes to the United States. To quote an instance. There returned from South America a few months ago, a gentleman who spent several years there as manager of a British rubber company several years there as manager of a British rubber company at the head waters of the Amazon. During his stay, he acquired much information concerning the country and its necessities. He informed The Monetary Times that not long ago a buyer from South America was on his way to British Columbia to order lumber. The end of the steamer trip was at San Francisco, and there he was made to believe that at this time of year Canada was frozen up solid and it was next to impossible to transact the business he had in hand. The result was he bought in San Francisco.

Western Canada has no direct connection with South America. There is a steamship service to Mexico, but boats to the west coast further down all ply from San Francisco. Some time ago there was talk of the Eastern Steamship Company, a British company, establishing a service between British Columbia and Peru and Chile, but nothing more has been heard of it. The rainless coast of West South America needs lumber and such things as are grown in the humid climate of the north Pacific, and it should be only a matter of time before some means of transportation is provided.

American Capital in Mining.

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With mining prospects, especially in the Kootenay, Boundary and Slocan districts, being developed to that stage where their worth is proven, and then purchased by Americans, more attention is being directed that the British Columbia public are attracted too readily by real estate and investments in agreements of sale and first mortgages. The purchase of a mining property has not yet come to be considered the investment that it really is. The scratches of wild-cats have not yet been forgotten. Some of the best gold-producing properties in the interior of the province are being taken up by Americans at big prices. Little is heard of them afterward, as the buyers realize their good fortune, and close corporations keep the profits among the shareholders. Now that more money has come into the west, local people will probably look more closely into mining investments. Good money is to be made, and the

country assisted in development. Much money has all been placed in mines, but many excellent prospects are

awaiting capital.

The city council has further discussed the purchase of the interests of the British Columbia Telephone Company, and at a special meeting on Wednesday night, the company offered to sell on the basis of an arbitrated value, if the deal included the entire coast system. If the purchase covered only the plant, business and equipment of the city limits of Vancouver, then there should be "severance compensation." The company's interests are centred in Vancouver, but the lines extend from Agassiz, 60 miles east to Alberni on the west coast of Vancouver Island, with connection to the south. During the discussion, it was stated that the improvements made to the system during the year created a record among telephone companies on the continent, and it record among telephone companies on the continent, and it was anticipated that next year's work would show a greater advance. A sworn declaration was made by the superintendent that 90 per cent. of the capital of the company was owned in British Columbia and that neither the Bell Telephone Company, the Northern Electric Company nor the American Telegraph and Telephone Company had any interest or control. The company's representatives expressed their willingness to meet the civic authorities in the installation of a municipal conduit system. lation of a municipal conduit system.

FUTURE OF INVESTMENT.

Economic Evolution of Canada Will be Rapid-Passing from the Stage of Debtor.

In discussing the probable future of investments, Mr. A. Hobson in the Financial Review of Reviews, states that Canada has now obtained the position which the United States held two generations ago. But as both the credit system and the mechanism of immigration are more highly evolved than in last century, the economic evolution of Canada will be proportionately accelerated, moving swiftly towards a time when the will have a large surplus for saving towards a time when she will have a large surplus for saving and investment beyond the fund for paying dividends to foreign investors. But if the United States, and then Canforeign investors. But if the United States, and then Canada, thus pass from the stage of debtor into that of debtor plus creditor nations, and if one by one the other great areas for our foreign investments, Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Mexico, Australasia, Japan, even India, Russia and China, pass through the same phases, themselves becoming in their turn great feeders of the stream of joint stock capital, what will be the future of investment from the standpoint of the yield of capital? Can the economic system of the world usefully absorb and apply productively the apparently illimitable supply of fresh capital that would be forthcoming under such conditions as we describe?

Call For Foreign Capital.

Though we are at present so far removed from the condition of the world here indicated that in each of the great areas just named a vast amount of developmental work still seems to call for foreign capital, the keen rivalry between foreign syndicates that foreign syndicates to do this work appears to indicate that for certain profitable areas, at any rate, an actual or potential excess of capital already exists. Whenever trade is good and public confidence strong, it appears possible to attract to any great developmental work, conducted either by a state or by private actuary of the private ac by a state or by private enterprise, more capital than is required. If, then, more nations reach the stage attained by the United States when the balance of indebtedness turns from the debit to the credit side, developed industries supplying funds of saving for investment abroad, it looks as if a permanent excess of capital might bring down interest to a merely nominal amount.

Reliability of Yield.

A larger number of nations, with larger capacities of saving beyond their own urgent needs of capital, would seem to be confronted by a smaller number of profitable areas of external investment. Moreover, it might appear as if, when the most fundamental work of capital is substantially completed, the world being fairly well equipped with railroads, harbors, docks and the more important forms of municipal plant, further supplies of capital must seek employment more largely in work essentially more irregular and risky. For it appears inevitable that an increased proportionate flow of capital into manufacturing and commercial and risky. For it appears inevitable that an increased proportionate flow of capital into manufacturing and commercial businesses or into other companies for furnishing special utilities and enjoyments to consumers, will involve greater risks, both in regard to the safety of the capital and the reliability of its yield. The quantity of foreign capital that goes into industrials is at present a very small percentage, largely from a just instinct for avoiding securities so largely

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TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

Suggestions Towards Attaining Success-Pointers for Canadian Firms Seeking Trade.

That the South African market affords a valuable outlet for Canadian producers is the opinion of Mr. H. R. Poussette, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Durban. He has just com-piled a complete and valuable report on trade with South Africa, which has a high purchasing power in proportion to its population. It must continue to import for a very considerable time many of the commodities which the Dominion can produce; and being a sister colony, it would seem to be a natural field for Canadian manufacturers to cultivate, not only because of the customs preference, but also on account of the friendly feelings cherished by a large proportion of the population towards Canadians. In this regard there is not only the business side of the question to be considered, but also the imperialistic. It is assumed that most of the manufacturers of Canada are animated by a desire to assist as far as lies in their power the laudable project of closely binding to-gether the component parts of the empire. Trade is an instrument which can be turned to powerful use in attaining this end. By pushing trade in even its ordinary sense with the mother country, and with the various colonies, the manufacturers tend to bring the British people into intimate and friendly relationship with the Dominion.

It is said that there is no romance, no sentiment in business, but there is for those who will see it, although perhaps they be only the select few. The exporting manufacturer, be only the select few. who is public-spirited enough to recognize in his dealings with foreign countries his responsibility towards the state, and will endeavor to conduct his business in this light, cannot fail to take a keener and more pleasurable interest in his work, and in the end to receive a concrete as well as an abstract reward.

No Room For Slovenly Methods.

Only the best men can succeed in foreign trade. mands infinitely more ability than that required by domestic commerce. In it there are no friendly tariff walls to shelter the inefficient; these as a rule defend the markets to be captured and have to be assailed and overcome. Foreign trade has in it no room for slovenly methods; it follows and naturally so the lines of least resistance. Therefore to compel no detail can be too trivial to neglect, no advantage success. too slight to seize. Manufacturers may be progressive, enterprising, aggressive, courageous yet cautious—these are all necessary to success—and still fail from simple incapacity to recognize the untold importance of detail. It may be a fault in the realistic transfer of the realist in the packing or in the marking, a neglect to send quotations with samples, or a failure to quote c.i.f. or f.o.b. sea-board, instead of f.o.b. factory, and a hundred possibilities that will occur to the mind of the manufacturer, if he will only imagine himself in the place of his present or prospec-tive customer. Practical imagination that can conjure up Practical imagination that can conjure up customer. possible difficulties before they occur should be cultivated, thus enabling adequate preparation to be made to meet, or a means devised for surmounting them.

Appreciation of Co-operation.

One idea that must be thoroughly appreciated by exporters is the necessity for cordial co-operation and mutual self-help amongst themselves. There should be no room for petty Some manufacturers may cherish the fallacy that to gain a name at the expense of their brother manufacturers in the Dominion is beneficial to themselves. It would be, perhaps, if Canada were supplying the world, but her trade at the present day in comparison with that of some countries is only a trifle, her foreign trade is yet in its infancy; it has still to make its name. Therefore, it is the bounden duty of every manufacturer to assist his fellows. There is hardly a market in the world in which Canadian exporters are crowding one another, consequently anything one manufacturer may do to assist another is much more likely to affect adversely the business of a competitor of another nation than one of his own.

The words "Produce of Canada" stamped upon an article should be a recommendation in any part of the world, and it is the obligation of every intelligent manufacturer to prevent, by all means at his disposal, the shipping of merchandise from the Dominion, which will in any way militate against the reputation of the producers, taken as a whole. In this initial stage of Canadian foreign commerce, one unscrupulous exporter can do more harm than can be remedied by a dozen conscientious men.

A few months ago, some seven suggestions for the guidance of those Canadian exporters desiring to build up satisfactory trade with the Union, were printed on slips of

paper and inclosed with letters to correspondents. paper and inclosed with letters to correspondents. Although doubtless many have already seen them, they are inserted below for the perusal of those who have not, or who may have forgotten them. From all indications, they would forgotten them. From all indications, they would appear to have had but small effect. And this introduces a side issue, that the value of a Trade Commissioner Service will depend upon the extent to which the advice of its foreign representatives is followed.

If Canadian exporters would follow the suggestions tained in this special report and in the many reports sent in by Trade Commissioners, it would be worth thousands of dollars a year to them. The benefits would accrue, not in the distant future, but at once, just as soon as the improvement in methods was put into practice, by those who require to revise their system. The attention of readers is drawn to the section on paints, in which the methods of a United States firm are reviewed.

Canadian manufacturers have the necessary ability energy, yet there seems to be a quality lacking in the ma-jority that prevents them from attaining high success in the export trade. Of course there are a number of exceptions to this rule, but these stand out prominently, which

To Canadian Firms Seeking Trade in South Africa.

If the following hints be noted and followed it will facilitate your business:-

1. When communicating with South African in discount

be sure to send catalogues, price lists and export discretes, in fact the very fullest information possible.

2. One particularly necessary point to observe is all quotations should be c.i.f. to South African ports, ar sterling whenever possible, or at the very least f.o.b. price seaboard, and should show the shipping weight of each unit of weight by which the article is usually sold, and also the shipping rate by the Canada-Cape steamers.

3. There is a duty on all catalogues of over 8 3. There is a duty on all catalogues of over 8 ounces gross weight coming into the South African Customs Union of 2d. per lb. or 25 per cent. ad valorem, whichever is the unces of 2d. per lb. or 25 per cent. ad valorem, whichever is the greater. This can be paid in advance by affixing South African postage stamps obtainable from the Agents General for the various colonies in London; or by remitting the amount by money order to the Postmaster-General of the colony to which the catalogues are addressed. Remittances should be dispatched not later than by the same mail taking

Some Points to Remember.

4. Impress upon your correspondents your keen desire to work up a South African connection, and your determina-tion only to send a class of goods adapted to local requirements, and exactly up to specification.

5. Remember that South African letters and the answers thereto take two months in transit, consequently should not be unnecessarily delayed.

6. Do not forget that you have in this market pete against English, United States and continental firms, who have been in the export trade for years, and who through their agents here, and by their excellent methods systems, make business easy and pleasant.

7. It would be advisable when answering South African trade inquiries to communicate at the same time with the office of the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Durban or Cape Town, inclosing catalogues, price lists and discount rates, so that local firms may be called upon, or a letter addressed to them requesting their careful attention.

The British Columbia Life Insurance Company shortly apply for a license from the Insurance Department a Ottawa. This company is the only one of its kind with head office in the Pacific Coast province. According to the company's representatives, 4,915 shares had been sold at the time of the annual meeting in August, and since their approxiof the annual meeting in August, and since then approximately 2,200 shares. From the sale of stock there is a fund in the treasury of \$130,487. The directors anticipate that 8,000 shares will be sold by the time of the second annual meeting in February. This will give them enough funds to commence business. The company proposes to do so simultaneously in the four Western provinces. Mr. F. W. Law was appointed the company's manager in March. The directors are Messrs. J. Rogers, J. J. Banfield, J. T. Phelan, F. C. Wade, KiC., and D. G. Williams, Vancouver; T. F. Ladner, R. Hall, Victoria; L. A. Lewis, New Westminster; L. W. Shatford, M.P.P., Penticton. The management of the office is in the hands of Mr. C. E. Sampson.

WESTERN CANADA

Estate Activity-In the Wheat Trade is Good-Real Market.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, Dec. 20th.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20th.

The holiday spirit in Winnipeg, as elsewhere, holds sway at present, and business institutions, except the retailers, find that the approach of Christmas has relieved pressure. Investment companies are attending to their balance sheets in view of approaching annual meetings. The demand for loans has lessened. Despite shorter crops this year, the general banking business has continued prospering and numerous branches have been opened in the West. Representative officers of the principal banks in Winnipeg are satisfied with the result of the past twelve months. The local manager of the Dominion Bank said: "The closing year has been a satisfactory one, and we have had more active business than heretofore. Although the crops have not been as heavy as last year, we have opened a few new offices in the West. Although business in the southern part of the prairie provinces has not been proportionately so high, we are quite satisfied, for it has been more than counterbalanced in the other districts."

The Union Bank has opened up a half dozen new offices in the West, and the manager considered the bankers' business to be generally in excellent shape, as an illustration of which he mentioned a 40 per cent. increase in a recent week's business.

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Real Estate Market.

The year now drawing to a close has been marked by the greatest activity in real estate in the city, also in building activity. It is difficult to state in what direction this activity has been most noticeable. In 1909, after a period of quiescence that lasted until the crop was harvested a marked improvement set in in Portage Avenue transfers, followed by an equally important movement in Main Street north. They had been preceded by a steady development westward, and the erection of a great many houses in that part of the city is sufficient to constitute a fair-sized town.

Inside property has been in brisk demand during the year, and there has been a steady rise in value. Vast sums of British and European capital have been invested in central Winnipeg during the past twelve months. How keen has been the desire to invest in Winnipeg property of assured standing is evidenced by several well-known brokers having large sums entrusted to them for investment, but they claim that it is hard to find those willing to sell. There is much money waiting investment as soon as the World's Fair business is definitely settled by the Ottawa government.

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Mr. A. van de Sande Bakhuyzen, of the Netherlands consular service, was a visitor in Winnipeg last week. Mr. Bakhuyzen is on a trip through Canada in the commercial interests of Holland, investigating trade conditions, immigration and investment. He told The Monetary Times that he was very favorably impressed with all he had seen.

"In my country," said Mr. Bakhuyzen, "our chief exports are daily produce, textiles, cocoa, gin, crockery and cigars. Of these, the chiefest and those which find the readiest market in Canada are the cigars and textiles. Our emigrants are largely farmers. Farming conditions are somewhat different at home. Where you irrigate, we drain. But I think that, notwithstanding the diversity of agricultural methods, a good report will help to swell the already large tide of Dutch immigrants to Canada.

"I consider Canada a fine field for investment. There are considerable settlements of Dutch people already in Canada. The largest settlements were in northern and southern Alberta. The east is better known in my country than the west of Canada, so that at first I have found more to interest me in the west; but the people of Holland attach quite as much importance, in a commercial way, to eastern Canada as they do to the western portion of the Dominion. I believe that the growth in the east is almost as rapid. The east is developing because it is the source of supply of the great market in Western Canada."

There has been little dhange in market conditions during the past week. Holiday dullness seems to have taken possession, and trade was less active than the week preceding. In spite of the determined efforts of the bulls the market was not to be moved much either way. With bearish influences predominating, such as lack of demand for flour, continued large movement of wheat, and visible supplies keeping up, holders of wheat are not eager sellers, and there is a cautiousness on the part of bears in making short sales. The volume of trade during the week was acco

While the statistical situation at present does not favor any substantial advance in prices, it is pointed out that supplies from producers in the northern hemisphere have now passed the zenith of their volume, and a moderate movement may now be looked for. Millers and flour merchants everywhere appear to be carrying light stocks, and later in the season, when the quantity of wheat coming from the producer is too small for daily current requirements, a buying movement will no doubt set in, and when that happens prices will advance.

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Visible supplies are large only as compared with a year ago. The United States visible amounts to 42,666,000 bushels as against 28,400,000 last year at this date, but at same date in 1908 it was 51,458,000 bushels, and prices were then 7 to 12 cents higher than now. Foreign demand is absolutely necessary in order to cause a material reduction in stock, as the United States has still a considerable surplus, and the Canadian West is estimated to have 15,000,000 bushels in store in terminals, 12 millions in store in interior elevators, and from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 bushels still in farmers' hands.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

(Continued from Page 2616.)

Branch, resulting in the discovery of the probable existence of a considerable ore body apparently not previously known.

Pig Iron and Steel in Eastern Canada.

The production of pig iron and steel is still confined to the eastern half of Canada, chiefly in the Provinces of Ontario and Nova Scotia. There are sixteen completed blast furnaces, with a total daily capacity of about 2;735 tons. Of the sixteen, twelve have a daily capacity of 100 tons or over. The production of pig iron and steel in 1909 was the highest year's production yet turned out by Canadian furnaces. The bounty which has been paid on iron and steel production ceases at the end of 1910, although provision is still made for the payment of bounty on pig iron produced by electric process to the end of 1912.

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The difficulties which had arisen between the Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, respecting the supply of coal to the latter, and which had to a considerable extent interfered with the Steel Company's output, were satisfactorily settled in the early part of the year, enabling the Steel Company to bring its production again up to normal and provide extensions of its plant, which will include an additional furnace, new coke ovens, and a finishing mill. Towards the close of the year, negotiations were in progress looking to the amalgamation of the two companies, which have since been successfully concluded. A new steel plant was being built at Londonderry, while various additions and extensions to plants were being made in Ontario. made in Ontario.

The Algoma Steel Company has made arrangements for the construction of an additional blast furnace of 400 tons capacity, and the erection of a merchant mill for the manufacture of structural steel. Arrangements were also being made for the construction of by-product coke ovens sufficient to supply the steel plant with all the coke it will need.

Chief Statistics of Production.

A summary of the chief statistics of the production of iron ore, pig iron and steel is given hereunder.

		1908.	1909.
	Material	Short Tons.	Short Tons.
	, Meterial	238,082	268,043
	Iron ore shipped		
1	Canadian iron ore charged to fur-		257,502
	naces	209,266	25/,50-
4	Imported iron ore charged to		
	furnaces	1.051,445	1,235,000
	lurnaces		757,162
	Pig iron made	20	754,719
	Steel ingots and castings made.		/
	Finished rolled iron and steel		
	products made	500,099	
	Canadian coke charged to iron		
	furnaces	492,076	412,010
	Imported coke charged to iron		
	imported coke charged to non	325,670	507,25
	furnaces		(c) 58,591
	Pig iron imported	(-) 212,290	(c) 487,00
	Iron and steel goods imported	(C) 800,710	(0) 40/10-
	(c) Twelve months ending M	arch.	sision o

The figures given do not show the total quantities of iron and steel goods imported, as in many cases the quantities are not given in the trade returns.

The Travellers Life Assurance Company of Canada has appointed Mr. John Ogilvy, of St. John, N.B., as its manager for the Province of British Columbia, with headquarters at

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RECENT FIRES.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Canadian Fire Losses and Insurance.

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

Saskatoon, Sask .- Frame house on 414 Avenue D descroy-

Origin, overheated stovepipe.

Chatham, Ont.—Snook's grocery, King Street, badly damaged. Loss and origin unknown.
Tillsonburg, Ont.—Mahar's livery stable destroyed, also

nine horses. Loss and origin unknown.

Windermere, N.S.—House occupied by Mr. Reuben
Moose destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Guelph, Ont.—Bowles Syndicate Stores destroyed. Loss
estimated at \$10,000. Origin, supposed overheated furnace.

Welland, Ont.—Rolling mill of Ontario Iron and Steel

Company damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, escaping gas-Victoria, B.C.—Steitz's restaurant, lower Yates Street, damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, pot of grease overturned.

Calgary, Alta.—Slight fire in vault in comptroller's office, old City, Hall. Origin, probably caused by dropping lighted

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Slight damage done to transformer station of Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Origin, quantity oil near switch.

residence, 57 Smith Street, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$200. Origin unknown.

Balgonie, Sask.—General store of the Balgonie Supply Company, Limited, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$18,000. The Alexander barber shop and pool room also destroyed.

Origin unknown.

Blyth, Ont.—Old Kelly block destroyed. The principal losers are: Dr. Perdue, livery building destroyed, but horses all saved; Mr. R. H. Robinson, harnessmaker; Mr. W. Bently, tailor; Mr. B. Carter, implement agent, and Miss Carter. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The damage is estimated at \$15,000.

Montreal, Que.—Bakery operated by Mr. John Cunningham, Elgin Avenue, Westmount, destroyed. Loss is estimated at \$15,000; covered by insurance; origin unknown. Residence of Mr. J. L. Laire, 299a Drolet St., damaged; loss unknown; origin, gas stove burning on shelf near wall. Barber shop occupied by Mr. John, 3184 St. Hubert Street badly damaged. Loss unknown: Unoccupied house, 188 Brown Street. Loss unknown. In both cases incendiarism is supposed.

Windsor, N.S.—Block comprising stores occupied by Mr W. J. Livingston, Mr. Tom Lee, and Mr. J. W. Crowell, and tenement occupied by Mr. Maynard Demille and family badly damaged. The building owned by Mr. H. P. Scott and insured with the Canadian Fire Insurance Company for \$2,000. It was valued at about \$3,000. The stock of Mr. J. W. Livingston was insured as follows: Ontario, \$500; Dominion, \$500; Nova Scotia, \$350. The loss is over \$1,000. Mr. J. W. Crowell's insurance is \$500 in Dominion Loss about \$500. Mr. Tom Lee's laundry had no insurance. A sum of money was burned.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Montreal, Que.—Mr. M. J. McKerley sustained a loss of \$1,500 on stock and \$200 on buildings. Insured with North British and Caledonia.

Fort William, Ont.—The Superior Furniture Company Sustained a loss of over \$7,000. Insured in the following

sustained a loss of over \$7,000. Insured in the following companies: Home, \$1,000; Aetna, \$2,000; National, \$2,000; total, \$5,000.

"Fire-drill in the store should be performed every day Men should be trained to take their stations—some to manipulate hose, others to handle extinguishers, others again the buckets and cool reliable men should see that stairways are kept clear, direct patrons to the exits and see that the door are kept open. Above all this should be done quietly and with coiness, so that there will be no panic among the shoppers. Trained corps of this sort would be invaluable in instilling confidence into nervous shoppers. It would be to the interest of the big storekeepers to train their men in this way, and the clerks behind the counter could be given instructions how the clerks behind the counter could be given instructions how to act and very materially aid the men in clearing the build ings without confusion." So says Fire Chief Tremblay, of

UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES.

Financial Interests Conserved in Protection of Life and Property Against Fire.

The underwriters' laboratories at Chicago, in which Canadian fire insurance companies are interested, may be said to be engaged in a somewhat uncommon business, said Mr. Wm. H. Merrill, of Underwriters' Laboratories, Chicago, Ill., Wm. H. Merrill, of Underwriters' Laboratories, Chicago, Ill., at the recent fire engineers' convention. "We are endeavoring to tell other people things that are necessary and beneficial for them to know in connection with their business, where it comes into contact with our business. There have been a great many institutions and organizations and societies which have endeavored to do this in one field or another and they have been successful or otherwise available in other, and they have been successful or otherwise exactly in proportion to the real value to others of the advice they have assumed to give. An opinion on any proposition is of no lasting value or importance unless it is correct. It makes no difference how many authorities subscribe to a statement, or how many powers try to enforce a ruling based thereon. If it is fundamentally wrong, it cannot eventually prevail in America. This is peculiarly true in the case of the business in erica. This is peculiarly true in the case of the business in which we are engaged, and if I were asked to define the single principle which has been chiefly responsible for our measure of success to date, I should paraphrase Davy Crockett's remark and state: "Be sure you are right before you go ahead." There can be but one best opinion in respect to the merits or demerits of any device or material, system or appliance in its relation to the fire hazard. Manufacturers and buyers and users and engineers and experimenters and observers all form opinions, and many of these are often, of observers all form opinions, and many of these are often, of course, widely at variance, but among them all there is to be found somewhat a consensus which is correct. And just as we are able to work this out and promulgate it, we are able to serve to the best advantage our clients, the insurance com-panies, and their customers, the assured. Our institution has been organized and developed along these lines.

Underwriters Conserve Financial Interests.

"The error of supposing that any one man or any set of men can be omnipotent in any particular field has never threatened us. Since the inception of the work we have safeguarded our institution against the possibility of hasty, unwise or arbitrary misuse of the authority delegated to us, by withholding each conclusion arrived at as the result of Laboratory experimentation until it has received the careful scrutiny and the approval of all the principal men in this country best fitted through field experience and years of training to pass judgment thereon.

"It is such an institution as one would presume under-writers would fashion to help conserve their vast financial interest in the prevention of life and property against loss by

"Hundreds of millions of dollars are invested in the stock fire insurance companies doing business in the United States and Canada. The liabilities assumed by them under insurance contracts is equivalent to a large percentage of the aggregate property values of the country. This important direct financial interest in the efficiency of the Laboratories' work is an ever present safeguard of its thoroughness and of its integrity."

FIRE AND MARINE NOTES.

The National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg has announced its intention of opening for business in Alberta. Mr. H. G. Green, of Seattle, general manager for the West, in company with Mr. H. M. Arnaud manager of the insurance department of Messrs. F. C. Lowes & Co., while in Edmonton arranged with the Provincial Government for the necessary license. With assets of ever three millions, the National is one of the largest and best known companies on the continent. Messrs. F. C. Lowes & Co. have been appointed agents for the principal points throughout the province, and Mr. Arnaud is now in Lethbridge completing arrangements. pleting arrangements.

Amendments to the hail insurance legislation of Alberta, which contemplates the curtailment of losses which have been which contemplates the curtailment of losses which have been experienced under this ordinance in the past year or two, by curtailing the amount of the indemnity paid and increasing the amount of the premium, were introduced by Premier Sifton in the legislature. The bill provides for a flat rate remium of 25 cents an acre, with a flat rate of indemnity of 84 per acre. At present the indemnity is \$4, \$6, and \$8, with premiums at the rate of 20 cents, 30 cents, and 40 cents per acre, respectively. A loss of over \$300,000 was incurred under the hall insurance ordinance during the past year. under the hail insurance ordinance during the past year.

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MANITOBA'S RUBBER COMPANY.

Western Canadians Are Asked to Buy Stock in a Mexico Plantation—Some Highfalutin Language.

Following the rubber stock boom in London, which ignominiously collapsed to the disappointment and loss of thousands of shareholders in England, comes the prospectus of La Ermita Rubber Plantation, Limited, "a Canadian company managed by Canadian business men." Its capital

of La Ermita Rubber Plantation, Limited, "a Canadian company managed by Canadian business men." Its capital is \$400,000, divided into 20,000 common shares of the par value of \$10 each and 20,000 common shares of the par value of \$10 each, payable on allotment, and balance on allotment, and balance share \$2 on application, \$2 on application, \$2 on allotment, and balance of acquiring the freehold estate of 630 acres situated in the State of Tabasco, Mexico. The prospectus reports fully on the company's property and estimates a net profit of \$166,000.

One is naturally interested in a rubber company incorporated under the Joint Stock Companies Act, of Manitoba, where they grow good wheat and commonsense. The board of officers is as follows:—Messes. S. H. Green, M.P., Winnipeg; H. E. Hills, Brandon; A. H. Oaks, Winnipeg; A. R. McDiarmid, Brandon; R. A. Taunton, Winnipeg; and E. R. Chapman, B.A., Winnipeg; It is a fair question to ask whether either of these gentlemen know anything of a practical nature respecting rubber plantations and their operation. What inducement has been made to them to And upon what foundation are they basing their apparent faith in the property?

Why Ask the Small Investor?

The terms of subscription to the \$10 shares, viz., \$2 on application, \$2 on allotment and the balance at \$1 per month, indicate that an effort is to be made to interest the small investor. If La Ermita Rubber Plantation is as good and likely to prove as profitable as the prospectus states, and small capital is needed to realize presumably an annual net profit of \$166,000, what need is there to ask the small investor to participate. This particular prospectus, like so many others, contains only a report on the property, numerous attractive pictures, much descriptive language and little respecting financial details. The purchase price of the property, we are told, is \$300,000, being "less than half the value." Who is willing to make such a sacrifice for the sake of Manitoba investors?

The following extracts from the prospectus make interesting reading:—

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"All through life opportunities come and are gone. Some men are wise, and prosper; others procrastinate and regret. On every side we see men who are rich and affluent—men of means who have grasped good opportunities when offered. The poorhouse, hospitals and charities are overflowing with men who have led improvident lives, who have passed along life's roadway with no thought of investment; no effort to save a little each month; no force of character to do what they knew was for their own good.

Dividends to Drop in the Lap.

Rubber culture offers a maximum of profit with a minimum of risk. It is likely to become one of the greatest of our industries, and those who enter it now will reap the reward of their foresight. You need but to save a few dollars each month, to deny yourself slightly, in order to save enough to pay for your shares on easy terms.

"If you will start saving to-day the time will quickly pass; the orchards of rubber and cocoa are growing, thriving, and maturing while you sleep and save, and some morning within the year your mail will bring to you that most welcome of all messages—the dividend cheque—the money you earned by judicious investment, by saving, and by your foresight, and what a pleasure! Thereafter additional and ever-increasing dividends drop into your lap from the rubber trees, to make your way in the world easier, brighter; to lessen labor, to afford luxury; or, perchance, to enable you to make some dear wife happier and to bring the smile of contentment and peace—that so longed for peace which comes from confidence in the future protection a regular income gives to you and yours.

"Happiness and Prosperity."

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"Do not put off your opportunity. The share issue is limited, and while you are debating the shares will double in value. Call on one of the selling agents to-day and make the plunge that will bring happiness and prosperity to you and yours."

Talk of dividends dropping into one's lap from the rubber trees smacks more of Mexico than Manitoba. Are we to understand that the Western Canadians named above are backing this company, or are the real sponsors remaining in the background?

MANY KINDS OF INSURANCE.

British Companies Show Favorable Balance-Receipts and Payment for the Year-Annual Report of Superintendent of Insurance.

Some figures, taken more or less at random from the report of the Superintendent of Insurance for 1909, throw light upon the growth and extent of underwriting of various kinds in Canada The total sum of \$50,232,602 was received kinds in Canada. The total sum of \$50,232,602 was received by Canadian, British, and American companies last year for all kinds of insurance, of which \$25,582,000 was taken by Canadian and \$24,650,000 by United States and British companies.

Many Kinds of Insurance.

Fourteen different kinds of insurance were transacted by 213 companies, of which 113 dealt in fire and life, 30 in sickness and accident, 10 each in plate glass and guarantee. The aggregate premiums for fire and life were \$43,555,759, or say 87 per cent. of the whole, and the remaining six and a half millions for the other two descriptions.

Securities to the extent of \$48,852,600 were deposited with the government and \$25,025,200 with Canadian trustees, for the protection of policyholders.

Fire Insurance.

Companies.	Premiums Taken.	Paid for Losses.	Per Cent. of Loss.
Canadian	0 6	\$2,123,508	56.41
British		4,849,587	49.89
American	3,564,126	1,673,731	46.96
	\$17,049,474	\$8,646,826	50.72

It is seen, therefore, that the British companies have done, as is their custom, the bulk of the fire business of the year, for their share is more than a half, while the other two groups have done a fifth each. The British and American companies suffered lower ratio of loss, too, than the Canadian.

Average Rate of Fire Premiums Less.

Although the average rate of fire premiums was less by 1.411 than in 1908, the total of premiums was larger, viz., 22 and a quarter million, against rather less than 21 million dollars; and the aggregate of policies, new and renewed, was \$1,579,975,000, as compared with \$1,466,294,000 in the year 1908. Taking groups of companies in their order, as found in the table on page XI. of the report, we find the following comparative results:

		emiums pe of risks tal		Loss per cent.
Canadian (Companies	1.44		56.41
British Con				49.89
American (46.96
		1.41%	average	50.72%

Showing better results for the fourteen United States companies in a larger average rate and a smaller average

British Companies Show Favorable Balance.

The eighteen British companies all show a favorable balance for the years' business. It is to be remarked that their expenses were 30.47 and the fire losses 40.93; in all 80.40

per cent. of the premiums.

A good proportion of the premium receipts of Canadian companies, namely, \$3,397,000 out of \$6,163,000, was derived from other countries, a dozen in number, principally from the United States. But this business was all done by the two large companies, the Western and British America, except some \$375,000 in premiums taken by the other four-teen. The outcome of this out-of-Canada business was more favorable in the proportion of 51.80 per cent of loss to favorable, in the proportion of 51.89 per cent. of loss to premium out of Canada to 57.74 per cent. in Canada.

Life Insurance.

There were forty companies actively engaged in life underwriting in Canada during last year, six of them British, eleven American, the remainder Canadian. The proportion of business these groups respectively effected and the amount in force were:

6	Group Canadian British American	companies do. do.	/	0 101 0	in force. \$515,415,437 46,985,192 217,956,351
AL THE	Total			\$131,730,078	\$780,356,980

Thus the year's new business was greater than 1908 by \$31,842,000, or almost one-fourth. The amount taken by domestic companies exceeded considerably that taken by the British and American companies together.

An increase from \$719,516,014 to \$780,356,980, or about eight per cent, is shown in the total amount of life insurance in force at the end of 1909 as compared with 1908.

Receipts and Payments for the Year.

As to receipts and payments for the year, the different groups of life companies make the following showing:

Canadian companies British companies American companies	1,590,656	Claims. \$ 5,642,483 1,320,724 3,168,911
Total	\$26,506,205	\$10,132,168

According to tables on page XXXI., the premium, interest, and annuity income of the Canadian companies was \$31,797,509, while they paid for expenses \$6,483,223; for taxes, \$260,076; for dividends, \$315,238; and for policy claims or annuities, \$10,271,551.

DESPITE HIGH-PRESSURE SYSTEM

Flames Spread Badly at Recent Victoria Conflagration Lessons of the Fire.

Below is printed a diagram showing the area burned over in the recent conflagration at Victoria, B.C. The fire was discovered in Spencer's dry-goods store near Broad street by a watchman on the premises. Before he could make use of the hose which was attached on each floor in the centre of the building, the fire, says the Norwich Union Bulletin, had reached the light-well and was extending by it to the other floors. Being a building of ordinary joist construction it burned very quickly, and when the fire department arrived they could not enter the premises.

A moderate breeze carried the flames towards the Five Sisters Block, which they entered through the unprotected windows in the back of that block looking towards the Spencer's store, although it will be observed that the flames and heat had to cross quite a space where the rear portion of the Five Sisters Block was only one storey high.

The building No. 618 Fort street had several windows in the wall looking towards Government street, but as these windows were fitted with wired glass in metal frames they stood the test and although the heat coming through these windows was so intense that none inside could approach within some feet of them, employees in the building were able to prevent fire starting, thus saving not only that build-ing but also the building on the corner of Fort and Broad streets.

It is hard to exactly determine how the fire spread from Spencer's store to the buildings to the north of Government street but probably through some imperfection in the division walls.

Story of Eye-Witnesses.

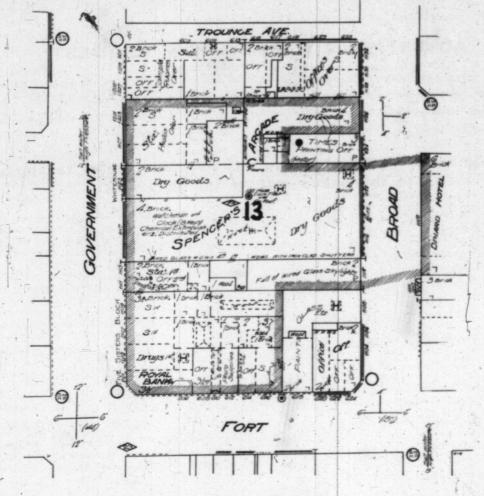
As to the rapid spread of the fire we have report as follows:

"Two or three eye-witnesses who saw it from the Government street side in the very beginning, state that the fire spread with almost incredible rapidity within a few minutes after it was seen. The watchman had gone over the building a few minutes before and had gone upstairs. to have something to eat, when they smelt smoke, they came down they noticed the fire apparently coming through the floor in the north-west corner of the store. at once rushed for the fire alarm office which stood next to the elevator shaft and rang the alarm. The firemen reached the Broad street entrance quickly. The watchmen were

the Broad street entrance quickly. The watchmen were there and had the doors open to meet them, but it was too late, the fire had spread up the well, and in a very short space of time the whole building was in flames."

It must not be forgotten that not only was there protection to these premises by a paid city fire brigade, with an ordinary domestic water supply, but that there was also a high-pressure system using salt water drawn from the harbor and yet, notwithstanding, the flames spread as shown on the diagram. shown on the diagram.

An initial dividend of not less than sixty cents in the dollar out of the collections made from shareholders of the defunct Ontario Bank will be paid to the creditors, chief of which is the Bank of Montreal. Some \$825,000 have been contributed to date on the enforcement of the double liability clause. The Royal Trust Company expect to send but notice at an early date that the dividend has been made.



Plan of Victoria Conflagration.



Business Barometers

Statistics show the trend of business—whether toward prosperity or panic. They summarize our past gains and our past losses. They point out the way for the future and form the foundation of all laws of average. Big businesses are based on laws of average. Canadian business statistics are first obtained each year in the

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Trend of Banking in 1910.
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Railroad Construction.

Industrial Mergers in Canada. In Wheat and Grain Fields. Commercial Reviews. The Cobalt Camp. Canada's Mineral Resources. Canada's Trade.

Besides these articles there will be many articles by leading men of various professions, and also

Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria Stock Exchange Quotations and Records.

Record of Prices Received for Canadian
Municipal Bonds.
Clearing House Figures.
Branch Bank Extension.
Municipal Bond Sales.
Railroad Earnings.
Canada's Appalling 1910 Fire Loss.

Cobalt Stock Sales and Values.
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MIDDLEMEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH PRICES.

So Says Secretary Wilson, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

A solution of the high-cost-of-living problem is offered in the annual report of Secretary Wilson of the United States in the annual report of Secretary Wilson of the United States Agricultural Department, who says the middleman is responsible for high prices, and he adduces figures to support his claim. Elimination of the middleman, he adds, by means of farmers' co-operative selling organizations and consumers co-operative buying associations working in harmony will not only reduce prices the consumer has to pay, but increase farmers' profits and equal ze prices all over the country so that producers everywhere will get a fair share of profit.

In the face of the fact that prices for produce of all kinds were generally regarded as extortionately high this year, the secretary points out that farm crops were the largest in the history of the country. Their total value reached the stupendous figure of nearly \$9,000,000,000.

Value of the Crops.

The official figures on the various crops are as follows:--

Corn 3,121,381,000 \$1,500,000,00	
COLU	
Wheat 691,767,000 625,000,00	
Oats	000
Potatoes 328,787,000	
Barley 158,138,000 79,000,00	
Flax 15,050,000 33,000,00	
Rye 5 32,088,000 23,000,00	000

The hay crop was worth \$720,000,000, cotton, \$900,000,

oo; sugar beets, \$51,000,000; sugar cane, \$28,000,000; to-bacco, \$95,000,coo; rice, \$16,000,000.

An investigation of the distribution of this crop shows who gets the profits. Experts from the Department of Agriculture made a study of distribution in seventy-eight American cities. They found that of the total price paid by concan cities. They found that of the total price paid by consumers to retailers the farmer, who assumed the risk and performed the toil of production, got 50 per cent., the railroad about 7 per cent., and the middleman the rest, or about 43 per cent.

Risk Assumed by Middleman.

The risk assumed by the middleman, the report points out, is not nearly so great as that of the farmer—hardly more than that of the railroad, in fact—and the labor entailed in retailing will not compare with the labor of producing ducing.

The following table shows the farmer's share of the price paid by consumers to retailers on a number of specific

Farmer's share in per cent.	Farmer's share in per cent.
Poultry 50	Oats 74
Eggs 69	Melons 50
Cabbage 48	Parsnips 60
Celery 60	Potatoes 59
Apples 50	String beans 80
Strawberries 49	Sweet potatoes 61
Onions 28	Turnips
Oranges 20	Watermelons 34

From Grocer to Consumer.

These figures relate to articles bought in quantities about as large as are purchased by the average consumer from the grocer. The rule seems to be that the smaller the retail quantity the smaller the farmer's share of the consumer's price.

After presenting many details with regard to the increase of prices on farm products between farmer and consumer, the Secretary of Agriculture declares that "the conclusion is inevitable that the consumer has no well grounded complaint against the farmer for the prices that he pays. The farmer supplies the capital for production and takes the risk of his losses; his crops are at the mercy of drought, and flood, and heat, and frost, to say nothing of noxious insects and blighting diseases. He supplies hard, exacting, unremitting labor. mitting labor

Over-production and Low Prices.

"A degree and range of information and intelligence are "A degree and range of information and intelligence are demanded by agriculture, which are hardly equalled in any other occupation. Then there is the risk of over-production and disastrously low prices. From beginning to end, the farmer must steer dexterously to escape perils to his profits, and indeed to his capital, on every hand. At last the products are started on their way to the consumer. The rail-toad, generally speaking, adds a percentage of increase to the farmer's prices that is not large.

"After delivery by the railroad the products are stored a short time, are measured into the various retail quantities, more or less small, and the dealers are rid of them as soon as possible. The dealers have risks that are practically small, except credit sales and such risks as grow out of their trying to do an amount of business, which is small as compared with their number."

Purchase Direct from Farmers.

In continuation of this subject, the Secretary of Agriculture suggests that the problem of high prices is one for treatment by the consumer. "Why do not consumers buy directly from the farmers?" he asks. "A distribution of farm products in this simple way has already begun in England, where co-operative organizations of farmers are selling by direct consignment to co-operative organizations of consumers in cities. Farmers' co-operative selling associations are numerous in this country, but co-operative buying associations among the people of cities and towns are As de from buying associations maintained by farmers,

hardly any exist in this country.

"It is apparent, therefore, that the consumer has much to do to work out his own salvation with regard to the prices that he pays. Potatoes were selling last spring its some that he pays. Potatoes were selling last splaces where there had been over-production, for 20 cents, and in some places for even 9 cents per bushel at the farm, while at the same time city consumers in the Last were paying 50 to 75 cents per bushel, although there was nothing to prevent them combining to buy a carload or more of potatoes directly from the grower and for delivery directly to themselves." to themselves.

Secretary Wilson finds that production to the acre is beginning to overtake increase of population.

LIFE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

Another life assurance association was formed at St. Catharines, Ont., recently. The name has not yet been decided upon as it is quite possible Welland and the Riagara cided upon as it is quite possible Welland and the Niagara district will be included in the membership. The inaugural meeting was held in the office of the Imperial Life with twelve agents present. Regrets were read from a number who were unable to be present, with promises of support. The officers elected were: President, Mr. J. K. Kernahan, Canada Life; vice-president, Mr. B. D. Mills, North American; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Howard E. Rose, Imperial, The executive-committee will be elected at the first meeting of the association in January. Those in attendance at the meeting were: Mr. C. B. Walhaupter, Travellers; Mr. J. K. Kernahan, Canada Life; Mr. Bell Federal; Mr. J. W. Gordon, Sun; Mr. B. D. Mills, North American; Mr. C. Lounsbury and Mr. Whitten, Union; Messrs. Rose & Collins, district managers of the Imperial. Much credit is due to Secretary Rose for his act vity in the interests of the association. ciation.

LUMBER CUT.

There was an increase of 22 per cent, in the lumber cut There was an increase of 22 per cent. In the lumber due in British Columbia during 1909. The cut of Quebec showed a decrease of 7.7 per cent. British Columbia occupies second place, a position which, because of the rapid exploitation of the fir and cedar forests, it will probably maintain. The decrease of the cut in Quebec was due mainly to a much lighter cut of white pine, red pine and cedar. If the cut in Quebec had increased, in keeping with that of the whole of Canada, by 11.9 per cent., Quebec would still have dropped to third place. Had it not been for a great increase in the cut of halsom Quebec's showing would have been poorer. ped to third place. Had it not been for a great increase in the cut of balsam Quebec's showing would have been poorer.

Quebec remains the chief spruce producing prevince; during 1909 nearly 1/3 the total spruce cut in Canada was cut during 1909 hearly 33 the total spruce cut in Cuebec. The cut of spruce for 1909 should be an increase over that of 1908 in every province excepting Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The decrease in Saskatchewan was only 3,277,000 feet, and the decrease in British Columbia was 16,531,000 feet, or 25.2 per cent. The greatest increase was in Nova Scotia, where the 1909 cut exceeded that of 1908 by 34,418,000 feet or 26.2 per cent. There was also an increase in Ontario of 31,704,000 feet or 47.2 per cent. The cuc of spruce for 1909 should be an increase

The Standard Trusts Company, of Winnipeg, ands a neat calendar for the coming year. Upon it is printed an attractive picture entitled "The oldest trust company in the world" We will not describe it to our readers, but will leave them to apply for a copy in order they may learn that sentiment and business sometimes go together

MAY BE MERGER OF TRACTION COMPANIES.

London Street Railway, London and Lake Erie Traction Company and London Electric Company May Amalgamate.

There is talk of the amalgamation of the London Screet Railway, the London and Lake Eric Traction Company and the London Electric Company. This is interesting, in view of the recent unsuccessful conference between representatives of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission and the London don Electric Railway, respecting the purchase of the corporation's plant by the commission. If a deal is consummated between the three companies, the London Electric will furnish power to the other two systems. It is understood that the London Street Railway needs more power, their present plant being too small to furnish sufficient power to run the cars properly. With the installation of more modern machinery, it is thought that the London Electric will be able to supply power at as cheap a rate as the Hydro-Electric Commission. Commission.

The names of Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann are mentioned in connection with the amalgamation. They have inview a network of radial lines throughout Western Ontario, which would act as feeders to the Canadian Northern. It is thought by some that the London Street Railway and the Traction Company's lines may become a part of that system.

History of the London Electric

History of the London Electric.

The London Electric Company, Limited, which was incorporated in 1893 in Ontario, absorbed the Ball Electric Company and the Forest City Electric Company. Its franchise is perpetual. It serves a population of 500,000 and is supplying 405 arcs and 51,000 incandescents. The company's authorized capital stock is \$500,000, \$406,200 being outstanding, and the par value of shares is \$100. Dividends are payable half-yearly at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. The stock is listed on the Toronto Exchange.

The bonded debt of the company is \$100,000 first gold 5's, dated January 1st, 1905, due January 1st, 1915. It is secured on plant and franchise. There are no underlying liens. Coupons are in denomination of \$1,000. The earnings for the year ended November 30th, 1909, were \$43,190 net, after fixed charges. The general balance sheet, dated November 30th, 1909, reads as follows: Capital stock, \$400,200; bended debt, \$102,083; current liabilities, \$9,125; other liabilities, \$115,000; profit and loss, \$52,668; total, \$605,076. Contra: plant, \$614,216; materials, etc., \$9,840; cash, \$26,012; current accounts, \$35,008; total, \$685,076.

The officers and directors of the company are: President, Mr. W. D. Matthews; vice-president, Mr. H. P. Dwight; secretary-treasurer, Mr. F. Nicholls; manager and purchasing agent, Mr. C. B. Hunt; Mr. W. R. Brock, Senator G. A. Cox, Snator Jaffray, Mr. J. K. Kerr, K.C.; Mr. M. J. Kent, Mr. E. Meredith, J. C. Judd.

Position of Street Railway.

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The London Street Railway of London, Ontar.o, was The London Street Railway of London, Ontar.o, was incorporated in 1875 under the laws of Canada. The company owns and operates 33.25 miles of lines, constituting the entire street railway system of London, Ontario. Gauge, standard; 56, 73 and 75-lb. T and girder rails. There are 45 motor cars and 9 trail cars. The company has a monopoly of surface street railway authorized by the legislature of Ontario, absolute until 1925, then in 5-year periods until expropriated. The authorized capital stock of the company is \$750,000, and the outstanding \$552,000, par value of shares being \$40. The dividends are payable half-yearly, at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum.

rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

The company's bonded debt is \$575,000 first gold 5's, dated 1896, due March 8th, 1925. Coupons are in the denomination of \$1,000. The authorized bonded debt is \$750,oo, the unissued being reserved for 66% per cent. of the cost of add tions and extensions, but, only when net earnings are could interest charges on bonds issued and to be issued. The total debt, however, must not exceed \$20,000 per mile of

The total debt, however, must not exceed \$20,000 per mile of single track. Bonds to the amount of 5 per cent. of amount outs; anding must be redeemed in each of the 10 years preceding maturity. There is a first lien on the entire property.

The general balance sheet for the year ended December 3181, 1900, shows: Capital stock, \$552,000; bonded debt \$575,000; interest accrued, \$8,087; current liabilities, \$29,010; other liab lities, \$9,044; profit and loss, \$26,757; total \$1,201,708. Contra: Road and equipment, \$1,140,223; materials, etc. \$21,100; current \$1.201,708. Contra: Road and equipment, \$1,140,223; materials, etc., \$21,408; cash on hand, etc., \$31,549; current accounts, \$2,194; suspense account, \$6,334; total, \$1,201,708. The officers and directors of the company are: President H. A. Everett, Cleveland; vice-president, Mr. T. H. Smallman; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Bentson; manager, Mr. C. B. King, London; Messrs, E. W. Moore, C. W. Wason, Cleveland; P. W. D. Broderick, W. M. Spencer, London; and H. S. Holt, Montreal.

The London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company was incorporated in Canada in 1909 as successor to the Southwestern Traction Company, which was sold on October 20th, 1909. The capital stock of the company is \$2,000,000. There are \$700,000 first mortgage gold bonds, dated 1910, maturing June 1st, 1950, with interest payable at the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Toronto. These bonds are not subject to call. The road which runs from London to Port Stanley via St. Thomas, is 28 miles long, of which 14 miles is on private right-of-way. The following are the officers of the company: President, Mr. W. K. George; secretary-treasurer, Mr. T. H. Purdom, London. The following

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments of Cobalt ore, in The following are the shipments of Cobalt ore, in pounds, for the week ended December 16th: Nipissing, 510,520; Drummond, 420,000; Hargraves, 120,000; La kose, 170,870; Coniagas, 126,500; Right of Way, 120,350; Peterson Lake, 113,610; Cobalt Lake, 65,700; Chambers-Ferland, 65,000; Trethewey, 54,840; Buffalo, 58,040; O'Brien, 64,060; McK n'ey-Darragh, 45,370; total, 1,934,860 pounds, or 967 tons. Total shipments since January 1st are now 65,636,931 pounds. pounds, or 32,818 tons.

In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at \$316,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at \$1,437,196; in 1906, 5,129 tons. valued at \$3,900,000; in 1907, 14,040 tons; in 1908, 25,700 s. in 1909, 29,751 tons.

CANADA'S TRADE.

Figures for the first eight months of the present fiscal years from an increase of \$72,498,530, or nearly seventeen per cent, in Canada's total trade as compared with the eight mouths ending with November of last year. The imports totalled \$304,318,375, an increase of \$64,209,944, or no less than 25 per cent, over last year. Exports of domestic products totalled \$193,639,731, an increase of ten and one-half millions. Exports of foreign products showed a slight fallmillions. ing off. The increase in exports was mainly in agricultural products, which totalled \$56,994,632. Exports of manufactured goods amounted to \$22,799,863, an increase of nearly two and one-half millions. For November the imports totalled \$41,633,227, an increase of \$6,199,188. Exports of domestic products for the month totalled \$35,518,616, an increase of \$200,000 over November of last year.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES.

The nominations for officers of the board of trade of the city of Ottawa for the year 1911 resulted in the following being elected by acclamation: Mr. George S. May, president; Mr. W. H. Dwyer, first vice-president; Mr. J. L. Garland, second vice-president; and Mr. John R. Reid, treasurer. Council—Messrs. A. W. Ault, E. R. Bremner, James Davidson, O. Forset, H. A. Harvey, Mayor Hopewell, D. Murphy, J. McKinley, W. H. Rowley, W. M. Southam, P. Whelen and J. W. Woods. Board of arbitration—T. Ahearn, T. C. Bate, Mon. Senator Belcourt, K.C., P.C., Thomas B. Kett C. J. Booth, George Burn, Fred Cook, G. B. Greene, David MacLaren, Geo. L. Orme, G. H. Perley, M.P., P. D. Ross. Business men of Penticton, B.C. are planning reorganization of the board of trade so that it will be a factor in the development of the town and district. The nominations for officers of the board of trade of the

development of the town and district.

Mr. A. J. Morris has been re-elected president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, and Mr. J. A. Kirkpatrick is the vice-president for the ensuing year. Mr. M. M. Stephens This board has been elected secretary for the third term.

has 72 members in good standing.
At the last meeting of the Nelson, B.C., board of trade resolutions were passed urging the establishment of a provincial school of mines; requesting the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia to urge an extension of the new provincial law regarding debtors; initiated an investigation by the Railway Commission into the freight rates on ore; endorsed the Winnipeg resolutions re the landson British Railway and took an annual columbia. rates on ore; endo-sed the Winnipeg resolutions re the Hudson Bay Railway and took up a number of other important local matters.

Mr. C. Ross is re-organizing the Montreal open stock ex change. The initial membership fee will be \$100 and \$20 for the first year's dues. The charter allows a membership of 100. Standard industrials and bonds will be listed, including many securities not listed on the Montreal Exchange.

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EAST AND WEST.

A company is preparing to operate tram lines in Nanaimo and from that city south to Extension, South Wellington and other outside points. A definite proposal will be submitted to the Nanaimo city council.

The Canada Cement Company, Limited, of Mont eal, one of the largest concerns in the Dominion, has secured has secured property in Winnipeg, and will commence building a mill in the spring, to be operated by 1912.

The bill incorporating the Pincher Creek, Cardston and Montana Railway was passed by the Alberta Government with the provision attached which compels the company to have 30 miles of the road constructed and ready for operation before December 31st, 1911.

Several large shipments of Canadian mica to Great Britain have been made during the past season. The trade in mica is on the increase despite Indian mica being cheaper in price. The Canadian product is called amber mica, is of a softer variety, and used principally in electrical work.

New Grand Trunk Dock.

The new dock of the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Company at Seattle, Wash., was opened recently. new dock is known to be the largest wooden structure of its kind on the Pacific coast. The work of building the do k was commenced on March 1st of this year. The structure cost complete more than \$300,000.

The Saskatchewan Iron Works, Limited, Saskatchewan, of which Mr. Randall is the president and manager, Mr. Neil Stewart, vice-president, and Mr. H. Cheetham, secretary-treasurer, intend erecting large and more commodious works in the city at an early date. Mr. Randall is now on a visit to Great Britain in connection with treasurer. to Great Britain in connection with trade relations and improvement of markets.

The Allan Line have added to their fleet by the purchale of the 10,000-ton steamer Statendam from the Holland-American Line. The new boat is of 18 knots, and cost about \$350,000. She will be on the Montreal-Glasgow route during the summer, and Boston-Glasgow in winter, taking t e place of the Pretorian, which will go to the London and Havre-St. John service. It is the intention of the Allan Line to change her name.

Population of Noighboring Republic.

Continental United States has a population of 91,402,151, or an increase of 15,977,691 over the population of 1900. Including Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, military and naval persons at home and abroad, the population of the United States is 93,402,151. Taking the population of the Philippines, 7,-635,426, and adding estimates for the Islands of Gram, Samoa, and the canal zone, it makes the total population of the United States and possessions approximately 101,100,000. Dry Goods Frauds.

The Montreal Board of Trade will approach the Dominion Government for an amendment to the criminal cole so as to provide for the punishment of any person found guilty of the practice of misrepresentation either as to the quantity, measure, gauge or weight of any dry goods so'd by such person. The association in their communication to the council stated that numerous instances of both number and weight in the number of packages of goods having been found over-stated by the seller had come to their knowledge, and they believed that this form of fraud was on the in-

The Electric Power Company, Limited, are asking to a franchise for light and power in the town of Lindsay. This company controls the main powers on the Trent River, having acquired control of the Light, Heat & Power Company at Peterborough: The Auburn Power Company of Peterborough; The Peterborough Street Railway; The Company, of Campbellford: The Trent The Electric Power Company, Limited, are asking for Seymour Power Company, of Campbellford: The Trent Power Company, Limited and Trenton Electric and Water Company, also Healey's Falls, with about 15,000 h.p., near Campbellford; The Cobourg Utilities Corporation; Oshawa Gas and Electric Light, and several other companies. It has also acquired the riparian rights practically to nearly all the powers on the Trent River, from Peterborough to Trenton. Trenton.

Stellarton, Nova Scotia.

"Facts about Stellarton, N.S." is an interesting book-let published by the Poard of Trade. The present population of the town is 4,000, and this is steadily growing. The value of assessment in 1910 was \$772,000 as compared with \$237,000 in 1900. The bonded debt amounts to \$120,000, and against this are the following assets: waterworks; \$61,000; schools, \$17,000; sewers, \$17,000; streets, \$11,000; town property, \$14,000. The waterworks service was established in 1802 and the reservoir has a capacity of 1,000,000. town property, \$14,000. The waterworks service was established in 1892 and the reservoir has a capacity of 1.000,000 gallons. The pumps can supply 750,000 gallons of water daily. More industries are wanted and there is a good opening for a machine shop, foundry, or anything of an

industrial nature. The town lies on the north side of the East River, twelve miles from Pictou Harbor in the midst of the coal fields of the district.

The town of Stettler was incorporated in November,

1906, and now has a population of almost 2,000. Stettler district is situated in the "Heart of Alberta" and for locadistrict is situated in the "Heart of Alberta" and for tion and fertility of soil, commands the attention agricultural world. The Board of Trade have issue interesting booklet in which it says that the followed dustries are invited to locate in Stettler: A brick muturing plant; the clay, wood, coal and market are A foundry and machine shop; plows, pumps and could be manufactured to advantage. A planing mile could be manufactured to advantage. A planing mile sashes, doors, boxes, etc., could be manufactured. cuit and candy factory, and there is a large and ever creasing demand for these and an immense terrupry supply. Pork packing and curing establishment. Wa and carriage factory. Cigar factory.

Notes of British Columbia.

"It is not only the fishing, but the other resultices of this country the moneyed people are keen on, such as coal, mineral and farming lands. British Columbia stands better to-day among investors and people looking for investments than she ever has, and I look for a tremendous ele in this direction to set in early next spring both of investors and tourists. I have been going east every year for a long time but I never heard this province and Prince Ruper talked about so much. People hunted me up in Toronto and Montreal just to have a chat with me about this place and northern British Columbia, and you may rely upon a great influx of people of all kinds as soon as the winter is over, ' iso says people of all kinds as soon as the winter is over, 'Isb says Mr. George H. Collins, president of the Canadian Coll Storage Company, who has returned to Prince Rupert, after an extended visit to Eastern Canada and the States.

LIFE INSURANCE IN CERMANY.

During 1909 there were 219,529 new life insurance policies issued by the 43 German companies, with an insured value of \$269,653,168. During the same year 96,801 policies expired, 27,296 with an insured value of \$30,726,569 through death of the insured, and 12,187 of the value of \$16,36,982 by falling due. The total life insurance policies in the hands of German companies at the end of 1909 numbered 2,12 with an insured value of \$2,582,180,839. Of these pothe eight largest German companies held the following Mutual benefit companies—

		Ins. value.
Gothaer		 \$252,291,306
Suttgarter		 222,303 362
Leip, igen		 217,119,627
Karlsruher		 167,154,342
Total		 \$858,866,777
Stock comp	panies—	111
Viktoria		 \$254,538,390
Germania		 193,151,452
Nordstern		 121,911,532
Concordia		 82,622,333
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These eight companies therefore hold 58 per cent, of the whole business of the 43 German companies. Thirty-one of these 43 companies, especially the Viktoria and Friedrich Wilhelm, have small insurance policies, mostly with weekly premium payments. Of this kind 1,223,344 new policies. premium payments. Of this kind 1,223,344 new policies with a value of \$68,868,823, were issued, and total outstanding small policies at the end of 1909 numbered 7,767,070, with a value of \$350,968,311, thus averaging \$45 each

BANK OF TORONTO.

An increase in earnings for the year ended November 30th, is shown in the Bank of Toronto statement. The earnings for the twelve months were \$589,656, being 14.72 per cent on the paid-up capital stock, and exhibiting an increase of approximately \$10,000 over the profits of the previous year. Dividends accounted for \$400,000, while \$15,000 was added to the pension fund. After writing off \$48.75t, a sum added to the pension fund. After writing off \$48,75%, a of \$194,777 was carried forward. Last year \$250,000 was added to reserve, which now amounts to \$4,750,000 or \$750,000 greater than subscribed and paid-up capital. In view of the strong position, it has apparently not been neces to strengthen further the rest account. Note circul showed a small increase over 1909 and deposits exhibite appreciation of about \$2,500,000. The expansions of sarv current loan account by \$4,000,000 shows that the Bank of Toronto has, with the other large banks, considerably assisted commercial spheres during the past year. This account on November 30th had amounted to \$34,795,331

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LIFE INSURANCE. ALCOHOL AND

One of the most important duties of the medical examiner is to ascertain and report, without offending, the habits of an applicant regarding the use of alcoholic beverages. Such terms as "Temperate," "Oceasionally," "Moderately," "Social drinker," "Very rarely," convey no definite information, and necessitate correspondence. So says Whitfield Harral, medical director of a Western American Com-

Be specific and state what the applicant drinks: how much and how often. "Ten drinks a day," "Two drinks a week," "Not over one glass of beer a month" are statements that indicate something definite. It is sometimes very difficult to obtain the truth frem an applicant, either on ac count of his desire to overstate facts or conceal them.

Two types of hazard are represented: One the steady drinker, the other the periodical drinker, The first shows the result in arganic changes, chiefly in the kidneys and liver. In the other these changes do not occur so early, but the effect on the nervous system is maked and the added moral and accident hazard is very great. The lives of such individuals are shortened, and hence are not destrable.

Neilson's table shows the influence of alcohol upon the expectancy at various ages to be as follows:—

Age.

Intemperate.

General.

Age.	1 Int	emperate.	General.
20		15.5	44.2
30		13.8	. 36.5
40	-	11.0	28.8
50		10.8	21.2
60		8.0	14.3

"From the above you will note that the expectancy of

the alcoholic is only one-third of the general at age 20, while at 60 it is nearly two-thirds.

"The examiner should give the company the benefit of his knowledge regarding the habits of an applicant, no matter how much at variance the same may be with the applicant's own statements."

WAREHOUSE FIRES. TOO MANY

In view, writes the Manitoba Fire Commissioner, Mr. A. Lindback, of the increasing cold weather and the large warehouse fires, which have so frequently occurred during the last two years, in most cases having burned for some length of time before discovered, attention should be called to the need of frequent and careful inspections of all heating apparatus, flues and p pe connections, by the owners of such warehouses and large buildings. Most of these fires have started when the buildings were idle, without any watch or fire precautions for a quick discovery of the outbreak, and the alarm has not been sent in until the fire broke through the roof or the windows burst by the heat. Do not leave any large building stored with costly merchandise from cellar to garret without a watch of some kind and provisions to fight an outbreak from its beginning. Look after all fire walls. Do not protect them with fire doors and then punch holes in them for shafting and belt openings left unprotected and expect it to stop a fire spreading. Be sure that when joists must be put in the fire wall they are so arranged that the burning of them does not destroy the usefulness of the wall. The neglect of this precaution at almost every one of these fires has proved the fire wall and fire doors mere delusions.

At the burning of the A. Macdonald warehouse. Winnidelusions.

At the burning of the A. Macdonald warehouse, Winnipeg, the fire crept through two thicknesses of walls by wav of the joists. While it is not possible to guarantee immunity from fire, it is possible to minimize not only the danger, but the work of conquering it.

This should be done by avoiding the storage of goods in front of the windows, particularly those of the fire escapes. Better still would it be to have an aisle along the

wall around the entire floor in order to enable the firemen wall around the entire noor in order to enable the firemen unbindered access to any part of it. In most of the warehouses goods are piled close against the windows, and in one large warehouse I found a permanent shelving put the entire length of one side of the building, blocking every window. What prospect would the firemen have to cope with a brisk fire on that floor?

CASOLINE ENGINES FOR SALMON FISHERIES.

The townsite of Kirbyv lle on the Skeena River, B.C., has been leased to two leading salmon canneries. Kirbyville is situated on the east side of the river between Claxton and Carlisle canneries. It was plotted as a townsite some years ago and a wharf built, but was never put on the market.

The lessees intend erecting a large fireproof warehouse for storing gasoline, which will be brought up from California in tank boats. It is intended to install gasoline engines in all the fishing boats. The object of having power in the fishing boats is to give the fishermen the opportunity of fishing several drifts on one tide and it is expected that the increased catch will more than pay for the outlay of purchasing several hundred gasoline engines.

CONIACAS MINE'S ANNUAL REPORT.

At the annual meeting of the Coniagas Mines, Limited, At the annual meeting of the Coniagas Mines, Limited, last week, the report showed that the company has a surplus of \$952,402.09, with cash on hand and in the bank amounting to \$242,900.23; ore at smelter and in transit to the value of \$374,087.68; making a total of \$616,987.81. The total revenue for the year just ended was \$1,010,433.67, with expenses of \$256,524.69, leaving net profit of \$753,888.98. The Coniagas Reduction Company treated during the year 1,788.9 tons of ore, shipped 2,726,609.71 troy ounces of silver. The cost of production was 13.28 cents per ounce. The tompany has 15,368,400 ounces ore in sight, compared with 12,500,000 ounces last year.

12,500,000 ounces last year.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President and general manager, Mr. R. W. Leonard, St. Catharines; vice-president, Mr. Alex. Longwell, Toronto; directors, Messrs. Welland D. Woodruff, F. J. Bishop, Brantford, and R. P. Rogers, Cobalt. Mr. J. J. Mackan, St. Catharines, was the proported accretize trace. ines, was reappointed secretary-treasurer.

The Investment Trust Company has increased the The Investment Trust Company has increased the paid-up capital to \$500,000, by the issue of 2,500 shares new stock at \$125 per share, the present paid-up capital being \$250,000. The directors of the Investment Trust Company are: Messrs. K. W. Blackwell J. P. Black, J. R. Wilson, R. MacD. Paterson, W. M. Dobell, and A. J. Nesbitt.

The net profits of the Merchants Bank of Canada for the year ended November 30th, 1910, were \$1,057,139.64, with \$102,157 brought forward; the amount available for distribution was \$1,159,297.15. Dividends absorbed \$510,000; reserve fund, \$400,000; written off bank premises, \$100,000; officers'

fund, \$400,000; written off bank premises, \$100,000; officers' pension fund, \$50,000; balance carried forward, \$99,297. The annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held on Wednesday.

At a meeting of directors of the Trethewey Silver Cobalt Mining Company, it was resolved that a distribution of profits equal to 10 per cent. on the total share capital of the company, should be made on January 25th next, to share-holders of record on January 10th. For this purpose the transfer books will be closed from January 10th to 25th, 1911, inclusive. Since the last dividend of 10 per cent. was paid on October 15th last, the earnings of the company have shown an average net profit of over \$1,000 per verting day, and the an average net profit of over \$1,000 per working day, and the prospects of such earnings being maintained or possibly increased are steadily improving as development work proceeds.

CROP SHIPMENTS FOR THREE MONTHS.

The official close of navigation shows the following ship ments of Western crops to have been made during the three months of the crop year already expired, together with comparison for the same period in 1909.

	Total	ls.		
Screenings. In 1910		Oats. \$5,584,959.15 7,232,357.10	Barley. \$ 862,470.36 1,290,809.47	Flax. \$2,023,221.46 1,606,356.20
In 1910	\$22,341,717.40 26,332,612.10	Vessels. #5,259,453.28 7,173,357.10	\$ 406,802.37 1,125,998.35	\$ 245,257.20 654,308.31
In 1910	70 /	Vessels. \$ 325,505.21 59,000.00	\$ 455,667.47 164,841.12	\$1,777,964.26 952,047.47

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BORROWING MONEY.

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

Empyrean, No. 2274, \$800. M. J. Scovill, Junkins. Glen Leven, No. 2124, \$575. V. Barnhardt, Airdrie. Mary Lake, No. 2278, \$1,700. K. A. Maughan, Maughan. Hughenden, No. 2265, \$1,500. A. A. Bogg, Hughenden. Ashvale, No. 2082, \$800. A. D. McKinnon, Pincher Sta-

Cornwall Valley, No. 2266, \$1,200. C. W. Goddard, Perbeck

Pine Valley, No. 2289, \$1,000. J. J. Skolt, Half Way

Lake. Minneberry, No. 2217, \$1,600. A. R. Marchesseault, Minda.

Riverton, No. 2128, \$1,000. R. Borrowdale, Lea Park, Kitscoty.

NOTES OF MUNICIPAL BOND BIDDING.

Fourteen offers were received from Toronto and Montreal bond houses for the \$12,500 5 per cent. 20-year local improve-ment debentures of St. Mary's, Ont. As previously noted, the award was made to Messrs. H. O'Hara & Company, Toronto.

For the Wingham, Ont., \$6,000 4½ per cent. 20-year waterworks improvement debentures, ten bids were received from Toronto bond houses. As previously noted, the offer of the Ontario Securities Company was accepted.

DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Alta.-\$5,000 6 per cent. 20-years, awarded to Irvin, Alta.—\$5,000 6 per Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

Alberta and Saskatchewan, S.D.—\$5,000 6½ per cent. 10 years, awarded to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

Alberta and Saskatchewan Villages.—\$5,000 7 per cent. 15-years, awarded to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

\$5,000 5 per cent. 20-years, awarded to Wolseley, Sask .-Union Bank of Canada.

Sydney, C.B.—\$50,000 4½ per cent., awarded to Royal Bank of Canada .

WESTERN CANADA.

Advertiser familiar with all Western Provinces intends removing to the West early in 1911. Would like to get in touch with Eastern parties who may desire personal attention to any outstanding matters, either land or financial. Also financial or other institutions contemplating Western expansion. Best references and personal interview.

Address "A. N. B." Box 249, c/o Monetary Times, Toronto.

CITY OF CHILLIWACK, B.C.

DEBENTURES FOR SALE.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Debentures," will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the sixteenth day of January, 1911, for the purchase of the following debentures of the Corporation of the City of Chilliwack:

ROAD MACHINERY \$10,000.00
DRAINAGE 10,000.00 10,000.00 15,000.00 MUNICIPAL HALL

Repayable in twenty equal, consecutive, annual payments from the first day of October, 1910, with interest at the rate of Five (5) per cent. per annum at the Bank of Montreal, Chilliwack, B.C.

able half-yearly.

Principal and interest payable at the Bank of Montreal, Chilliwack, B.C.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further particulars apply to the City Clerk, Chilliwack, B.C. J. H. ASHWELL, City Clerk.

Chilliwack, B.C., December 15th, 1910.

LEGAL NOTICES.

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given that under the First Part of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1006, known as "The Companies Act," letters patent have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, bearing date the 18th day of November, 1010, incorporating James Steller Lovell, accountant, William Bain, book-keeper, Robert Gowans, Henry Chambers and Robert Musgrave Coates, solicitors' clerks, all of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, for the following purposes, viz:—(a) To prospect for, open, explore, develop, work, improve, maintain, and manage gold, silver, copper, coal, iron, graphite and other mines, mineral and other deposits and properties and to dig for, raise, crush, wash, smelt, assay, analyze, reduce and amalgamate and otherwise treat ores, metals and minerals whether belonging to the treat comores, metals and minerals whether belonging to the opany or not, and to render the same merchantable, and pany or not, and to render the same merchantable, and to sell and otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, or any interest therein; (b) To acquire by purchase, lease, concession, licence, exchange or other legal title, mines, mining lands, easements, mineral properties, or any interest therein, minerals and ores and mining claims, options, powers, privileges, water and other rights, patent rights, letters patent of invention, processes and mechanical or other contrivences, and either absolutely or conditionally other contrivances, and either absolutely or conditionally, other contrivances, and either absolutely or conditionally, and either solely or jointly with others, and as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, and to lease, place under licence, sell, dispose of and otherwise deal with the same or any part thereof, or any interest therein; (c) To construct, maintain, alter, make, work and operate on the property of the company, or on property controlled by the company, tramways, telegraph or telephone lines, reservoirs, dams, of the company, or on property controlled by the company, tramways, telegraph or telephone lines, reservoirs, dams, flumes, race and other ways, water-powers, aqueducts, wells, roads, piers, wharves, buildings, shops, stamping-mills and other works and machinery, plant and electrical and other appliances of every description, and to buy, sell, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects required by the company or its workmen or servants; (d) To build, acquire, own, charter, navigate and use steam and other vessels; (e) To take, acquire, and hold as the consideration for ores, metals of minerals sold or otherwise disposed of, or for goods supplied, or for work done by contract or otherwise, shares, debentures, bonds or other securities of or in any other company having objects similar to those of a company incorporated under this Act, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same; (f) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any other person or company, carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction which may be of benefit to a company incorporated under this Act; (g) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the assets, business, property, privileges, contracts, rights, obligations and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any part of the business which a company incorporated under this Act is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes thereof; (h) To subscribe for and take and hold shares or stock in any company incorporated for the purpose of acquiring, holding, constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair, roads, bridges, improvements in waterways, or other means of communication, and drainage works, and other improvements upon, through, over or adjacent to, or leading to or from the lands of a company incorporated as mentioned in this section; Provided that the consent of the shareholders shall be first obtained by resolut Provided that the consent of the shareholders shall be first obtained by resolution passed at a special general meeting called for that purpose; and (i) To do all such acts, matters and things as are incidental or necessary to the due attainment of the above objects, or any of them. The operations of the company to be carried on throughout the Deminion of Canada and elsewhere by the name of "Dominion Graphite Company, Limited," with a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars, divided into 5,000 shares of one hundred dollars each, and the chief place of business of the said company to be at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario. Ontario.

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 21st day of November, 1910.

THOMAS MULVEY,

Under-Secretary of State.

Blake, Lash, Anglin & Cassels,
Solicitors for Dated at Toronto this 20th day of December, Dominion Graphite Company, Limited.

Mr. Wm. Lyall, Managing Director of Messrs, P. Lyall & Son, Limited, contractors, of Montreal, has been appointed a director of the Sterning Bank of Canada.

MUNICIPAL CREDIT and **BONDS**

HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS ADDED

To Capital Liability of Canadian Railroads in Twelve Months—Capitalization Per Mile.

During the year ended June 30th, 1910, \$101,816,271 was added to the capital liability of Canadian railways, of which \$40,022,740 was represented in stocks and \$61,703,531 in funded debt. The total of outstanding obligations was \$1,-

Comparing 1909 and 1910, the result is as follows:

1909. 1919. Stocks \$647,534,647 \$687,557,387 Funded debt 660,946,769 722,740,300 \$40,022,740 61,793,531

.....\$1,308,481,416 \$1,410,297,687 \$101,816,271

The funded debt of ipro was divided under the follow-.... \$606,677,305

Bonds 8,365,077 Miscellaneous obligations 5,036,546

...... \$722,740,300

It has been the natural practice of those who have sought to measure the capital liability of Canadian railways to add to the stock and bond issues the cost of Government railways, as well as the amount received by way of cash subsidy, and to divide the aggregate thus obtained by the main line, or single track, mileage. The so-called capital cost per mile was thus obtained. This has always been regarded as a convenient method of comparing the capital liability of railways in different countries, and, whenever the bases of the calculation have been identical, it was satisfactory; but, when applied to Canada, points out Mr. J. L. Payne, comptroller of railroad statistics, it has produced a wholly misleading result.

Is a Delusive Result.

If to the \$1,410,297,687 of stock and bond liability indicated above is added the \$190,753,063 received by railways as cash aid, a total of \$1,501,050,750 is had. That sum, divided by the 24,731 miles of main line in Canada, gives a capital liability of \$64,747 per mile. This would be a delusive result, for the sufficient reason that both the capital liability and the railway mileage are exaggerated. Let these two factors be dealt with separately.

First as to capital liability: It was pointed out in the

tal liability and the railway mileage are exaggerated. Let these two factors be dealt with separately.

First, as to capital liability: It was pointed out in the government reports of 1908 and 1909 that a considerable volume of practically extinct stock and bond obligations was being shown in the annual returns of railways. Smaller roads had in many instances been absorbed by the larger, and, notwithstanding the fact that this absorption involved the purchase of the stocks and bonds of the former by the issue of similar pledges by the latter, the capital liability of both corporations was reported to the department. That is to say, the A B & C Railway Company, having bought the stocks and bonds of the D E & F Railway Company by issuing new stocks and bonds of its own, and thus coming into possession of the property, returned its own increased liability and that of the absorbed corporation as though both were alive. Obviously, the liability of the acquired railway should be cancelled, and not any longer regarded as representing an actual obligation, although the certificates might be in the vault of the purchasing company. Such would be the practice in everyday commerce. If A obtained possession of a promissory note for \$100 made by B by giving one of his own for a like amount, the transaction would not be said to involve an obligation of \$200.

Still in Construction Stage.

There is also a considerable number of railways, which,

tion of the Dominion Coal Company, and it has been found impossible, thus far, to obtain a separation of accounts. Several railways, like the Albert Southern, have not been in operation for a long period of years, and both the property rights and the capital liability may be regarded as dead.

An effort has been made to ascertain what deduction, for the reasons indicated, should be made from the total capital liability of Canadian railways. Without giving the details, the amount has been fixed at \$226,298,988. When this is subtracted from the \$1,410,297,687 given above, the aggregate capital liability is reduced to \$1,183,998,699.

Second, as to mileage: There are in the Dominion 2,043.84 miles of Government-owned and operated railway, against which neither stocks nor bonds are outstanding. There are also 75.36 additional miles of line to which no capital liability is attached. These two items make a total of 2,119.20 miles, which should be deducted, for the purpose of the present calculation, from the 24,731 given as the total railway miles as a Canada. railway mileage of Canada.

Outstanding Capital Liability.

Dividing 22,612 miles of railway into a total capitaliza-tion of \$1,183,998,699, we have \$52,361 as the quotient. That is the actual outstanding capital liability per mile against railways in Canada.

It is impracticable to ascertain what has been the actual cost of Canadian railways. The cost as represented in stocks and bonds is one thing, and the actual cost quite another. Exchanges of ownership and the destruction of early records have, in many instances, utterly lost to reporting roads the facts with respect to primary expenditures. Nevertheless, during the current year an effort will be made to gather together whatever data are available under that

To make an appraisement of the physical value of existing lines would be a stupendous task, and it would also be exceedingly costly. It is doubtful if the results would justify the outlay. With an outstanding liability equal to \$52,361 per mile, there could not be any suspicion of general overcapitalization of railways in Canada. Taking the latest available statistics with regard to the capital obligations attaching to railways in other countries, the following comattaching to railways in other countries, the following comparison is instructive:-

Great Britain Germany France	3,447,466,000	Per mile. \$275,040 109,788 139,390
Belgium United States Victoria New South Wales Canada	22,721,478	169,806 57,976 60,225 136,876 52,361

Covernment-owned Railways.

The facts in relation to the cost of Government-owned and operated railways in Canada are readily available, and they show the following situation:—

N	files of	Capital	Cost per
	line.	cost.	mile.
Intercolonial	1,450	\$92,273,074	\$63,636
Prince Edward Island	267	8,465,365	31,705
Temiskaming and N. Ont.	266	15,315,672	57.577
New Brunswick C. & Ry.	58	1,964,640	33,873

A tribute to the Canadian Insurance Act was paid by Sir John Runtz, J.P., at a dinner of the corporation of insurance brokers and agents held at Birmingham, England. Sir John There is also a considerable number of railways, which, while having outstanding issues of stocks and bonds, have not passed beyond, the construction stage. The case of the Grand Trunk Pacific will serve as an illustration of this class. Until a definite mileage is attached to such roads, the only practicable course is to leave out of the calculation the whole of the capital liability. Then, there are lines of railway which are subsidiary to larger corporate interests, as for example, the Sydney and Louisburg. In that instance, the stocks and bonds attaching to that road are not given for the reason that they are included in the total capitalizaBOND DEALERS.

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Government Municipal BONDS

SIXTY-ONE NEW COMPANIES.

Steamboat, Central Mines and the National Hydro-Electric Company Incorporated.

During the week sixty one companies were incorporated

During the week sixty-one companies were incorporated with a total capitalization of \$9,634,000.

The National Hydro-Electric Company, with head office in Montreal, and capital of \$1,000,000, and the Steamboat Central Mines, British Columbia, \$1,500,000, were the largest companies to be granted charters, while several mining and trust companies were incorporated.

The following is a list of charters granted during the past week. The head office of each company is situate in the town, city or province mentioned at the beginning of each paragraph. The persons named are provisional directors.

Milton, Ont.—Milton Curling Club, \$20,000. D. S. Robertson, S. R. Bews, W. I. Dick.

Couturval, Que. La Compagnie Couture, \$5,000. J. Parent, A. Parent, J. O. Couture.

Portneuf, Que.—Montreal Paper Company, \$100,000.
P. Bishop, G. W. Bishop, A. Bishop.

Brantford, Ont.—Gem Theatre Company, \$40,000. E. C. Symons, A. J. Wilkes, W. T. Henderson.

Symons, A. J. Wilkes, W. T. Henderson.

Hamilton, Ont.—Producers Natural Gas Company, \$200;000. W. Southam, J. Milne, G. Lynch-Staunton.

Minnedosa, Man.—Minnedosa Land & Loan Company,
\$5,000. W. Mann, E. P. St. John, C. L. St. John.

Clenpayne, Ont.—Glenpayne Dairy Association. B.

MacMillan, J. Wereley, D. MacMillan, D. N. McLean.

St. Thomas, Ont.—Ideal Co-operative Association of St.

Thomas, \$40,000. L. D. Gillett, G. H. Sloggett, C. W. Dyer

Woodstock, Ont.—Maximilian Pneumatic Tool & Machine
Company, \$100,000. D. W. Karn, R. G. Bickerton, W. T.

Parke.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Tekton Manufacturing Company, \$40,000. H. D. Ruhn, Buffalo; F. O. Geyler, E. M. Sergeant, Niagara Falls.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canadian Electric Automatic Machines; \$225,000. L. S. Macoun, J. B. Prendergast, N. G. Guthrie. National Realty Company, \$500,000. M. J. O'Brien, Renfrew; R. M. Devlin, J. Gleeson, Ottawa. Oxygenator Company of Canada, \$4,000. A. L. Higley, C. N. McMichael, E. L. Moses, Buffalo.

pany of Canada, \$4,000. A. L. Higley, C. N. McMichael, E. L. Moses, Buffalo.

Toronto.—Toronto City Mission. J. Stark, H. L. Stark, J. Neil. Caledon Mountain Springs, \$40,000. J. Pearson, J. A. Simpson, F. B. Neeve. Boston Development Company, \$100,000. H. G. Kelly, F. T. W. Hodgson, M. S. Shields. Porcupine Gold Mining Company, \$500,000. J. B. Holden, J. I. Grover, G. A. Grover, Huffman Printing Press Company, \$150,000. T. H. Barton, C. B. Nasmith, R. H. Greer. Murray Clothing Company, \$50,000. J. W. Curry, T. J. W. O'Connor, H. C. Macdonald. Home and Foreign Securities, \$50,000. H. Riley, J. F. MacGregor, F. Wakingshaw.

Winnipeg, Man.—Colonial Grocery Company, \$20,000. C. W. Hodgins, J. W. Jones, J. F. Jones. Globe Grain Grader & Cleaner Company, \$200,000. G. H. Smith, E. J. Munday, J. Connor. International Automatic Shocker Company, \$100,000. W. F. Thorne, F. J. Anderson, J. S. Crabb. Consolidated Mortgage Company, \$200,000. G. A. H. Dysart, R. T. Wilson, H. R. Drummond-Hay. Auto Club Company, \$20,000. J. M. Mickols, C. Anderson, A. Lienlokken. Canadian Automatic Shocker Company, \$250,000. W. F. Thorne, F. J. Alderson, J. S. Crabb. La Ermita Rubber Plantation, \$400,000. A. H. Oakes, R. A. Taunton, E. R. Chapman. Canadian Carbon Company, \$100,000. E. W. Hanna, T. D. Stewart, J. F. Kilgour, Brandon. McWilliams Grain Company, \$10,000. W. H. McWilliams, R. F. McMillan, C. W. Chappell. Chappell.

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British Columbia.—British Columbia Trading & Packing Company, \$100,000. Burnaby Board of Trade. Canal Flats Hotel Company, \$25,000. C. W. Stancliffe & Company, \$100,000. Golden Grove Land Company, \$100,000. Hotel Corporation, \$300,000. International Battery Company, \$150,000. International Securities, \$50,000. J. T. Herrett Company, \$10,000. London & Vancouver Investment Company, \$50,000. Pacific May-Oatway Fire Alarms, \$100,000. Peace River Company, \$500,000. Rainy River Gravel Company, \$150,000. Steamboat Central Mines, \$1,500,000. Steamer Kingsway, \$50,000. Strathcona Hotel Company, \$80,000. Unity, Limited, \$20,000. Vancouver Sand & Gravel Company, \$20,000. Vancouver Knights of Columbus Building, Association, \$50,000. Western Engine & Supply Company, \$25,000. Western Pacific Trust & Investment Company, \$500,000.

Montreal.—Mackay, \$100,000. H. Miles, C. S. Underhill, I. Donaghy, L. Boyer.

\$1,000,000. A. Surveyer, R. LeSage, J. H. McComb, \$50,000. S. W. Jacobs, A. R. Hall, G. C. Papineau-Couture. Regal

Realty Company, \$100,000. L. Boyer, Westmount; L. Gosselin, A. W. Murray, Montreal. Montreal-Midway Oil Company, \$600,000. G. L. Kavanagh, W. W. McCuaig, H. Frigon. G. H. Randall Company, \$100,000. G. H. Randall, R. J. Parker, J. E. McCoy. Robert W. Hunt & Company, \$50,000. J. W. Moffat, T. C. Irving, H. A. Clark. Canada Optical Manufacturing Company, \$150,000. J. E. Normandin, G. A. Normandin, H. R. Bisaillon. Hodgson's, \$20,000. G. W. Hodgson, G. S. McPherson, A. Sill. Canadian Carbonate Company, \$100,000. W. I. Powers, C. L. Stuart, J. C. Eaton, Lyndonville. McDonald & Willson, \$25,000. C. S. McDonald, C. H. Willson, Toronto.

BOND TENDERS INVITED.

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Information for Bond Dealers and Municipal Officials.

Sydney. C.B.—The ratepayers will vote on a Ly-law to borrow \$150,000 for permanent streets.

Harriston, Ont .- A by-law for \$35,000 for waterworks system will be submitted to the ratepayers.

Collingwood, Ont.—On January 3rd, the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to raise \$14,000 for fire hall.

Sarnia, Ont.—On January 2nd a \$1,500 5 per cent. 10-in-stalment by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers.

London, Ont.—On January 2nd the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to issue \$75,000 414 per cent. for city hall.

Rainy River, Ont.—On January 2nd, a \$4,000 5 per cent. 15-instalment by-law will be voted on by the ratepayers.

Owen Sound, Ont .- A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers at an early date to raise \$10,000 for gas depart-

Wingham, Ont .- On January 2nd the ratepayers will vote on a \$2,500 5 per cent. 20-instalment by-law for sewage pur-

Tillsonburg, Ont .- On January 2nd, the ratepayers will wote on a \$1,500 5 per cent. 30-year by-law for waterworks and fire department.

Dundas, Ont .- On January and the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to issue \$12,000 5 per cent. 30-instalment debentures for Hydro-Electric.

North Battleford, Sask .- Until December 31st tenders are invited for \$2,500 6 per cent., in ten instalments, debentures. F. Edwards, secretary-treasurer.

North Vancouver, B.C.—Until December 27th for \$13,000 20-year local improvement, and \$12,000 50-year waterworks debentures. Thos. Sheppard, city clerk.

St. Catharines, Ont.—A by-law to bonus the Kinleith Paper Company, Limited, by partial exemption from municipal

taxation for a period of ten years, will be voted on by the ratepayers on January 4th.

Owen Sound, Ont.—On January 2nd, the ratepayers will vote on the following by-laws:—\$20,000 4½ per cent. 20-years, for bridges; \$20,000 4½ per cent. 20-years for loan to Canadian Heating and Ventilating Company; \$10,000 4½ per cent. 20-years, for lighting.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA SUES BANKS.

Attorney-General Mitchell of Alberta, has entered action against three Canadian banks for payment to the province of proceeds of the bonds of the Alberta & Great Waterways Railway. Premier Sitton, as provincial treasurer, issued three cheques on the banks for the portion of the bond proceeds deposited in them respectively and payable to the account of the province in another bank. The cheques were for \$400,000, \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, with accumulated interest in each case. The cheques were presented at the local branches of the banks, where payment was refused. The cheques were then sent to protest, and the attorney-general issued writs on the banks for respective amounts indicated. Notice was at the same time served on the banks that interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum will be charged on the money until it is paid over to the province. Attorney-General Mitchell of Alberta, has entered action

APPLICATIONS TO PARLIAMENT.

The Prudential Trust Company, Limited, which has a Dominion charter, will apply to the Ontario Legislature for a license to do business in that province. Messrs. Bristol & Armour 43 King St. W., Toronto, are the company's solicitors.

Application will be made at the next session of the Quebec Legislature for the incorporation of the Quebec Life & Accident Assurance Co. This company will carry on a general life, accident and sickness insurance business. Messrs. Royl, Langlais & Moris, Quebec, are attorneys for the applicants.

plicants.

The Mount Royal Assurance Company will apply to the Quebec Legislature for an Act to amend its charter for the purpose of removing the restriction limiting its op-

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erations to Quebec province.

Application will be made at the next session of the Manitoba Legislature for an Act to incorporate a life insurance company. Messrs. Wright and Tench are the applicants' solicitors.

UNION BANK OF CANADA.

The annual statement of the Union Bank of Canada

The annual statement of the Union Bank of Canada shows profits of \$451,620.82, compared with \$407,541.16 in the previous year. With \$28,676.81 brought forward from 1909 and \$359,810 received was \$840,107.63 available for distribution.

The sum of \$500,000 was placed to the reserve fund, increasing that fund to \$2,400,000. After all appropriations bank carries foward \$80,486.43 and loss account.

The loans and bills discounted current amounted to \$30,415,915.99, overdue debts (estimated loss provided for) \$41,874.78, while call and short loans on stocks and bonds were \$5,147,552.24. During the past year thirty-seven branches or agencies of the bank have been opened throughout Canada. The capital of the bank has been fully paid up and is now equal to the total amount authorized, viz., \$4,000,000. The premium arising from the disposal of new stock was credited to the rest account.

It was decided that the capital be increased by \$4,000,000 raising the authorized capital to \$8,000,000.

The directors elected for the ensuing year were: Hon. John Sharples, Messrs. William Price, M.P., E. J. Hale, Wm. Shaw, Geo. H. Thomson, R. T. Riley, E. L. Drewry, F. E. Kenaston, John Galt, W. R. Allan and M. Bull.

At a subsequent meeting of the new board the Hon. John

M. Bull.

At a subsequent meeting of the new board the Hon. John Sharples was elected president, and Mr. Wm. Price, M.P., vice-president.

The Miramichi Pulp and Paper Company has gone into liquidation, and Mr. William Dick, of the Bank of Montreal, Chatham, has been appointed receiver. The chief owner is Mr. George Keyes, of Pepperell, Mass., who recently sold his paper mill, and the outlet for the pulp was cut off, and liquidation was decided on dation was decided on.

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WANTED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertisements under this heading will be accepted hereafter at the following rates: "Position Wanted" advs., one cent per word each insertion; "Men Wanted" advs., two cents per word each insertion; "Agencies Wanted" advs., two cents per word each insertion. A minimum charge of afty cents per insertion will be made in every case.

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NOTICE.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA. ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Royal Bank of Canada will be held at the Head Office of the Bank, in Montreal, on Thursday, the 19th day of January next. The chair will be taken at January III.

m.

By order of the Board,

E. L. PEASE,

General Manager. eleven o'clock a.m.

Montreal, December 6th, 1910.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce for the election of Directors and for other business, will be held at its Banking House in Toronto, on Tuesday, the tenth day of January next. The chair will be taken at twelve o'clock noon. ALEXANDER LAIRD

General Manager. Toronto, 2nd December, 1910.

THE WINNIPEC MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY.

Dividend No. 2.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of seven per cent. per annum on the paid up Capital of the Company, has been declared for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1910, and will be paid at the head office of the company on the 2nd day of January next.

The transfer books of the company will be closed from the 20th day of December to the 3rd day of January, 1917.

By order of the Board.

J. CRICHTON,

Managing Director.

Managing Director.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

LA ROSE CONSOLIDATED MINES COMPANY.

165 Broadway, New York, December 10, 1910.

The Board of Directors has to-day declared a regular quarterly dividend of TWO PER CENT. payable January 20, 1911 to shareholders of record as of December 31, 1910. Transfer books will close December 31, 1910 and re-open January 18, 1911.

P. C. PFEIFFER, Treasurer

NIPISSING MINES COMPANY

The Board of Directors has to-day declared a regular quarterly dividend of FIVE PER CENT. also an extra Dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. payable January 20th, 1911 to shareh Iders of record as of December 31, 1910. Transfer Books will close December 31, 1910 and re-open January 18, 1911 P. C. PFEIFFER, Treasurer

THE SHAWINICAN WATER & POWER COMPANY.

Dividend Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one per cent.

(1%) upon the paid-up capital stock of the Shawinigan Water & Power Company has been declared for the quarter ending December 21st 1970, parable Japanese 21st 1970, parable 2

ending December 31st, 1910, payable January 20th, 1911.

1st—To shareholders of record, January 7th, 1911.

2nd—To holders of fully paid-up Certificates of Subscription for New Stock, issued October 15, 1910.

The Stock Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from January 25th to January 30th, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board, W. S. HART, Secretary

Montreal, December 14th, 1910.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

Dividend No. 93.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three per cent. (being at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum) has been declared upon \$5,000,000 of the capital stock of this bank for the quarter ending December 31st, 1910, and that a dividend of two per cent. (being at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum) has been declared upon \$1,200,000 of the capital stock issued November 1st, 1910, in connection with the purchase of the assets of the Union Bank of Halifax, for the two months ending December 31st, 1910, and will be payable on and after Tuesday, the 3rd day of January next, to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 15th.

By order of the Board.

E. L. PEASE,

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Montreal, November 18th, 1910.

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The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st day of December, both days inclusive.

J. E. McELDERRY,

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Guelph, December 5th, 1910.

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Under-Secretary of State. Dated at Toronto, this 28th day of November, 1910.

Blake, Lash, Anglin & Cassels, Solicitors for Sierra Madre Paper Company, Limited.

John English, the Six Nation's Indian, has been to Judge Hardy, in the criminal court, Brantford, years in Kingston Penigentiary, for arson.

LEGAL NOTICES.

DUBLIC Notice is hereby given that under the First Part of chapter to of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, known as "The Companies Act," letters patient have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, bearing date the sind day of November, 1910. Incorporating James Steller Loveli, accountant; William Bais, book-keeper; Robert Goul of Levis of Toronto, in the Province Product of the Company of the C

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 24th day of November, 1910.

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At Peterborough, Ont., Mr. Joseph Wilson, of Apsley, is on trial before Judge Huyche, on a charge of incendiarism. He has pleaded not guilty to the charge of setting fire to the barn of Mr. Edward McFadden, of Apsley, on June 4th. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

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- "Canada's Financial Position Abroad," by Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Lord High Commissioner for Canada.
- "The Outlook for Canadian Financing in 1911," by Sir Edgar Speyer, head of the International Banking House of Speyer & Company, London.
- "Some Western Anomalies," by William Whyte, Vice-President of The Canadian Pacific Railway.
- "The Future of The Maritime Steel and Coal Industries," by Mr. J. H. Plummer, President of The Dominion Steel Corporation.
- "Some Light on The Flour Milling Industry," by Mr. Robert Meighen, President, Lake of the Woods Milling Company.
- "The Trade of Canada," by Mr. E. B. Greenshields, Greenshields Limited, Montreal.
- "Our New Population; A Study of the British, European and American Influx into Canada," by Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Commissioner of Immigration for the Dominion of Canada.
- "The Future of the Dairying Industry," by Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Dominion Dairy Commissioner
- "The Industrial and Agricultural Position of Quebec," by Hon. J. Edward Caron, Minister of Agriculture.
- "What the Mining Industry Means to Canada," by Mr. S. H. Logan, Manager of The Canadian Bank of Commerce at Cobalt.
- "Ontario's Agricultural Output and Its Relation to the Rest of Canada," by Mr. Norman P. Lambert.
- "What the Western Crop Means," by Mr. A. E. Boyle, Western Representative of The Globe.
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Prices on Canadian Exchanger compared for convenience withose of a year ago.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Application will be made at the next session of the Parliament of Canada by the Western Central Railway Company (incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of Ontario) for an Act declaring its undertaking to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and authorizing an extension of time for constructing its railway; the issue of its securities in proportion to its length of railway constructed or under contract to be constructed; the guarantee by it of the securities of other companies; the use, lease and operating by it of municipally-owned railways, and the extension of its powers to lines of railway acquired by it.

And providing that its electric railway authorized to be

constructed from Toronto to London, with branches to Strat-ford, Woodstock and Wellesley in the said province may be extended from London to Windsor in the same province and connecting therewith that ferries may be maintained across the Detroit River.
Mowat, Langton & Maclennan,

Solicitors for the Company.

Toronto, 10th November, 1910.

The fire at Cotterell's warehouse in Vancouver unquestionably demonstrates the fallacy of erecting a slow-burning or mill construction building, leaving the vertical (elevator and stairway) openings untrapped. The building was four storey and basement, 62 feet x 124 feet; basement floor concrete, and all the others double 2 in. x 5 in., laid flat with joints broken. All post joists and girders were heavy timbers resting on ledged side walls, and consequently self-releasing. The centre joists between heavy stringers were resting upon iron stirrups. The elevator was placed near to the centre of the building, operated by electricity, open from basement to top. The stairway adjoined the west wall almost midway in the building also unprotected at each floor. The building was used for public warehouse purposes with varying storage therein. The fire probably originated on the grade floor or the second one near the vertical openings, and was carried fiercely from there up the shafts to the upper floors. The result was that the roof pierced, and vent being thus obtained, it became a toating furnace, and the heavy flooring of three floors, including the roof, collapsed, and a portion of the westerly brick wall and also a part of north wall received considerable damage and will require to be re-constructed in part. structed in part.

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DIVIDEND NOTICES.

THE CANADA LANDED AND NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

DIVIDEND NO. 99.

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 declared 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, 1911.

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 Toronto Street, in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, the first day of February, 1911, at eleven o'clock forenoon, to receive the report of the Directors, for the election of Directors, and for other purposes. for other purposes.

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

Toronto, November 23rd, 1910.

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As usual Goldie & McCulloch Fire Proof Safes have demonstrated the fact that they are all that is claimed for them, namely, Absolutely Fire Proof. This has been proven repeatedly in all of the Great Fires which have taken place in Canada

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Frank S. Blair, Samuel Laughlin, Edward Sullivan, H. E. Berry,

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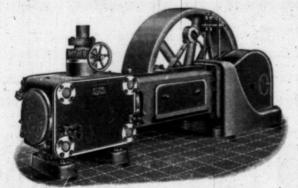
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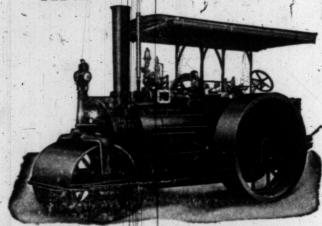
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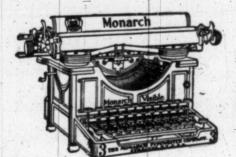
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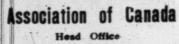
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