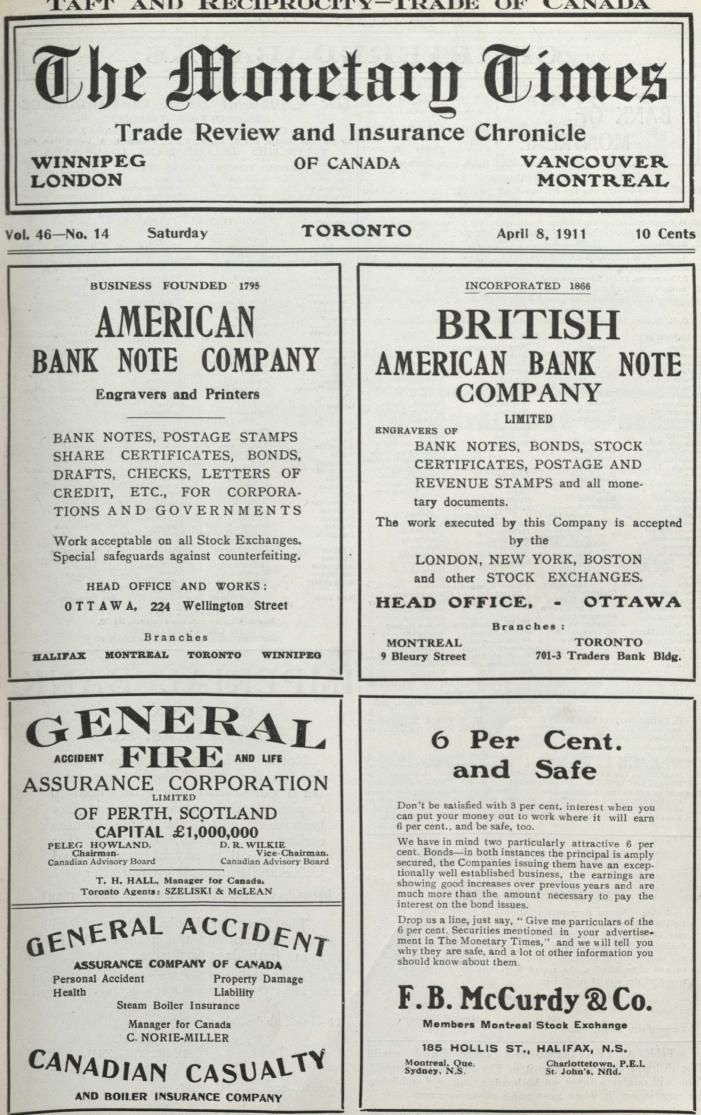
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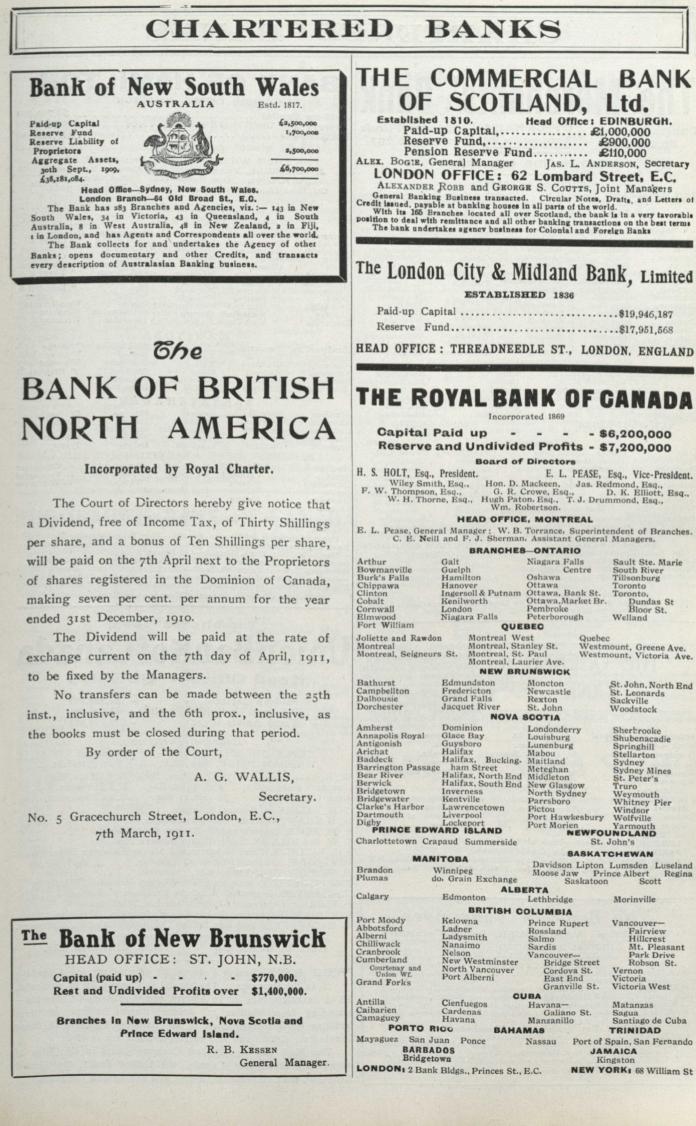
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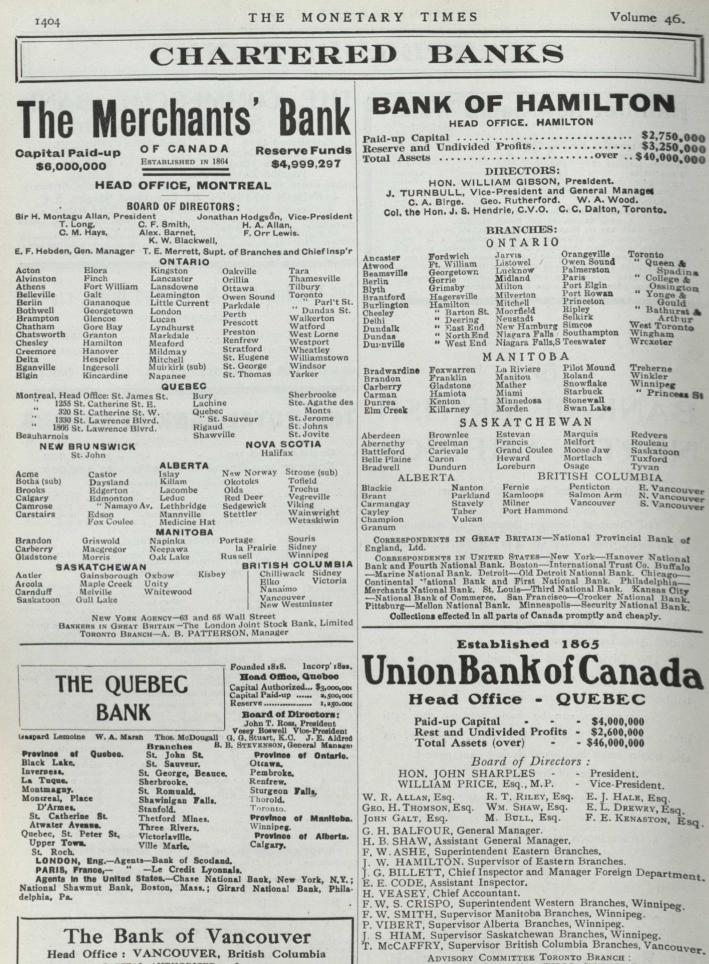
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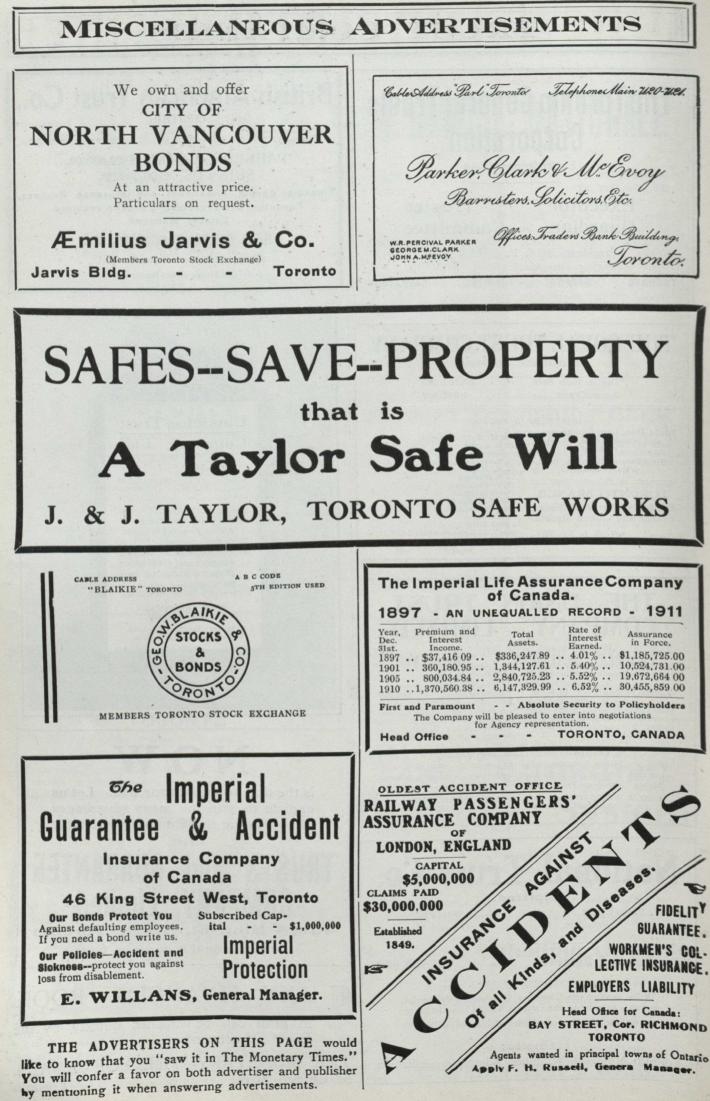
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If Canada needs conservative optimism respecting its possibilities there is ample to be found in the report on trade in Canada written by Mr. Richard Grigg, the British Trade Commissioner in the Dominion, and published last week as a blue book by the Imperial Government. The British authorities are less inclined than any to lend themselves to the publication of statements other than a mere presentation of facts and officially worded opinions. The present report is a pleasing exception, and it is gratifying to note that the Imperial authorities are the sponsors of such an admirable document.

In a chapter on transportation Mr. Grigg remarks that to all industrial centres, facilities for transportation and intercommunication are as vital as is the nerve system to the animate body. The peculiarity of the sidered at the coming Imperial conference in London. Canadian system, he says, is its dependence upon what is commonly called through transportation. Local facilities over wide sections of the country only come into being through their connection with the transcontinental movement, and the great arteries of communication and forward along the whole line of manufacture between the transcontinental railroads of Canada assume an importance in the economic structure of the country hardly inferior to the industrial system of Europe. After dealing that arises from its geographical situation, the close in detail with our rail and water transportation systems, social intercourse and mutual acquaintance existing be-

Canadian wheat. It is true, he says, that it has been freely said of recent years (and the statement has been publicly endorsed by so high an authority as Mr. J. J. Hill, the president of the Great Northern Railway) that the rapid increase of the consumption of wheat in the United States will soon prevent that country from having any wheat to export. But the present relative shortage of the world's wheat supply, the high prices of the last few years, and the very heavy volume of recent exports, seem to render it certain that for some time to come the export of wheat from the United States will play no inconsiderable part in the economy of the Republic. If this opinion is well founded, it is clear that the development of any Canadian trade route which will carry a large portion of the American wheat to Europe will be fraught with far-reaching consequences for British and colonial shipping. The Monetary Times understands that the subject of the shipping combines will be con-

As Mr. Grigg's report covers the period from July 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1910, there is practically no reference to the proposed reciprocity treaty. He deals, however, with the keen and unremitting struggle going the British and American competitors for the trade of Canada. The United States enjoys the initial advantage the writer adds that under present circumstances the tween large sections of its people and those of Canada, routes offer competitive facilities for the shipment of and the readiness and cheapness of communication natural between two countries contiguous across their entire breadth. The United Kingdom, on the other hand, has on its side the very considerable advantage of preferential customs duties, established some thirteen years ago. It enjoys the benefit of the long standing and almost historic connection existing in certain lines of manufacture between the British producer and the Canadian consumer, and the high reputation for excellence of quality and workmanship which many generations of honest dealings have given, the world over, to the products of British industry. As a result of these conflicting forces, the honors of the struggle are at the present moment divided, not perhaps evenly, but at any rate in such a proportion as to show that the contest is by no means settled in either direction, and the balance may be turned to either side by superior efforts and greater efficiency of one competitor or the other. The victory must ultimately lie, he thinks (in regard to all lines of goods in which they are on a really competitive basis), with those who best understand the conditions of the country; who can expand their business to meet the rapidly altering conditions of the Canadian market; who can foresee the directions in which a forward policy of organization and advertisement may secure in advance markets of vital importance for the trade of coming years.

He does not mean here to imply that the promotion of closer trade between Canada and Great Britain rust depend solely on the efforts of the British producer. It is obvious that a certain responsibility rests also upon the merchants and the community at large in the Dominion. If British trade with Canada is to increase until it occupies the position a true conception of Imperial interests seems to demand, it is necessary that from the Canadian side every opportunity should be afforded which equitable legislation and a sympathetic public opinion can offer. It is, therefore, incorrect to speak as if the problem before us were one which the unaided efforts of the British trader could solve. It must be remembered, especially in Canada, where there is a tendency to complain of the conservative methods of the British producer, that at the present time very strenuous efforts are being made in financial and industrial circles in the United States to control, and, indeed, to dominate, not only the trade, but the whole commercial life of the Dominion.

If these efforts are to be combatted, they cannot be done merely by arousing the British merchant to greater efforts, but it must depend to some extent upon the amount of co-operation afforded him by the importers and consumers of the Dominion.

Of the various factors which may aid the interpretation of trade statistics, not the least important consideration, thinks Mr. Grigg, is that of the investment of capital. It cannot be doubted that invested capital and import trade tend to run in the same channels. Investment, whether it takes the form of purchase of securities or that of the foundation of branch manufactories, agencies, etc., establishes something more than a merely monetary connection. It necessitates, and, indeed, creates, a personal knowledge of the local circumstances of the country concerned. The lines of purchase and sale, other things being equal, tend to follow those of personal knowledge and acquaintance. Manufacturers who have come from outside the Dominion to establish industrial plants within its limits very naturally prefer to deal with those with whom they have been connected in their own country. The lines of communication thus established ramify in all directions, and opportunities for further investment and opportunities for trade that would otherwise remain unsuspected are thus brought to light. It is only reasonable, therefore, to infer that in the present struggle between the British and American competitors for the Canadian market the relative investment of capital from either country must count for much. It is true that from both these sources vast amounts of contents!

capital have poured, and are pouring, into the Dominion. Mr. Grigg quotes The Monetary Times' investigation into this subject in support of his argument. But an impartial survey of the field would seem to indicate that American capital has been more particularly directed into enterprises such as are connected with the import trade of the country. The purchase of government securities and municipal bonds, and even of the bonds and shares of the great Canadian railroads-the forms which British investment has hitherto principally taken -operates less directly and immediately to stimulate trade than the investment of capital in varying amounts over a wide range of industrial concerns, together with the establishment of branch factories and agencies of all sorts, which has been characteristic of the form of American interest in the development of Canada.

The report altogether will be of great value to Canada, having a wide circulation in Great Britain and to some extent on the Continent. It will still further attract British and foreign capital to investment in the Dominion, and stimulate general interest in the expanding Canadian markets and their possibilities. Coming from such a source, Canadians have much cause to be gratified.

SMALL CHANGE.

The incorporation of La Banque du Canada, with the majority of its stockholders resident in France, raises the question as to the possibility of collecting double liability from Canadian bank shareholders in foreign countries. While we believe there is little likelihood of any such unfortunate call being made in the case of our new bank, we do not recollect any decision of value ever having been given in this matter. It is quite possible that the first test may be made in connection with the Farmers Bank. Many of its shareholders are resident in the United States. By the Canadian Bank Act, the shareholder is accountable for double liability on his stock. Is it possible to compel payment under Canadian law by shareholders resident in foreign countries? If so, how would it be collected in the event of refusal to pay?

It is unlikely there will be a revision of the Bank Act until the next parliamentary session. No one expected the reciprocity agreement would prove so comprehensive or elicit the discussion it has done. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, stated in the House the other day that the Bank Act was one of the measures which the government had not been able to advance as had been anticipated. He still has hopes that the bill may be proceeded with, but that will depend upon the progress made by the House, which has been slow during the past few weeks. A bill will probably be introduced at a later date extending the bank charters for another year, at the expiration of which the decennial revision of the Act will be undertaken. This will entail a year's delay, but haste is an undesirable feature in such a matter as the revision of our bank legislation.

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Fire swept, smoke strewn and water drenched, New York State's magnificent \$27,000,000 Capitol stands a partial wreck by flames that started in the Assembly Library, burned away the entire west wing and did damage estimated at between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000 before the flames were declared under control. The State Library, containing 400,000 volumes, among them the most valuable genealogical works in the United States, together with relics, priceless documents, some of them dating back to 1776 and irreplaceable; the Assembly and Senate libraries, stored with thousands of volumes of law and code books, also a number of documents and manuscripts that can never be replaced, were all destroyed. And there was no insurance on buildings or contents!

TRADE OF CANADA

Is Analyzed and Reviewed in Interesting Blue Book Issued by the Imperial Government.

The Imperial Government have just issued a report on trade with Canada, written by Mr. Richard Grigg, the British Trade Commissioner to the Dominion. The Canadian market as a field for present and future British trade, says Mr. Grigg, is governed by certain conditions which give to the economic life of the Dominion a character of its own. Canada has for a decade past been undergoing, and seems destined to undergo for a considerable period a great industrial and financial ex-pansion. This phenomenon is not comparable to the mere pansion. This phenomenon is not comparable to the mere alternation of good times and bad, of inflation and restriction, the periodicity of which has been for generations past a com-monplace of economic discussion. An expanded market due to the incidental occurrence of "good times" is often a cause rather of apprehension than of confidence to the manufacturer and trader, as it suggests rapid gains and the utilization of the present without counting upon the future. The trader makes hay while the sun shines, well aware that an overcast and clouded sky may at any moment check his activities. Present opportunities he utilizes to the full, but anything in the shape of larger capital expenditure, of patient preparation for the future, of immediate sacrifice for later gains, he is disposed to regard with the utmost caution. The writer then remarks that expansion is a permanent condition of Canadian economic life. economic life.

Copious Heritage of Resources.

At the moment when the redundant population and the accumulated capital of Europe, he continues, is seeking new fields of settlement and new avenues of investment, Canada is presented to the world with a habitable territory, probably one-third as great as the whole continent of Europe, yet with a population equal only to that of London and its suburbs. The development of its transportation facilities has thrown open its great wheat area at an epoch when the increased consump-tion of wheat all the world over is raising the price of grain and augmenting the profits of agriculture. At this time when the advance of electrical science renders possible the substitution of electro-motive force in place of At the moment when the redundant population and the

At this time when the advance of electrical science renders possible the substitution of electro-motive force in place of steam, Canada is able to offer to manufacturers a wide-spread series of nature water-courses, capable of developing a force of 25,000,000 horse-power, or the equivalent of an annual con-sumption of 500,000,000 tons of coal. The forest wealth of Canada, considered in conjunction with the ravenous demands of the paper industry, seems destined to place that country in a position of supremacy, perhaps almost of control, in one of the important industries of the world. But it is unnecessary to enumerate further the copious heritage of natural resources with which the Dominion is endowed, nor is mention made of with which the Dominion is endowed, nor is mention made of them in this place merely for the sake of their spectacular aspect. The great resources of Canada and their bearing upon its present development are an object of serious consideration its present development are an object of serious consideration for all who are interested in British trade with the Dominion in any other than a temporary or restricted sense. The small trader of to-day, looking no further than his current balance sheet, may confine himself to things as they are, while the trader of larger outlook and greater capacity will do well to look chiefly to the things of to-morrow. For such a man, the comprehension of his own particular portion of Canadian trade is inadequate, unless he can supplement it with at least a con-

comprehension of his own particular portion of Canadian trade is inadequate, unless he can supplement it with at least a gen-eral view, a working theory, of the wider movement of Can-adian industrial growth. Dealing with the economic conditions of the Canadian market and particularly with the increase and distribution of population, Mr. Grigg shows that until quite recently, popula-tion tended to spread itself out upon the narrow line of east and west settlement, but it is an important characteristic of the present situation that the movement of population indicates a constant advance upon the north, and there is every in-dication that this will continue. The previous restriction of population to the southern fringe of the Dominion was rather a matter of communication than of elimate.

dication that this will continue. The previous restriction of population to the southern fringe of the Dominion was rather a matter of communication than of climate. To state with accuracy just how far the truly habitable— the agricultural and industrial—area of Canada may extend northwards would be a difficult task, but a study of the clim-atic conditions of the Dominion seems to show that it is only in the centre of the continent that the extreme rigors of winter and the relative infertility of the soil need confine industrial and agricultural settlement to a narrow area. Speaking of Northern Ontario, Mr. Grigg quotes the engi-neers of the National Transcontinental Railway to the effect that the great clay belt lying north of the height of land above Lake Huron contains some 15,635 square miles of excellent land well suited for agricultural settlement. This estimate, moreover, refers only to land actually explored in the course of the railway surveys, and the reports referred to state that the fertile belt may cover a still greater extent of territory. In marked contrast to the western plains, Northern Ontario is a forest country, in this respect corresponding to the original character of the fertile and now closely settled provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Although such a country presents certain important ad

something of the splendid qualities of industry and courage something of the splendid qualities of industry and courage exhibited during the last generation in converting virgin for-ests into smiling homesteads by the deplorable but necessary process of burning magnificent lumber on the spot where it grew because there was not market for it. Conditions in this respect have completely changed, and the demand for timber of all kinds is now such that the cost of clearing accessible land is more than covered by the value of its timber.

In the western provinces the northward advance of settlement is very marked, and there is every indication that the construction of railway communication from Edmonton that the valleys of the Athabaska and the Peace will enable the spread of population to extend itself some 700 miles north of the American frontier. There is, indeed, ample ground for the opinion that the exploration of the resources of the hinterland of Quebec, of New Ontario and of Northern Alberta will offer flow of capital and population towards the Dominion.

If we are willing to admit the dominance of the economic motive, there is good reason to suppose that within the next decade a constantly increasing proportion of this migration will direct itself towards Canada. It has already been said that the prospect of free land constitutes one or the strongest that the prospect of free land constitutes one of the strongest motive forces of migration. This motive in the case of immi-grants to the United States is rapidly disappearing. It is true that the system of homestead grants still exists in the Republic, but the quantity of available land suitable for agri-cultural settlement that still remains to be granted is being reduced to a vanishing point.

Of the total of the Canadian import trade the United States enjoys a preponderant share, nor is this appreciably declining. In the five years, 1901-5, the share of the United States averages 59.07 per cent., and in the five years, 1906-10, it stood at 59.0 per cent. But if from the general field of importation we eliminate all the different classes of articles which for one reason or another can hardly be said to be on a competitive basis, we find a different result. The British share of the actual competitive trade has stood during the past five years at from 35.8 per cent. to 38 per cent, and shows no sign of declining. It is specially to be noticed that in the portion of the competitive trade liable to customs duties, which includes the general field of manufactured goods, the British share is even larger. During the five years in question, it runs from 40.6 to 41.4 per cent, and seems to be increasing. It appears to be only a fair inference to conclude that the preferential tariff, which has no application to goods of free import, is a contributory factor to this result. Although British trade with Canada in manufactured goods may thus he said to be holding its own, and even gain-Of the total of the Canadian import trade the United

Although British trade with Canada in manufactured goods may thus be said to be holding its own, and even gain-ing ground against its American rivals, there are various lines of goods in which this is not the case. Where this is the case, it is not usually to be attributed to the lack of quality of British goods, but to the failure to adapt them specially for the Can-olian market and to much the sale of them by these encryption adian market, and to push the sale of them by those energetic adian market, and to push the sale of them by those energetic methods of advertisement and personal contact in which cer-tain of Great Britain's rivals excel. With a somewhat closer attention to methods of sale, and to the particular require-ments of the market, there is no reason why the British trader should not share the field at least in equal proportions with the American.

Attention may here be directed to the fact that the whole Attention may here be directed to the fact that the whole position of trade is intimately dependent upon shipping facil-ities. No amount of preferential duty, and no alacrity on the part of the British merchant, can avail to hold the Canadian market, if the conditions and cost of shipment are such as to militate against the supply of the market from overseas. It is therefore necessary for all who are interested on both sides of the Atlantic in the maintenance and extension of British trade to see to it that occan fraight rates are bent at a point trade, to see to it that ocean freight rates are kept at a point which will not imperil the future importation of British goods. Position of France and Germany.

It may be said in general terms, says the writer, that the question of French trade with Canada is of far less interest to British producers, than is the trade of Germany with Can-ada. To a great extent France supplies special articles such

to British producers, than is the trade of Germany with Can-ada. To a great extent France supplies special articles such as wines, brandy, millinery, gloves, ribbons, perfumes, china, etc., which are either outside of the range of British production, or at any rate belong to peculiar varieties of the particular class of goods in question, in the manufacture of which France has long been pre-eminent. French trade with the Dominion, there-fore, owes its extent to the natural demand for the special articles in question rather than to any special efforts or methods of business such as those by which the German producers are endeavoring to fight the British in the Canadian market. The removal of the special tariff, or surtax, which has been imposed for nearly seven years upon goods entering Can-ada from Germany, creates a new situation. It is very diffi-cult to say to what extent it will injure the position now occupied in the Canadian market by the United Kingdom. Un-doubtedly in a great many lines of goods British manufac-turers will be able to make much more favorable prices than any German competitors would be able to do; but this is not the case over the whole range of imports, and it is probable that a certain loss of trade will be inevitable. At any rate the removal of the tax will call for renewed vigilance on the part of British traders, and will make it more than ever ne-cessary for them to adapt their goods as closely as possible character of the fertile and now closely settled provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Although such a country presents certain important ad-vantages, the clearing of forests and preparing the land for cultivation involves heavy labor, and every Canadian knows

Complete Free Trade Between Canada and The United States.

This Was Offered to Canada and Refused—President Taft Tells Monetary Times Readers Why He Advocates Reciprocity—The Situation at Washington.

Washington, D.C.,

April 5th, 1911.

By Fred. W. Field.

"You may say that I am in favor of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, because I believe it would prove of benefit to both countries." This is the message given by President Taft to readers of The Monetary Times when asked to-day for an expression of opinion. "It is not reasonable," he added, "that tariff barriers, stretching 3,000 miles along the international boundary line, should be maintained between Canada and the United States."

Asked as to whether he had been correctly reported at Atlanta, Ga., as saying that the United States were willing to offer free trade to Canada, the President handed me a copy of that speech. As a matter of fact, Secretary of State Knox did propose to the Canadian ministers that complete free trade should be established between the Dominion and the Republic. The address in question was delivered by the President on March 10th, 1911, before the Southern Commercial Congress at Atlanta, Ga. "The greatest disappointment of the session," he then said, "was the failure of the Senate to follow the lead of the House in ratifying the reciprocity agreement made with Canada. Under this reciprocity agreement, the duties upon the importation of all agricultural products, including cereals, vegetables, fruits and live cattle from each country into the other are abolished, and free trade in them between the two countries is established. In addition to that, there is free trade also in fish and in rough lumber, while there are substantial reductions in iron ore, coal, meats, flour, and all secondary food products, and upon a substantial range of manufactures.

Offer Free Trade in Everything.

"When we entered upon the negotiations, I authorized the Secretary of State and his commissioners to offer free trade in everything, but this Canada could not grant us, because she has a protective system, and she was afraid of the competition of our better organized industries.

"The South is particularly interested in the fact that vegetables and cotton seed oil are both put on the free list by the removal of rather heavy duties on both. But I do not ask your support on the ground of any local advantage. I ask it because I regard this treaty, if adopted, as the beginning of a new relation between our rapidly growing neighbor on the north and ourselves which will inure greatly to the benefit of both. The conditions under which agriculture and manufactures are carried on in both countries are substantially the same, and the removal of the duties provided for in this agreement, or, indeed, the removal of all duties between the two countries if we could have it, would violate no principle that either a reasonable protectionist or a reasonable tariff reformer upholds.

"Canada is at the parting of the ways. If we now reject this opportunity to bring about closer business and trade relations and insist upon the continuance of an artificial wall between the two countries—which differ no more in conditions of labor and production than do Kentucky and Tennessee, or Georgia and Alabama—we shall throw away an opportunity for mutual benefit not likely to recur. It will be a course as blind as that which was followed by the colonies under the Articles or Confederation, when each colony taxed the imports from every other colony, a disastrous policy which was the main cause for the adoption of the present Constitution and its interstate commerce clause.

Would Cive North and South Business.

"Canada is our good neighbor. Against her alone, of all the powerful nations of the world, we have felt under no necessity to establish a navy or fortify our frontier. For nearly a hundred years, under an agreement that has attracted the admiration of all promoters of international peace, we have had no battleships and no forts between us and her. She is our natural customer; we are her natural customers. Geography and the natural laws of trade if uninterrupted by an utterly unreasonable wall would give us a north and south business of large extent, and necessarily beneficial to both. Why then should we hesitate?

"Under my promise to use my utmost efforts to secure the ratification of this agreement by Congress, I have felt it my duty upon the failure of the Senate to act, to call an extra session for the purpose of securing the ratification of the agreement. My opinion is that a majority of both Houses, disregarding party lines, will seize a great national opportunity and promptly ratify the agreement before proceeding to other business if it be deemed wise or necessary to proceed to other business. I feel confident that a test of six months of this agreement will so vindicate the wisdom of adopting it as to remove it from political discussion thereafter. I do not regard reciprocity as a matter of partisan politics. I do not regard it as a matter of sectional interest. I believe it will inure in a large measure to the benefit of the whole country."

Message Should Hasten Things.

At twelve o'clock to-day the President sent his message to Congress, now holding the extra session referred to. The text of the message is given elsewhere in these columns. It is clearly defined in President Taft's mind that the extra session has been called for the express purpose of ratifying the Canadian agreement. The presidential message probably jogged the memory of Champ Clark, the Speaker of the House, on this point, and there are signs that other reminders will not be lacking if occasion arises.

It is no secret that President Taft regards the supposed opposition to the agreement of certain agricultural interests in the United States as largely inspired by organizations which while perhaps representing the farmers to some extent, by no means utter the opinions of them all.

Farmers and Manufacturers.

President Taft was reminded of the desire of the Western Canadian farmers for more than they will obtain by the ratification of the agreement; in other words, their wish for what the President instructed his Secretary of State to offer Canada. That the chief executive of the United States thinks the Canadian farmer cannot obtain everything at once is a statement which would not prove wide of the mark.

Of the Canadian manufacturers' opposition to the treaty, President Taft by no means complains. That they know their own business best, is his opinion. He thinks, however, that complete free trade would be beneficial, and that its inauguration would mean the establishment of many new industries in Canada.

CANADIAN AGREEMENT IS THE SHUTTLECOCK

For American Political Battledores—May Not Be Introduced in the House of Representatives for a Week Yet—Politics Come First.

Washington, D.C., April 6th.

The Canadian reciprocity agreement is merely the relish; it is not the meat of the extra session of Congress which convened here on Tuesday. The chief fare is politics, the agreement is thrown in as a savour. Not that the situation was intended. President Taft is sincere in his desire to have the treaty ratified as soon as possible. The many feet of politics have stepped in and the following appears to be the position:

The President is committed to extensive tariff revision, which was generally conceded to mean a considerable grading down. This has not been done and at the last session the appointment of a permanent tariff board was defeated. The Canadian reciprocity treaty was created in the hope that it would be acceptable to all political parties, that it would not violate the general principle of protection, that it would further trade relations, and that it would be considered a part fulfilment at least of the promise of tariff revision. The agreement, as is known, came before the House of Representatives at the last session and was ratified there. The Senate failed to follow the lead of the House. The prior threat of the President to call an extra session to ratify the measure was then put into effect, despite bitter protests by some republicans.

Position of the Parties.

This week Congress has answered the special summons of the republican president. There are 228 democrats in the House, a gain of 54 over the last Congress. The republicans have 160 members, a loss of 55. In the Senate, there will be fifty republicans and 41 democrats. There is one vacancy, the Colorado Senatorship being unfilled. With one hundred and twenty-eight new representatives and sixteen new senators, the new Congress begins its active career. The proportion of strange faces is greater than has been seen at any opening of Congress for a score of years; the absence of familiar faces in the legislative halls is more marked than at any opening session since the civil war. Hale of Maine, the erstwhile Nestor of the Senate, is not there, and in his stead is Charles F. Johnson, the first democratic senator elected in Maine since 1847. This is the most radical of all the changes, perhaps, but it is indicative of the nature of the majority of them.

First Time for Sixteen Years.

The democrats being in power in the House for the first time for sixteen years, one can understand perhaps that they do not intend the republican president to have it all his own way. Therein is the basis of the present game of politics. The democrats want to put through legislation which will enable them to go before the people in 1912, in the presidential and congressional elections and in the state elections bearing upon further changes in the United States Senate, with achievements to the credit of the party. Everybody is convinced that it will take time to carry out this programme. Some hazard the guess that the session will last well into the summer and possibly near the beginning of September. The regular session is due in December.

There are expert politicians on both sides. President Taft has two years to serve yet and he will give the democrats "a run for their money." Upon the skill of the two parties will depend largely the outcome of the national elections in 1912. The democrats are playing for the presidency as well as for the complete control of both branches of Congress, the House and the Senate. On the other hand, the republicans are striving to retain the presidency and the control of the Senate, and to obtain the reclamation of the House.

William Jennings Bryan is There.

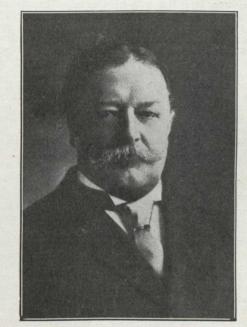
The presence of William Jennings Bryan here is significant. Three times has the Nebraskan been a democratic candidate for the presidency and some of his loyal followers think he ought to be, and should be, a candidate for the fourth time. Bryan told me a story two years ago about a nigger who was thrown out of a certain building thrice in succession. At last, the nigger arose and exclaimed sadly, "I know what's the matter; they don't want me." This anecdote the silver-tongued orator told to illustrate his feelings at that time. Things have changed since then and

the man from Nebraska is a busy outsider on the inside. Mr. Bryan is particularly interested in the success of the House democrats, as he is said to consider Champ Clark, the new Speaker of the House who created a sensation at the last session with his annexation utterances, as a most eligible man for the presidential nomination next year. Clark and Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, are now at the head of the list, although there is always the possibility that Col. W. J. Bryan may step in, exclaiming, "After me, gentleman!"

One can discern, therefore, that politics loom too large to give first place to the Canadian agreement. The democrats have ideas of introducing much general tariff legislation prior to the agreement. President Taft left me with the impression that he has other plans. The fact that the House democrats have prepared an ambitious legislative programme for the present session has not influenced the President in the slightest degree, it was said to-day. Some assert that he may use the veto power, if need be, to prevent any general revision of the tariff by the combined democrats of the House and the Senate.

Position of the President.

The intention of the democrats to go into tariff revision at this session, indicates the possibility of executive dis-



President Taft.

approval before the wind-up, although the President is careful to refrain from anything like a threat. His relations with most of the democrats of the House and Senate are personally cordial, and it is not impossible that he will be consulted somewhat freely by individual democrats as the revision of some of the schedules goes forward. If the democratic leaders are able to convince the President that their tariff propositions are soundly based, probably he will not hesitate to approve what they do. The President is known to hope for tariff commission legislation at this session to carry into effect his ideas that there should be a permanent commission. If developments indicate to him that he can get such a law through Congress he may send a special message on this subject.

To-day I was told on pretty good authority, that the Canadian rec.procity bill would be introduced in the House in about ten days and then referred to the Ways and Means Committee, of which Mr. Oscar Underwood, New York, is chairman. In the political fight, the agreement is considered a thing of beauty and joy, though not for ever, probably for some months.

From present appearances, it looks as though it will pass both in the House and in the Senate. I understand that

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AGREEMENT INTRODUCES NEW DIPLOMATIC

Methods and Principles—Mr. W. R. Lawson Makes Some Illuminating Comments on the Proposed Canadian Trade Pact.

In referring to the now famous treaty, one's first impulse is to pay a cordial tribute to the skill and speed with which it has been negotiated. In both these respects it is an object-lesson to the slow and circuitous diplomatists of the Old World. Not only is it a new kind of commercial treaty, but it introduces new diplomatic methods and principles. So says Mr. W. R. Lawson, the well-known London banker and financial writer, in his volume " Canada and the Empire," just published. Strictly speaking, he continues, it is not a specific contract between the governments of Canada and the United States, but only a mutual agreement to make certain changes in their customs tariff. It does not bind either of them to maintain these changes for any particular period. Either of them may at pleasure alter any or all of the new duties. All that could happen in such a case would be the release of both parties from the bargain. They also retain a free hand to negotiate with other governments.

The fundamental principle of the treaty is reciprocity, but a simpler kind of reciprocity than has been practised hitherto. The two governments have agreed to a free exchange of a long list of natural products. This free list forms the backbone of the treaty.

Tables Will be Turned Against Creat Britain.

The new free list will be the most keenly scrutinized, not only by the Canadians themselves, but by British readers and especially by British exporters. The question for us arising out of it is how it affects the preferences we enjoy under the existing Canadian tariff. Wherever the regular duties have been abolished in favor of the United States, the British preferences will, of course, disappear along with them. The tables will be turned, in fact, against Great Britain and in favor of the United States. But it may be that few of the articles thus freed, figure largely among British exports to Canada. Where there is little or no British competition, it will matter little to us on what terms American goods are admitted into Canada. That is the point to be tested.

The most notable of all these tariff changes are the first half-dozen (Free List, I, Specifice Duties). The sweeping away of nearly all customs duties on foodstuffs as between the United States and Canada practically imposes on the United Kingdom a similar policy. Take wheat, for example. When the Canadians have a free market for that in the United States they may gradually become independent of the British market. Even a shilling per quarter, combined with the extra cost of transportation, might turn the scale against us. As consumers of the heavier kinds of farm produce hay, potatoes, etc.—we are not in normal years brought into competition with the Americans, and consequently these remissions do not greatly concern us. We may, however, be affected by an increased American demand for Canadian frui^{*}, pou try, and dairy produce.

fruit, poultry, and dairy produce. The category of free manufactures is small and of no great consequence either as to bulk or value. But it is important as a distinct breach in the policy of British preference which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is always assuring us will be religiously maintained. With reference to large classes of iron and steel manufactures (sheets, plates, wires, etc.), Canada is now reducing us to a level with the United States. At present we have a free market in these goods, while the Americans have to pay a 5 per cent. ad valorem duty. If the Taft-Fielding treaty be adopted, the Americans will also have the free run of Canada for their iron and steel sheets, plates, etc. Fortunately the Canadian steel mills will be as much affected by this concession to the Americans as our own iron and steel works. They may be trusted to fight this concession tooth and nail, and if they succeed, our modest preference of 5 per cent. may be spared for a few years longer.

Actual Loss Damaging to British Preference.

It will be observed that there are some American manufacturers to be placed on the free list, while the corresponding British exports will still be dutiable. Brass in bars or rods imported into Canada from Great Britain will continue to pay 5 per cent. ad valorem, and British type-casting and type-setting machines will continue to pay 12½ per cent., while similar goods will be admitted free from the United States. The actual loss to us may not be great, but to the doctrine of British preference it may be damaging. Schedule B.—the list of imports on which identical duties are to be charged by both countries—further liberties appear to be taken with British preference. That list contains several large groups of manufactures in which British and American competition is pretty keen. All who are interested in

these will observe winth some concern that there is little tochoose between the Taft preferences and the British.

When the schedules are carefully and exhaustively scrutinized, many more such examples of dwindling preference may be found in them. But who is to undertake this arduous and not altogether gracious task? Will the Imperial Board of Trade, with endless data at its command, try to forecast the probable effect on our Canadian exports of this remarkable treaty? There is urgent need for trustworthy guidance in the new reciprocity movement, which, having begun so brilliantly at Washington, is sure to spread to other countries. As a preliminary step a somewhat detailed comparison of British and American exports to Canada may be useful.

of British and American exports to Canada may be useful. Less than two-thirds of the United States exports to Canada is made up of goods exceeding a million dollars a year in value. More than a third of them is below that value; in other words, it consists of a great variety of comparatively small consignments. This indicates the impossibility of applying broad political or economic maxims to such a trade. It can only be suitably dealt with by the traders themselves. If it were handed over by the academic politicions to pratical men—Chambers of Commerce among others—it would become a business problem instead of a football of party politics. One wholesome effect of the reciprocity movement may be to accelerate that transfer.

Cannot Be Preached or Lectured Away.

In the face of the Taft-Fielding and other notable conventions by which nations concede to each other's markets, it is sheer folly for the political philosopher to declaim against them. They are here, and likely to remain with us. They cannot be preached or lectured away. The more they are lectured against the more they are likely to increase. The only thing left for us to do is to decide whether we shall join in or remain outside nursing our economic selfrighteousness. Reciprocity conventions are being entered into all around us, and our academic protests seem to have no power whatever to stop them. When it is too late we may find that we have to pocket our pride and follow the new fashion.

Instead of plunging into the abstract controversies which are now raging over the question of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, let us turn to a concrete example of how such reciprocity has operated elsewhere. What President Taft aims at is doubtless something like the arrangement which is now in force between the United States and the Republic of Cuba. The Reciprocal Commercial Convention of 1903 was intended by the Americans as a model for future treaties of a similar kind, and if an agreement can be reached with Canada it will be more or less on the same lines. An authentic description of this Convention will therefore be helpful in any practical discussion of the Canadian case.

American Manufacturers Have Pull Over Competitors.

The higher preferences secured for American imports are obviously designed to give American manufacturers a pull over their British and German competitors. Some of them have also an eye to Canadian rivalry. The schedules are evidently very favorable to American exports, and all the different industries affected by them had been duly consulted in their preparation. The convention has succeeded only too well in cutting us out of Cuban markets as it was intended to do—but that was not its only object. It is a weapon which may be as easily turned against us in the West Indies and in Canada as it was in Cuba. Jamaica and every other British colony in the Gulf of Mexico have had an almost irresistible temptation dangled before them in that Cuban Convention. The knowledge that they might have for the asking all the favors thus granted to Cuba, and possibly a few more, must have been for the last seven years a somewhat severe test of their attachment to the Mother Country.

It may be questioned if the Mother Country had any right to impose such a strain on their loyalty, but there can be no question as to the danger of persisting in a suicidal policy of sheer negation. The banging, bolting, and barring of fiscal doors may seem a simple electioneering game to play, but it is not business. It looks very different at the colonial end from what it does at Westminster. And when played against smart people like the Americans and Canadians it is not so very certain to succeed as its champions suppose.

President Taft An Apostle of Reciprocity.

President Taft has now entered the field as an apostle of reciprocity, and judging by the impetuous character of his propaganda, he is not to be satisfied with small results. The Rooseveltian policies having gone out of favor, an effective substitute had to be found for them. Reciprocity

was his first, and in fact his only possible choice. He is going to concentrate himself upon it. The ultimate con-sequences may be exceedingly awkward for three different

sequences may be exceedingly awkward for three different sets of politicians—British, Canadian, and American. How Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Winston Churchill, to say nothing of the smaller fry of the Cabinet, feel toward it in their hearts can be easily imagined. For opposite reasons, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, though superior to the Cobdenite bogey, which is a nightthough superior to the Condenite bogey, which is a hight-mare to Messrs. Asquith and Company, do not welcome President Taft's abrupt intervention. It is decidedly in-opportune for them while they have their hands full of more urgent business at home. From the Canadian point of view it is also premature. They believe that every suc-ceeding year will put the Dominion in a stronger position for commercial negotiation, whether with the Country or the United States, or any other nation. Mother

Cannot be Two Supreme Fiscal Policies.

But President Taft having made up his mind to force on the reciprocity issue, it has got to come, and no Mrs. Partington, British or Canadian, will be able to hold it back. Once started, there is no knowing how far it may go. back. A Pan-American crusade may be made out of it, and if so, e may say farewell to Mr. Chamberlain's fond dream of British Imperial Zollverein. The issue should, therefore, we be boldly faced in the full extent of its future possibilities. There cannot be two supreme fiscal policies on the Ameri-There cannot be two supreme uscal poincies on the Ameri-can continent. Big as it is, it hasn't room for them. The dominant reciprocity of the future will be either British or American, but it cannot be both. Which of them it is to be will probably be definitely settled within the next five years. British statesmanship has here another chance to avert margined disinteration of the Fundier. That denger

the commercial disintegration of the Empire. That danger has already made a great advance in Canada, thanks to the pedantic refusal of the Home Government to entertain the slightest suggestion of fiscal alliance. Reciprocity, à la Taft, may soon widen beyond repair the commercial breach which has already begun between Canada and the Mother Country.

FARMERS BANK CASES.

On the charge of accepting and taking in pledge notes of the Farmers Bank of Canada, to the amount of \$50,000, contrary to Section 139 of the Bank Act, Chapter 29, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Mr. Frederick Crompton was on Statutes of Canada, 1906, Mr. Frederick Crompton was on Wednesday fined \$400, or in default, thirty days in jail with hard labor, by Judge Winchester, in the County Judge's Criminal Court. Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Mr. Cromp-ton's counsel, pointed out that his client had acted in all good faith and that, directly he learned, through the public press, that his transactions were illegal, he had returned all collateral security to the bank and taken such steps as were in his power to put thing's right. This is the second prosecution in connection with the failure of the Farmers Bank to be finally disposed of. Bank to be finally disposed of.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC MAY HAVE OPPOSITION.

Two of the big electric monopolies of the United States may oppose the Hydro-Electric system in Ontario. The Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago, capitalized at \$30,000,000, has had its engineers going over the local sit-uation in Toronto. The report is now in the hands of the leaders of the Commonwealth Company. That report will determine whether the Commonwealth people will bid against the city for the Toronto Electric Light system. The other merger is described as a holding company that controls the distribution of light and power in the various cities.

FRENCH INSURANCE COMPANY COMING TO CANADA.

The Union of Paris, France, said to be one of the strongest of the French fire insurance companies, is about to enter the Canadian field. The company was established in 1828 and has a subscribed capital of \$2,000,000, with paid-up capital of \$500,000. Its Canadian representative, with head office at Montreal, is Mr. Ferrard, who used to represent the company at Shanghai, China.

The annual convention of the International Association of Accident Underwriters is to be held July 18 to 21 at the Hotel Wentworth, near Portsmouth, N.H. And it is an-nounced by President Boyer, that the date for the meeting of the Detroit Conference has been changed from July to August 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. The meeting will be held at the Clifton Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Considerable Capital for Fishery Enterprises-Americans Are Interested in Settlers-Steamboat May Have Wildcats.

Vancouver, April 1st.

The prospect in British Columbia has been bright, but there is the usual increased wage demands on the part of trades unions. In the case of the miners operating in the coal workings in the Crow's Nest, strike has already been declared. Primarily capital is affected and development declared. hindered, but its indirect ramifications are such that many other enterprises are affected. Mine owners in the southeastern part of the province operate under difficulties at any time, and just as it was beginning to look as if a fair season was to be enjoyed, there is a probability of a coal shortage. In Vancouver there may be demands for higher wages from the carpenters, plumbers, bricklayers and other unions which have to do with building.

Notwithstanding these, the outlook is encouraging. The lumber industry is good. The building record in Vancouver for March was the best yet, even surpassing the previous high figure of November last. In New Westminster many houses are under construction and few to rent. The \$100,coo worth of permits issued in March was mostly for residences. In Victoria, an increase is noted in the figures of civic statistics. Up the coast, with the construction on the Grand Trunk Pacific, the prospect is good, there being also activity in mining and timber on Queen Charlotte Islands. Hope is busy, while Ashcroft and Kamloops are expecting the best year yet. At Quesnel, on the road to Fort George, building operations are active, and old landmarks are being replaced by modern buildings. Two banks are getting into new quarters there. The Northern Crown is already occupying new premises, and the contract has been let for the building for the Bank of British North America. A Vancouver company, active let for the building for the Bank of British North America. A Vancouver company, active in land deals in the northern interior, is reported to have purchased an extensive acreage at Tete Jaune Cache, and a local man is getting ready to start a newspaper in that district.

Capital for Fisheries.

Considerable capital is being invested in fishery enter-ses. Messrs. Bell, Irving & Company, of Vancouver, prises. already largely interested in salmon canneries, are erecting another on Seymour Inlet. The Wallace Fisheries Company is establishing a cannery and cold storage accommodation at Quatsino, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, to handle salmon, halibut, cod and herring, and has also bought a cannery on Barclay Sound, also on the west coast, in connection with which a cold storage plant will be installed. The Canadian North Pacific Fisheries is establishing a fishing industry at Kyuquot Sound, which will be in addition to its large whaling enterprise in Esperanza and Nootka Sound.

Mr. R. Marpole, western executive agent of the Cana-dian Pacific Railway, who has returned from a trip to Europe, says that a large number of settlers will come to take up land in the irrigated portion of Alberta and other parts of that province as well as in British Columbia. Nearly all will have some capital. This means that they will be of at least a good average class and moreover will have the money to establish themselves in business or to improve their land holdings. The Canadian Pacific Railway will proceed with an enterprising policy in regard to its railway construction and improvement of land adjacent to Vancouver city. Quatsino may be an ocean port, docking the Empresses there and rushing transpacific passengers, mail and freight by train to Nanoose, thence by fast ferry to Van-couver. Rumor of this route arises because of the competitive short route of the Grand Trunk Pacific via Prince Rupert.

Enterprising Americans keep an eye on the settlers that come to western Canada. A land company representative arrived in Vancouver this week, and his work will be to interest people to take land in the Sacramento valley of Interest people to take land in the Sacramento valley of California. Two thousand acres have been secured there, irrigation works installed, and everything in readiness for the settler. An effort will be made to reach some of the newcomers here and possibly some of the residents. The representative told The Monetary Times that con-ditions in the south were not of the best at present. Busi-

ness is rather quiet, and it is expected that it will so continue for some months.

A miner from Steamboat states that the whole district is heing staked. Wildcats are now being looked for. Public criticism has already been made of the prospectus of one company offering for sale stock in a concern to operate in this camp.

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CANADIAN ACREEMENT IS THE SHUTTLECOCK.

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56 senators have promised their votes in favor of it. But there is also a possibility that enough sparks will fall from the political anvil to make the position sufficiently acute for the Senate to repeat its action at the last session and fail

to ratify the bill. It has certainly provided new material for American politicians. The democrats will not rest on the laurels they have won in the House. Their position is well expressed in the telegram sent to President Taft's new secretary, Mr. Charles Dewey Hilles, by an Ohio lady admirer :-- "Don't rest on your laurels. They are fine on your forehead but they make a mighty poor mattress." -F. W. F.

President Taft's Message

"I transmitted to the S.xty-first Congress,

on January 26th, last, the text of the reciprocal trade agreement which had been negotiated under my direction by the Secretary of State with the representatives of the Dominion of Canada. This agreement was the consummation of earnest efforts, extending over a period of nearly a year, on the part of both governments to effect a trade arrangement which, supplementing as it did the amicable settle-ment of various questions of a diplomatic and political character that had been reached, would mutu-ally promote commerce and would strengthen the friendly relations now existing.

Purely Economic and Commercial.

"The agreement in its intent and in its terms purely economic and commercial. While the was purely economic and commercial. While the general subject was under discussion by the commissioners 1 felt assured that the sentiment of the people of the United States was such that they would welcome a measure which would result in the increase of trade on both sides of the boundary line, would open up the reserve productive resources of Canada to the great mass of our own consumers on advantageous conditions, and at the same time offer a broader outlet for the excess products of our farms and many of our industries. Details regarding a negotiation of this kind necessarily could not be made public while the conferences were pending. When, however, the full text of the agreement with the accompanying correspondence and date explain-ing both its purpose and its scope become known to the people through the message transmitted to Congress, it was immediately apparent that the ripened fruits of the careful labors of the commissioners met with widespread approval. This approval has been strengthened by further consideration of the terms of the agreement in all their particulars. The volume of support which has developed shows that its broadly national scope is fully appreciated and is responsive to the popular will.

"The House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Congress after the full text of the arrangement with all the details in regard to the different provisions had been before it, as they were before the American people, passed a bill confirming the agreement as negotiated and as transmitted to Congress. This measure failed of action in the Senate.

Incorporates First Message,

"In my transmitting message of the 26th of January I fully set forth the character of the agreement and emphasized its appropriateness and necessity as a response to the mutual needs of the people of the two countries, as well as its common advantages. I now lay that message and the reciprocal trade agreement, as integrally part of the present message, be-fore the Sixty-second Congress, and again invite earnest attention to the conditions therein expressed.

"I am constrained in deference to popular sentiment and with a realizing sense of my duty to the great masses of our people whose welfare is involved, to urge upon your consideration early action on this agreement. In concluding the negotiations the representatives of the two countries bound themselves to use their utmost efforts to bring about the tariff changes provided for in the agreement by con-current legislation at Washington and Ottawa. I have felt it my duty, therefore, not to acquiesce in relegation of action until the opening of the Congress in December, but to use my constitutional prerogative and convoke the Sixty-second Congress in extra session in order that there shall be no break of continuity in considering and acting upon this most important subject. "WILLIAM H. TAFT.

"The White House, April 5th, 1911."

CANADA IS PROSPEROUS.

Budget of Finance Minister Shows Surplus of \$30,500,-000-Bounty on Steel Rails Not to be Renewed.

The main feature of the budget speech was the announcement by the Finance Minister of a surplus of \$30,500,000 for the year just closed. The total revenue for the year he placed at \$117,500,000 and the expenditure at \$87,000,000.

In addition to the expenditure on current account, the government spent on capital and special account \$35,500,000. Subtracting the surplus and \$1,000,000 of sinking funds, the net addition to the debt of Canada during the year was \$3,900,000. This capital expenditure included \$24,000,000 on the National Transcontinental.

The chief part of the iron and steel bounties expired on December 31st last. The bounties on wire rods expire on July 1st next. There is no intention on the part of the government of renewing them.

The budget speech of the Finance Minister, Hon. Mr. Fielding, shows the progress and prosperity which Canada has now enjoyed for a long period.

The estimated expenditure chargeable to income for 1909-10 was \$\$1,000,000. The actual expenditure of the year 1909-10 was \$51,000,000. The actual expenditure of the year was \$79,411,747, or \$1,588,253 less than the estimates, and \$4,652,485 less than the expenditure chargeable to income during the preceding year. The surplus estimated for the

year was \$16,500,000; but with a large increase of revenue and a substantial diminution of expenditure, the surplus naturally grew to a larger figure, and instead of it being the sum counted on, the actual surplus of the year was \$22,-091,963, which was a record surplus for the Dominion.

In the year 1909-1910 there was expended \$35,971,911.94, on what is called capital and special account. Nearly two-thirds was provided out of the revenue. The balance added to the debt was \$12,338,267.16.

Comparison of Revenues of Past Two Years.

Mr. Fielding read a comparative statement of revenue by sources for 1909-10, and 1910-11, as follows:

Customs Excise Post Office Dominion Lands Railways Miscellaneous	15,253,000 7,958,000 2,885,000 9,647,000	1910-11. \$72,704,000 16,651,000 8,642,000 3,023,000 10,368,000
Miscellaneous	5,602,000	3,276,000

Total\$101,503,000

\$114,666,000

"We estimate," said Mr. Fielding, "that when the accounts are closed the revenue for the year 1910-11, will reach \$117,500,000; and the expenditure chargeable to consolidated fund to the 31st of March, is \$75,590,195. We estimate that when the accounts are closed the expenditure of the year revenues the tax consolidated fund will be \$87,000,000. The chargeable to consolidated fund will be \$87,000,000. The naval service might properly also be charged to income. On those accounts we have for the militia, \$1,289,644, and

for Dominion lands, \$936,971, formerly charged to capital, now included in the income charges."

Announces Surplus of Over Thirty Millions.

The estimated revenue for the year ending 31st March, 1911, is placed at \$117,500,000. The estimated expenditure chargeable to Consolidated Fund will be \$87,000,000, and this will give a surplus of revenue over the ordinary expendof the government of \$30,500,000.

iture of the government of \$30,500,000. The debt of the country shows there is every reason to be gratified and no reason to be alarmed. The net debt of Canada on the 31st March, 1910, was \$336,268,546.33. The estimated increase of debt for 1910-11, is \$3,900,000, which would make an estimated net debt at March 31st, 1911, of \$340,168,546.33. A statement beginning with the year 1891 and showing for that year and for the twenty years succeed-ing the population and net debt with the net debt per capita is: 1891, \$49.09 per capita; 1896, \$50.82; 1901, \$49.59; 1906, \$42.23; 1911, \$43.69. is:

Canada Young and Growing.

Canada Young and Growing. "Thus," Mr. Fielding went on, "it will be seen that while, in a young and growing country like Canada, there must be from time to time some additions to the public debt, the additions in our case have been very moderate, and, when considered in proportion to the population of the country, seem to be still more moderate. Twenty years ago, it would have taken six years' revenue to pay the net debt; ten years ago it would have taken five years' revenue to pay the net debt; to-day less than three years' revenue would pay the whole net debt of Canada." The Finance Minister next presented a statement of the loan operations during the year.

The Finance Minister next presented a statement of the loan operations during the year. Since the date of the last budget speech (December, 1909), large obligations of the Dominion have matured and been dealt with. On the 1st of January, 1910, the 4 per cent. reduced loan of 1885 for £6,443,136.29, or \$31,356,595.88, matured and was dealt with as follows:

\$11,915,343.35 redeemed in cash; \$8,990,771.45 converted into 3½ per cent. loan 1930-50; \$9,603,597.84 held in its own sinking funds and cancelled; \$846,883.24 held in investment account and cancelled.

No Temporary Loan Outstanding.

Of this loan a large portion was redeemed in cash, a

portion converted, and a portion was redeemed in cash, a portion converted, and a portion cancelled through the oper-ation of the sinking funds. There was also matured and paid off on the 1st Febru-ary, 1910, $\pounds_{1,000,000}$ of Treasury Bills. Notice has been given that on the 1st July, 1910, the 4 per cent. loan of 1885 for $\pounds_{4,000,000}$ would be redeemed. This was a loan issued in the year 1885 at 4 per cent. redeemable between in the year 1885 at 4 per cent., redeemable between 1910 and

in the year 1005 at 4 per cent., redeemable between 1910 and 1935, on the government giving six months' notice. On the 1st October, 1910, the £1,500,000 of the 4 per cent. loan of 1875-8, guaranteed by the Imperial Government, fell due. To provide for this maturity and also for the purpose of meeting £3,500,000 Treasury Bills, due 1st July, 1910, an issue of £5,000,000 3½ per cent. stock, redeemable on the 1st July 1050 with oution to redeem at set

1910, an issue of $\pm 5,000,000$ $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. stock, redeemable on the 1st July, 1950, with option to redeem at par on or after the 1st July, 1930, on giving six months' notice, was effected at $99\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the 5th May last. The next maturity to be dealt with is the balance out-standing of the 4 per cent. loan of 1874. This was a loan of $\pm 4,000,000$ issued in 1874. A part of it was paid off and the balance, $\pm 2,500,000$, was extended to the 1st May, 1907. In April 1007, a further offer to extend the balance outstand April, 1907, a further offer to extend the balance outstand-April, 1907, a further offer to extend the balance outstand-ing for four years, or to the 1st May, 1911, was given with the option to convert into 3 per cent. stock. This option expires on the 30th April, 1911. The amount of the loan so far not converted, is £1,635,958. This outstanding amount will be paid off in cash on the 1st May next. There is to-day no temporary loan of any kind out-

standing.

Will Attach Sinking Funds to Loans.

In the earlier history of the Dominion it was the prac-to attach sinking funds to all the loans. With the extice to attach sinking funds to all the loans. tice to attach sinking funds to all the loans. With the ex-ception of one small loan there was a sinking fund attached in these earlier years. But after the year 1885 that policy was changed, sinking funds were abolished, and from that time on for many years no sinking funds were attached to the loans. As these old loans matured the sinking fund at-tached to each was found the most convenient and advantageous thing, and as a result of consideration of the question of re-establishing the sinking fund system, sinking question of re-establishing the shiring fund system, shiring funds are attached to recent loans. In the olden times the sinking fund was one-half per cent., except in the case of the Imperial Guarantee loan, when it was one per cent. In July, 1909, there was issued a loan of $\pounds 6,500,000$ 3½ per cent. stock, and to that was attached a sinking fund of one-half of one per cent. The government extended that sinking half of one per cent. half of one per cent. The government extended that sinking fund to two previous issues of the same class, one of $\pounds_{3,-000,000}$ issued February, 1908, and another of $\pounds_{5,000,000}$ issued October, 1908. Both of these being of the same class as the loan of 1909, 3½ per cent. stock at 90.35. The govern-ment have thus fourteen and a half million pounds sterling

of recent loans, which have been brought under the opera-tion of sinking funds and the additional amount put into the sinking fund by reason of this change, now stands at \$695,024.

Iron and Steel Bounties.

The bounty system, said Mr. Fielding, dated back to 1883. In the session of 1883 the first bounty legislation, with regard to iron and steel was passed.

The bounties on pig iron, steel and puddled bars ired on December 31st. There is an exception expired on December 31st. to that in the case of iron produced from Canadian ore by the process of electric smelting. It was provided when the last extension of bounties occurred, that as respects that particular form of industry, the bounty should be extended to the 31st December, 1912. So far no operations have been carried on under that provision.

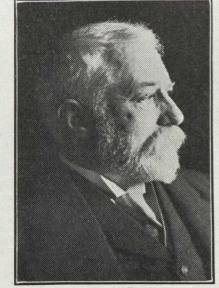
The bounty on rolled round wire rods which has been carried on, expires on the 1st July, 1911. The provisions of the present statute giving a bounty of 75 cents per 100 lbs. on lead contained in lead-bearing ores mined in Canada, were extended to the 30th June, 1913, the amount of the bounty having reached \$500,000 up to the end of the present year.

Since the inception of the bounty system in 1884, to the 31st March last, the total sum paid in bouncies has amounted to \$21,031,700.

Dominion Makes Considerable Progress.

Considerable progress has been made in the trade and financial affairs of the Dominion as will be seen from the following statement :-

	Total Imports	Total Exports	Total
Year.	into Canada.	from Canada.	Trade.
1900	\$189,622,513	\$191,984,723	\$381,517,236
1905	266,834,417	203,316,872	470,151,289
1910	418,730,764	309,682,431	728,413,195



Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Total Trade With Great Britain.

Total Trade with

	Imports (Home consumption coin and bullion	Exports (Produce of Canada coin and bu'lion	Great Britain 'Imports, Home Consump. and Exp'ts Prod. of Canada, coin and
Year.	excluded).	excluded).	Bullion excl).
1900	\$ 44,279,983	\$ 96,562,875	\$140,842,858
1905	60,342,704	97,114,867	157,457,571
1910	101,068,534	145,505,186	246,573,720

We are getting capital in abundance, said Mr. Fielding. Population and capital are the two things that a new and growing country need, and the country has every reason to be satisfied with its condition in this respect.

"Let Well Enough Alone."

"Let well enough alone," has never been the motto of the Dominion of Canada. In all times past, even when we have had a prosperous condition of affairs, when my predecessors in office were able to make statements perhaps hardly so rosy as that which it is my pleasure to make, but nevertheless hopeful and encouraging statements, when they had that condition they were not content to let well enough alone, and why should they preach that doctrine to us to-day? If we are to adopt that policy let us abolish our steam-(Continued on Page 1420.)

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

that Act Deprives Employer of Property.

The compulsory workmen's compensation law passed by the New York Legislature last year, which provides compen-sation to workmen injured in certain specified dangerous emsation to workmen injured in certain specified dangerous em-ployments, although such injury occurred through no fault of the employer and solely through the negligence of the work-man, has been declared unconstitutional by the Court of Ap-peals. The Court holds that the Act deprives the employer of his property without due process of law in violation of the constitution constitution.

The rule which prevailed in New York State before the enactment of the statute was that the employer of labor in enactment of the statute was that the employer of labor in any occupation was not liable for accidents or injuries to his workmen unless they were due to some fault or negligence on the part of the employer and at the same time the workman was shown to be free from fault or negligence on his part contributing to the accident. The new statute made a very dial chorge in the large here protecting root only in radical change in the law heretofore prevailing, not only in this State, but generally throughout the country.

Change in the Law.

"There can be no doubt that all of the occupations enumerated in the statute are more or less inherently dangerous to a degree which justifies such legislative regulation as is pro-perly within the scope of the police power, and therefore the perly within the scope of the police power, and therefore the classification of dangerous occupations adopted by the Legis-lature is not open to criticism," says the opinion. With refer-ence, however, to the change in the law by which the employer is made liable for injuries resulting from the risk of the business without his fault, the Court takes a different view, and holds that the Act in this respect deprives the employer of his property without due process of law in violation of the fourteenth amendment of the Federal Constitution, and article 1, section 6 of the State Constitution. Judge Werner says: "The right of property rests not upon philosophical or scientific speculations nor upon the commendable impulses of benevolence or charity, nor yet upon the dictates of natural

scientific speculations nor upon the commendable impulses of benevolence or charity, nor yet upon the dictates of natural justice. The right has its foundation in the fundamental law. That can be changed by the people but not by legislators. Law as used in this sense means the basic law and not the very act of legislation which deprives the citizen of his rights, privileges or property. Any other view would lead to the ab-surdity that the constitution protects only those rights which the legislature do not take away the legislatures do not take away.

No Private Right is Safe.

"If such economic and sociological arguments as are here "If such economic and sociological arguments as are here advanced in support of this statute can be allowed to subvert the fundamental idea of property, then there is no private right entirely safe, because there is no limitation upon the absolute discussion of legislatures, and the guarantees of the constitution are a mere waste of words. "If it is competent to impose upon an employer who has

"If it is competent to impose upon an employer who has omitted no legal duty and has committed no wrong, a liability based solely upon a legislative fiat that his business is in-herently dangerous, it is equally competent to visit upon him a special tax for the support of hospitals and other charitable institutions, upon the theory that they are devoted largely to the alleviation of ills primarily due to his business."

Liability Based on Nature of Employment.

Lability Based on Nature of Employment. This contention that the law is valid because the Legisla-ture is given the power to alter or repeal corporate charters, is disposed of as follows: "It is true that the defendant in the case at bar is a railroad corporation, but the Act applies to eight enumerated occupations or industries without remark to the character of the employers. They may be corporations, firms or individuals. Nowhere in the Act is there any reference to corporations. The liability sought to be imposed is based upon the nature of the employment, and not upon the legal status of the employer. It employment, and not upon the legal status of the employer. It is therefore unnecessary to consider or decide how far cor-porate liability may be extended under the reserve power to alter or amend charters.''

The Dominion Railway Commission has just issued an order concerning the "delivery limits" of the express com-panies. The commission makes collection and deliveries within municipal boundaries compulsory, starting June 1st next, but it gives an opportunity to the companies to ask for relief in special cases.

Preparations are being made for the erection of a millicn-dollar cement plant at a point on the G.T.P. main line, about 120 miles west of Edmonton, where three hundred acres have been acquired for the purpose. The scheme is being promoted by Mr. A. Haynes, of Spokane. Two hunabout 120 miles west of Edmonton, where three hundred acres have been acquired for the purpose. The scheme is being promoted by Mr. A. Haynes, of Spokane. Two hun-dred and fifty thousand dollars have been subscribed by Edmonton capi'a'ists and it is expected that the majority of the remainder will come from the States. When com-pleted, the plant will have an output of 1,000 barrels per day.

MINERAL PRODUCTION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

In New York Declared Unconstitutional-Court Holds Gold Mining Shows Decrease-Comparative Coal Returns-Some Interesting Statistics.

An account of the progress of mining operations in Nova Scotia together with much statistical information is contained in the annual report of the Inspector of Mines. The mineral in the annual report of the Inspector of Mines. The mineral production for the year ended September 30, 1910 was as follows:

Mineral.	Quantity.
Coal raised (gross tons)	5,477,146
*Iron ore (net tons)	52,640
Pig iron made (net tons)	341,674
Ingots steel made (net tons)	409,663
Limestone quarried (net tons)	483,100
Patent fuel (coke) made (net tons)	493,167
Gypsum quarried (gross tons)	322,974
Building stone, quarried (net tons)	8,503
Bricks made	
Drain-pipe made (feet)	974,819
Grindstones quarried (net tons)	325
Gold bearing ore mined (net tons)	49,557
Gold produced (ounces)	10,675
Manganese ore (net tons)	25
Copper ore (net tons)	nil
Antimony concentrate (net tons)	203
Moulding sand (net tons)	180
Scheelite (net tons)	75
Sulphate of Ammonia (net tons) *Iron ore imported 705,351 net tons.	3,622

Gold Mining Shows Decrease.

The production of gold during the year was 10,675 ounces recovered from 49,557 tons of ore mined and crushed, being an average yield of \$4.09 a ton. This production shows a de-crease of 9,501 tons crushed, 1,822 ounces of gold recovered, and an increase of \$0.04 in the average yield a ton. The number of tons of ore mined is the smallest since 1894,

The number of tons of ore mined is the smallest since 1894, and the number of ounces of gold recovered the smallest since 1874. The decline in the gold mining industry must be attri-buted to, not one or two, but a combination of causes of which, insufficient capital, scarcity of good labor, past wild-catting, unintelligent direction of operations: cost of fuel and lack of prospecting take important places.

Comparative Coal Returns.

The returns of coal sold during 1910 show, compared with the returns for 1909, as follows:--

1909	1910
Nova Scotia1,769,803	1,806,999
New Brunswick 542,827	530,614
Newfoundland 156,248	176,986
Prince Edward Island 78,898	79,492
Quebec	1,786,948
United States 320,735	290,668
St. Pierre 10,235	7,504
Bunker 227,395	217,685
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Iron Ore, Gypsum, Stone and Brick.

During the year 52,640 tons of iron ore were mined in the province, an increase of 40,640 tons over the amount mined last province, an increase of 40,640 tons over the amount mined last year and 705,351 tons of iron ore were imported into the province by the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company of which 680,474 tons came from Newfoundland, 16,347 tons from the United States, 5,976 tons from Spain, 1,742 tons from Ontario and 814 tons from Sweden. The iron ore mined in the province was all from the mines of the Canada Iron Corporation, Limited, at Tor-burget brook.

brook. During 1910 322,974 tons of gypsum were quarried; this being an increase of 23,929 tons over the amount quarried dur-ing the previous year. Of the gypsum quarried 10,500 tons were used in the manufacture of gypsum products in the province, the balance was shipped to the United States. The industry employed an average of 640 men during the whole year. A total of 8,503 tons of stone for building and other purposes were quarried during the year, and an average of 30 men was employed. 21,305,500 bricks were manufactured at the different brick

21,305,500 bricks were manufactured at the different brick yards of the province during last year. This quantity is practically the same as the quantity manufactured during the previous year.

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With a view of founding a big meat packing establish-ment at Port Arthur, to cost about \$7,500,000, a party of British capitalists will visit Canada at an early date. A new route called the Grenville, is now proposed for the new Welland Canal. Government engineers have com-menced the inspection. The new Welland Canal will have 30-foot deep locks, though the canal channel will be only 25 feet deep. This plan was adopted in order to meet fu-ture requirements, as it will be easy to deepen the channel to 20 feet when necessary. The old canal will open April to 30 feet when necessary. The old canal will open April 17th.

PROVING MINING PROPERTIES.

Government Should Insist on Core Drilling of Mines Before Selling Stock to the Public.

Many impractical suggestions have lately been prepounded for curbing "wild-catting" and the entire mining and investment world is giving the matter serious consideration. Most of these suggestions have been along the line of legislation effecting the sale of securities in mining companies.

The real question is how to arrive at the value of a mining property upon which is founded a stock selling plan. Previously the only real way to prove the value of a property was by sinking a shaft or shafts upon the mineralized portion thus trying to show ore upon which a company could be legitimately capitalized.

As a rule prospectors have but little money with which to properly develop their mines, even sufficiently to warrant going to large capitalists and asking for funds with which to carry on development. The stock broker, with a view to business, saw the possibilities for financing the owners of mining properties by suggesting capitalization, offering stock for sale to the public, and thus raising working capital for the mines, incidentally collecting his commissions for his efforts. It usually takes considerable money to make a mine, and if the broker who offers the stock for sale is not successful in raising enough money by his method to equip and develop the mine, the chances are that the mine will be an absolute failure. If prospectors were always guided by the fear of failure

If prospectors were always guided by the fear of failure of the broker to finance their proposition properly, many mines that are really meritorious to-day would never have been worked at all. It has seemed in the past that many hundreds of mines had to be failures and many millions of dollars of the public's money had to be wasted in order to develop one or two good mines.

How About Core Drilling?

The advent of the diamond drill for core urilling made it possible for companies that had a modest amount of money to prospect their properties thoroughly and to prove their value before offering securities to the public to finance the development. The field of core drilling was predominated for years by the diamond drill.

With the introduction of the diamond drill into this country it was predicted it would be used for boring large holes for blasting and similar purposes, and much work of this kind was done. The gradual rise in the price of diamonds so increased the cost of drilling large holes that at the present time the expense of doing such work with a diamond bit is almost prohibitive. With the increase in the cost of diamonds various experiments were made with a substitute for the carbon and among other things it was discovered that chilled shot would do the work of diamonds and take out a larger core just as rapidly and with less cost per foot.

It was necessary for a company to have considerable capital to buy the diamond drill and do their own core drilling, as a single diamond bit of the usual size will have from seven to twelve hundred dollars worth of diamonds set in the crown and it is necessary to have two and often more bits with each machine. The element of risk in diamond drilling is one to be considered seriously, as in case a diamond bit is lost at the bottom of a hole, or through lack of water reaching the bottom while the drilling is going on, a bit might be fused into an unrecognizable mass through frictional heat, with the result of planting a thousand dollars worth of diamonds several hundred feet underground.

Government Should Insist on Core Drilling.

The perfecting of the chilled shot core has changed the situation and now makes possible a perfect method of core drilling a mineralized zone and at a cost within the reach of almost anyone. An entire shot drilling machine for taking out a core up to 3 inches in diameter to a depth of 500 feet may be purchased for a price hardly exceeding the cost of one diamond bit, and it would be feasible for the Government to insist on properties being thoroughly prospected by core drills before their owners be allowed to capitalize and offer for public subscription stock in their mines.

public subscription stock in their mines. In most formations shot drilling may be done, taking out a core of from 1½ inches to 4 inches to a depth of 500 feet or less at a cost varying from 75c. to \$2.00 per foot. These costs are not so much dependent upon the hardness of the formation as upon the solidity of it, the proximity of water and the cost of fuel. As the majority of core drill work is at an angle of less than 45 degrees from the vertical a shot drill is almost always suitable for prospecting work. For any holes at a flatter angle than 45 degrees it is still necessary to use a diamond drill.

The method by which the government could oversee the core drilling of prospective mining properties, should take the methods used in drilling an alluvial deposit before putting a gold dredger upon it. Financiers and mining experts to-day agree that gold dredging in placer ground is perhaps the safest and most legitimate mining proposition that can be offered for public subscription.

The reason is that placer ground is carefully and systematically drilled and sampled before the expensive dredges are built for working it. The method of sampling is done by marking the ground to be worked off in squares of from 25 to 100 feet, and putting drill holes down at these intersections; the drillings are then assayed or panned and an exact average of the whole block of ground clear to bed rock is taken.

After the owners have notified the government that they intend to core drill their property preliminary to offering securities for public subscription, would it not be feasible for a government representative to visit the property in question and indicate just where the company should put down their core holes to prove up their mineralized zone, making it essential that the owners put down enough core holes distributed in such a way that they would give a general average of the vein or mineralized formation at depth.

The cores thus obtained would give a perfect record of the formation penetrated and the government official could sample and assay the cores as extensively as necessary to determine the general average of the mineralized portion of the cores. Admitting that it would take an experienced mineralogist and mining engineer to properly direct this work for the protection of the public, and possibly a large corps of engineers to properly prosecute the investigation, the enormous saving to the public through guarding them from investing in worthless mining stocks would more than repay the government for the expense.

Properties Should be Developed by Shot Drills.

Admitting that in the Cobalt district there might be many narrow, pockety, but still very rich deposits that the core drill would not happen to sample properly, a dozen core holes or more penetrating an ore body at regular intervals would give a perfect sample of the general run of the ore. Engineers agree that if a vein is so pockety and changeable in value that a perfect sampling of it in different places from wall to wall does not show enough values to warrant development, the chances are that the vein is not worth developing.

wall does not show enough values to warrant development, the chances are that the vein is not worth developing. Many eminent mining engineers in the Porcupine gold district have recognized the necessity, economy, and feasibility of developing their properties by the use of shot drills, and it must surely give the public an unusual feeling of confidence to be able to know in advance of buying mining stocks in any particular property just what ore there is at the 300, 400, or 500 foot level, without having to wait for years to find out, while the company is busy sinking shafts, running drifts, and selling stock.

selling stock. Another economic advantage of the shot drill to the investing public is worth consideration. The sinking of a prospecting shaft in Porcupine involves the expenditure of from \$20 to \$40 per foot, and sometimes hundreds of feet of shafts must be sunk before the company's engineers can decide just where the main working shaft must be located to tap the greatest tonnage of workable ore. This large expenditure of money must come directly out of the treasury and out of the pockets of the investors in the stock.

Value of Property May be Proved Within Few Months.

The economy and saving in using a shot drill by which the same testing can be done at a cost of from \$1.00 to \$2.00per foot in a space of time so short, compared to that consumed by shaft sinking, prospective purchasers of mining properties may often prove to their satisfaction the value of a property within a few months.

The shot drill is one of the most economic and valuable inventions that the mining fraternity has at its command. The government should insist that owners of mines thoroughly core their properties under government inspection before selling stock to the public; the government to publish such results as are obtained which would protect the investing public from losing large sums of money in mining enterprises.—Phil H. Moore, E.M.

Mr. E. Dagg has been appointed manager of the Ames H lden Company branch at Calgary, Alta.

Mr. Andrew G. Duncanson has been admitted to partnerhip of Messrs. A. G. Austin & Company, Toronto, and after April 1st, the firm's name will be changed to Messrs. Austin, Duncanson & Company.

Mr. C. F. Sherwood, until recently manager of the Bank Street branch, at Ottawa, of the Royal Bank of Canada, has accepted the local managership of the Travellers' Life Assurance Company of Canada with headquarters in Octawa.

Mr. W. M. Aitken, M.P., has been elected president of the Porto Rico Railways Company in place of Mr. W. B. I oss of Halifax, who resigned. Mr. Ross retains his position on the directorate, while Mr. D. E. Thomson of Toronto, assumes the position of vice-president.

In addition to the business of guarantee insurance in Canada, the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company has been licensed to transact accident, burglary, plate glass, s ckness and steam boiler insurance in the Dominion. Mr. ⁴. E. Kirkpatrick, Toronto, is the chief agent for Canada.

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 heading "Additional Information."

Loss about Stittsville, Ont .- Part of town destroyed. Origin unknown. \$30,000.

Quebec, Que .- The Laval University slightly damaged. Origin, overheated stove. Coldbrook, N.B.-Residence of Mrs. Catherine Beamish

Loss and origin unknown. destroyed.

Hamilton, Ont .- Fre.ght sheds of H., G. & B. Railway

damaged. Loss about \$100. Origin unknown. Hall, Que.—Residence of Mr. P. Daoust, Lake Street, damaged. Loss about \$100. Origin unknown. Calt, Ont.—Home of Mr. Herbert Rowley, West River

Road, destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, lamp upset. **Cuelph, Ont.**—Lumber mill owned by Mr. Geo. McAllis-ter destroyed. Loss about \$15,000. Origin unknown.

Tamworth, Ont.—Three stores and dwellings in Barrie block destroyed. Loss about \$7,000. Origin unknown. Toronto, Ont.—Two stables, 74 and 76 York Street, destroyed, also 7 horses. Loss about \$2,500. Origin un-rown known.

Morinville, Alta.—House occupied by Mr. Napoleon Meunier destroyed. Loss about \$2,000. Origin, overheated stove.

Langeburg, Sask .- Hardware store of Messrs. Denmark Origin unand Burton destroyed. Loss about \$30,000. known.

Broadview, Sask.—Elevator owned by Mr. A. R. Cal-houn destroyed also 6, coo bushels of grain. Loss and origin unknown.

Regina, Sask.—Armstrong, Smyth and Douswell block, on Scarth Street, badly damaged. Loss about \$40,000. Or-

igin unknown. Kelso, Ont.—The Miller hote!, containing 200 rooms and Bank of Ottawa, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$100,000. Origin unknown.

Arcola, Sask.—Stable, garage and automobile of Mayor R. H. Cook destroyed. Loss about \$1,200. Insurance said to be \$450. Origin unknown. Vancouver, B.C.—Shingle mill of the Pett Lumber Mills Company destroyed. Loss estimated at \$200,000. Origin, supposed hot box in machinery.

London, Ont.—Plant of Ontario Spring Bed and Mat-tress Company, York Street, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$1,500. Origin, defective chimnev. Strassburg, Sask.—Hardware store of Mr. H. B. Devine destroyed, also bowling alley of Mr. F. Martin damaged. Loss about \$31,000. Origin, supposed spontaneous combus-tion tion.

tion. Seaforth, Ont.—Scott block destroyed. The heaviest losers are: Mr. F. Holmstead, lawyer; Dr. Fisher, dentist; Messrs. Edge & Cutteridge, contractors; Mr. W. R. Smith, grocer, and Mr. Alex. Wilson, druggist and stationer. Loss about \$15,000; origin unknown. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—Mr. P. T. Hancock's tailor shop badly damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, gasoline explo-sion. Mr. Hancock injured. Oil house in Canadian Pacific Railway, varde, and to barrele oil etc. destroyed. Loss

Railway yards and 40 barrels oil, etc., destroyed. Loss unknown. Origin, spontaneous combustion. **Portage la Prairie, Man.**—Hardware store of Mr. J. O. Cadham badly damaged. Loss about \$40,000. Origin, coal oil tank overflowed. The insurance is as follows: Stock— Royal Insurance Company, \$1,000; Northern Insurance Royal Insurance Company, \$1,000; Northern Insurance Company, \$2,000; Commercial Union, \$1,000; North British company, \$2,000: Commercial Union, \$1,000; North British and Mercantile, \$1,000; North American, \$1,000; Hartford, \$2,000; Canadian, \$1,000: General, \$1,000; Western Can-ada, \$1,000; Commercial Union, \$3,000; Northern, \$1,000; Phoenix, \$2,000; total, \$17,000. Building—Manitoba, \$2,000; Canada Fire, \$2,000; Yorkshire, \$1,000; Commercial Union, \$2,000; North British and Mercantile, \$1,000; Mani-toba, \$300; total, \$8,300. Fixtures—Manitoba, \$700; Home, %2,000; total, \$2,000; grand total, \$28,200. The figures are \$1,500; total, \$2,200; grand total, \$28,200. The figures are subject to revision.

Montreal, Que.-Home of Mr. Joseph Roy, 8 St. Eliza-beth Street, damaged. Loss and origin unknown. Resibeth Street, damaged. Loss and origin unknown. Resi-dence of Mr. R. Levouth, 27A Arcade Street, damaged. Loss unknown. Origin, child playing with matches. Resi-dence of Mr. H. Plante, 3052 St. Hubert Street, damaged. Origin, sparks from burning charcoal. Slight damage done to premises occupied by Canadian Dairy Company, Youville Square. Elevator shaft of Presbyterian College damaged. Loss about \$200. Origin unknown. Factory belonging to

Mr. Louis Beaudry badly damaged. Loss and origin unknown. House at 421 Duluth Avenue destroyed. Loss un-known. Origin, cat upset coal oil lamp. Freeman's hotel slightly damaged. Origin, gasoline explosion. Barber store of Mr. L. Soucie, 3373 St. Andre Street, damaged. Origin unknown. Dry goods store of Mr. Wilfrid Malo, 1120A Wel-lington Street, Verdun, destroyed, also neighboring buildings. Loss about \$10,000. Origin, supposed gas explosion. Workshop of Mr. J. Thieving, corner of Church Avenue and Eadie Street, Cote St. Paul, badly damaged. Loss about \$300.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Hubbard, N.S.—The Gainsborough hotel loss was \$900 on buildings. Insured with the Western and the Equity.

Equity. Hamilton, Ont.—Ontario Engineering Company, sus-tained loss of \$5,448. Insured with Central Canada, \$2,500, and Eastern Canada, \$2,500. Hillsboro', N.B.—The loss sustained by the Albert Man-ufacturing Company was \$25,000 on stock, and \$120,000 on buildings. Insured in following companies: Guardian, \$3,-000; London & Lancashire, \$3,000; Connecticut Fire Insur-ance Company, \$2,000; Norwich Union, \$2,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$3,000; Scottish Union & National, \$4,-000; Royal Insurance Company, \$5,000; Queen Insurance Commany, \$2,000: total, \$25,000. Company, \$3,000; total, \$25,000.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS EMPOWERED TO BORROW MONEY.

The following school districts have been authorized to borrow money. The particulars are given in order, name and number of school district, amount required and name of secretary-treasurer.

Saskatchewan.

Kotsko, No. 2710, \$1,000. F. Wolfe, Vonda. Radford Lodge, No. 2197, \$200. A. Alvis, Grandora. Willoughby, No. 106, \$1,000. H. McDonald, Macdowall. Antelope Butte, No. 2679, \$1,200. W. Roberts, Longworth.

th. Skala, No. 2712, \$1,000. J. Androchowicz, Vonda. Ozeriany, No. 2722, \$800. J. Androchowicz, Vonda. Hohenloche, No. 2705, \$800. P. Mitschke, Langenburg. Shyloh, No. 2234, \$1,800. J. G. Elliott, Harkness. Comet, No. 2598, \$300. H. T. Bryce, Bryceton. Courval, No. 2710, \$1,000. F. Tremblay, Courval. Stonehenge, No. 2436, \$2,000. H. Broeder, Stonehenge. Defiance, No. 2612, \$1,500. W. J. Brown, Dupuis. Ridgedale, No. 2523, \$600. C. J. Bowerman, Ridgedale. Mills, No. 2753, \$1,500. Mrs. G. B. McOuinch, Fillmore Mills, No. 2753, \$1,500. Mrs. G. B. McQuinch, Fillmore.

CANADA IS PROSPEROUS.

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ship lines, cut off the subsidies to them and cease to send sup miles, cut on the subsidies to them and cease to send trade agents to foreign countries. We are seeking new markets everywhere, our steamships run to all countries, many of them heavily subsidized; we are sending our trade agents over the civilized world; we are doing everything that is inconsistent with the policy of "Let well enough alone" because when things are going foreight the alone," because when things are going favorably that is not a reason for doing nothing, it is rather a reanot a reason for doing nothing, it is rather a rea-son for being alert to avail ourselves of other opportunities. We need new markets in all directions. We need them for the surplus products of Canada as it is to-day, and we shall need them in even greater degree for the vaster surplus of Canadian products to come to us from the great West in the near future.

West in the near future. For these reasons we have endeavored to enlarge our markets in all directions, and it does not seem to be wise that while we were sending agents to Africa and China and the distant parts of the world to close our eyes to the op-portunities lying much nearer home. Into that I do not wish to enter to-day. Every prospect for Canada to-day is bright and hopeful. With peace and progress and prosper-ity at home, with the friendliest relations with the great republic lying alongside of us, with the warmest attachment republic lying alongside of us, with the warmest attachment with the great Empire of which we are so proud to form a part, the Canadian people can look forward to the future with every hope and every confidence.

The officials of the Equity, Metropolican and Independ-ent Fire Insurance Companies, of Toronto, recently enter-tained the Sarnia district agents at a complimentary dinner.

BRITISH INVESTMENTS IN CANADA.

Montreal Water and Power Listed-Canadian Pacific Railway and an Erie Deal.

(Cable Correspondence by Special Arrangement with The Montreal Star).

March 31st .- A question of law with an important bearing upon British investments in Canada was decided in the courts here yesterday. The Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company sought to escape the payment of the income tax upon large investments in Canada and the States of accumulated profits, which were not distributed among the shareholders and interest on which is not remitted to this country, but re-invested abroad.

This practice of re-investment has, since Lloyd-George's budgets, become widespread among company and other investors here, greatly to Canada's benefit:

The Bank of Montreal, Bank of Commerce, and other banks open many such new accounts at Canadian branches every week.

Justice Hamilton held that the company must return for the income tax the whole of the profits wherever or however earned. They were all made in the way of trade. The judge earned. would not admit the suggested analogy between investments of companies and private individuals.

British Capital for Canada.

April 1st .- Hambro & Son issue on Monday the prospectus of the Investment Corporation of Canada, Limited; capital £1,000,000 in £10 shares. The present issue is for £500,000 at par, of which £300,000 is already placed on the terms of the prospectus.

No definite commitments will be taken over by the company at the inauguration, but it is intended to pay particular attention to investments in Canadian lands and mortgages.

The directors will be: Mr. Henry Allan, of Glasgow, who is a director of the Clydesdale Bank, and the Caledonian Railway; Captain James Archibald Morrison, M.P., chair-Railway; Captain James Archibald Morrison, M.P., chair-man of the London Evening Newspaper Company, and a director of the Royal Exchange Assurance; Lord Clinton, who is a director of the London & South-Western Railway, and Mr. A. V. Hambro.

Montreal Water & Power Listed.

April 4th .- The London Stock Exchange has listed £20,000 Montreal Water & Power Company 41/2's.

April 5th.—The Financial Times, discussing the Erie rumors, says: "Canadian Pacific could not enter into any very close working arrangements with the Erie system, even if it wished to do so. There are insurmountable difficulties in the way, nor would the C.P.R. directors entertain any such proposition were they free to please themselves. Recent rumors of some sort of working arrangement between the two systems may be dismissed as without foundation. They were devoid of all purpose.

Canadian Northern Ordinary Stock.

April 6th.-It is stated that an opportunity will shortly be given of obtaining an interest in the ordinary shares of the Canadian Northern Railway, which have not yet been offered to the public.

A prospectus will shortly be issued on the new Cana-A prospectus will shortly be issued on the new Cana-dian Northern debentures, and an apparently official state-ment issued to-day explains that holders of these 5 per cent. income charge convertible debentures will be entitled to exchange into ordinary shares, the right extending until Jan-

The ordinary capital amounts to \$55,000,000 in \$100 shares, which has been privately held, none being offered to the public as yet. No dividend has been paid, but the surplus profits of recent years from railway operations and the sale of certain land holdings amounted to $\pounds_{3,500,000}$. It has been the practice to utilize this surplus for improving and extending the property. The convertible stock to be offered ranks as a mortgage charge immediately after the 4 per cent. perpetual consolidated debenture stock.

Ten Toronto bond firms bid for the \$39,939 41/2 per cent. debentures of Woodstock, Ont. As previously noted, the award was made to Messrs. Brouse, Mitchell & Company.

For the \$10,073 5 per cent. 20-year local improvement debentures of Portage la Prairie, Man., ten offers were re-ceived, eight from Toronto and two from Regina. The issue was awarded to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto.

BOND TENDERS INVITED.

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

Montreal, Que .- The city council has passed a by-law tovote a loan of \$500,000.

London, Ont .- The city may require a further \$50,000 for the Niagara power construction purposes.

Souris, Man.-Until May 1st for \$95,000 5 per cent. 30year debentures. J. W. Brakey, secretary-treasurer.

Kirkfield Park, Man.-Until April 10th for \$7,383 7-year

local improvement debentures. F. Ness, secretary-treasurer. Monarch, Alta.—Until April 30th for \$1,500 10-year local improvement debentures. S. E. Maylord, secretarytreasurer

Rapid City, Man .- Until April 10th for \$1,600 51/2 per cent. 15-year park debentures. C. G. Murray, secretarytreasurer.

Homewood, Man.—Until April 20th for \$2,500 5½% 10-year debentures, of Brigdenley S.D. W. J. Woods, secretarytreasurer.

Outremont, Que.—Until April 15th for \$125,000 4½ per cent. 40-year debentures. Rev. O. Charbonneau, 300 Outremont Ave.

Tillsonburg, Ont .- The school board will petition the city to renovate and rebuild parts of the Public school. The cost will probably be \$25,000.

Pembroke, Ont .- Until April 15th for \$65,000 41/2 per cent. 30-year debentures. A. J. Fortier, town clerk. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

Town of St. Lambert .- Until April 15th, tenders will be received for \$225,000 41/2 per cent. 40-year sinking fund debentures. Mr. J. R. Beatty, secretary-treasurer.

North Vancouver, B.C.—The following by-laws have been passed by the ratepayers: Schools, \$46,000; Rice Lake,

 \$20,000; Ferry shares, \$80,000; City Hall additions.
 South Vancouver, B.C.—By-laws aggregating \$1,660,000 have been passed by the ratepayers, as follows: \$1,050,000, for road improvements; \$260,000, for school purposes; \$50,-000, for sidewalks, etc.; \$300,000, for waterworks system.

North Battleford, Sask .- The following by-laws will be voted on at an early date: \$4,000, to buy hospital site; \$4,000, for addition to fire hall; \$2,500, for park purposes; \$15,000, for exhibition purposes, \$38,000, for waterworks and sewerage extensions.

Saskatoon, Sask .- The city council has been asked to guarantee bonds of the Saskatchewan Power Company to an estimated amount of \$836,000. the company promising to give the city fifty-one per cent. of the common stock and a controlling representation on the board of directors.

Chilliwack, B.C .- Owing to a technicality the town will require to re-submit its by-law for \$21,000, also \$70,000 for macadamizing the streets. On July 18th last, the ratepayers approved by-laws for \$21,000, and most of the money was expended. Then it was discovered that the total assesswas expended. ment of the city, which must be embodied in each by-law had been incorrectly stated. A difference of opinion also arose as to whether or not a British Columbia city under the Municipal Clauses Act is authorized to issue instalment debentures, this being the plan of issue. It was decided to draft new long term by-laws, and have the ratepayers pass them again.

DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Blanshard, Man.-\$7,000 5 per cent. 20 years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

Village of Tyvan, Sask .- \$3,000 5 per cent. 15 years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

Village of Wawota, Sask .- \$1,000 61/2 per cent. 8 years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

Welland, Ont.—\$46,000 4½ per cent. 30 years, to Do-minion Securities Corporation, Toronto.

Cardston, S.D., 457, Alberta.—\$4,000 6 per cent. 10 years, to Messis. Nay & James, Regina.

Estevan, S. D., 257, Saskatchewan.—\$5,500 5 per cent. 30 years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina. Hamilton, Ont.—\$14,000 4½ per cent. 20 years, to Messrs. Brent, Noxon & Company, Toronto.

Price, S.D., 1748, Saskatchewan.—\$25,000 5½ per cent. years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

Small Schools, Saskatchewan and Alberta.—\$6,200 6 per cent. 10 years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina. Niagara Falls, Ont.—\$19,422.95 5 per cent. 20 and 30 instalments, to Dominion Securities Corporation, Toronto.

REVIEW OF THE MONTH

MARCH FIRE LOSSES.

Many Large Fires-Fire Investigation at Guelph Demanded-Interesting Fire Notes.

The Monetary Times' estimate of Canada's fire losses dur-ing the month of March is \$852,380, compared with \$1,076,253 for the corresponding period last year, and \$851,690 for March, 1909.

Twenty-three fires were responsible for damages of \$10,000 and over, the largest being at Barrows, Sask., where the loss was estimated at \$110,000. Eight business sections including many stores and offices were damaged or destroyed during the month.

The following is an estimate of the March loss	ses:
Fires exceeding \$10,000	\$622,000
Small fires	119,200
Fifteen per cent. for unreported fires	111,180

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The following are the monthly totals compared with 1909 and 1910:

	1909	1910	1911
January\$1,	500.000	\$1,275,246	\$2,250,550
February 1,	263,005	756,625	941;045
	851,690	1,076,253	852,380
	720,650	1,717,237	
	358,276	2,735,536	
	360,275	1,500,000	
	075,600	6,386,674	
	582,915	1,667,270	
	615,405	894,125	
	208,718	2,195,781	· · · · · · · · ·
	935,191	1,943,708	
	433,813	1,444,860	
Total\$18,	905,538	\$23,593,315	\$4,043,975

The fires at which damage to the extent of \$10,000 and over occurred were as follows:

Town. What were burned.	Estimated Loss
Lacombe Alta, warehouse	
New Haven, Ont., stores and buildings	
Winning factory	40,000
Port Alberni, B.C., business section	20,000
Sydney, N.S., station building	60,000
Ottawa, Ont., livery	13,000
Cupar, Sask., business section	50,000
Nokomis, Sask., Elevator	15,000
Personal Mar Helpertrees block	10,000
Basswood, Man., Holmstram block Richmond, Que., Dunton block	30,000
Richmond, Que., Dunton block	
St. John's, Que., Guertin block	
Sussex, N.B., business section	
Wingham, Chisholm block	
Millbrook, Ont., three stores	
Montreal, Que., stock yards	
Montreal, Que., carriage factory	
Barrie, Ont., store	00,000
Buckingham, Que., mill	30,000
St. Boniface. Man., library	10,000
O'Leary, P.E.I., business section	10,000
Hamilton, Ont., factory	10,000
Barrons, Sask., lumber mill	110,000
Truro, N.S., freight sheds	20,000
	\$642,000

Structures Damaged and Causes of Fires.

The structures destroyed or damaged were: Residences 49, stores 40, factories 14, stables and barns 9, offices 5, business blocks 8, warehouses 2, hospitals 2, hotels 3, and one each of the following public institutes: Fire hall, including engine and all apparatus; undertaking establishment; elevator; woodturn-ing shop; transformers; flour shed; furnace room; ticket office; TO E hell; heak brilding; stock rords; day pursay: incharged I.O.F. hall; bank building; stock yards; day nursery; icehouse; library; refrigerator car; freight sheds; steamer, and automo-bile; 176 cattle, 31 horses and a large number of fowl were destroyed, also 18,000 bushels of grain and 200,000 feet of

timber. Of the presumed causes to which fires were attributed defective wiring was responsible for 5, overheated pipes 5, de-fective chimney 3, defective furnaces 3, spontaneous combus-tion 3, playing with matches 2, cigar and cigarette stubs care-lessly thrown 2, incendiarism 2, sparks from engines 2, and one each of the following: Hot box in elevator. smoking in bed, handling ashes carelessly, lamp explosion, lighting matches to find gas leak, coal oil explosion, defective kiln, sparks from cooking stove. The number of fires reported of unknown origin cooking stove. total 64.

Eighteen deaths were caused by fires during the month a decrease of two as compared with the corresponding period last year and an increase of two over March, 1909. last

U	year and an increase of two over march, 1909.	
	The particulars of the March fatalities are as follows:	_
	Irish Mountain, N.S., burning building	2
	Missouri, Ont., clothes caught fire	1
	Cornwall, Ont., burning building	1
	Elstow, Sask., burning building	1
	Dalhousie, N.B., camp fire	1
	Arnprior, Ont., smoking in bed	1
	Benton, N.B., playing with matches	1
	Toronto, Ont., clothes caught fire	1
	St. Catharines, Ont., lamp upset	1
	Chatham, Ont., clothes caught fire	1
	Hamilton. Ont., burning building	1
	Vancouver, B.C., burning building	1
	Hillcrest, Alta., burning building	1
	Chatham, Ont., clothes caught fire	1
	London, Ont., clothes caught fire	1
	Vermilion. Alta., clothes caught fire	1
	Princeton, B.C., burning building	1
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The following are the monthly totals compared with the

wo previous years.—	1909	1910	1911
January	16	27	27
February	8	15	12
March	16	20	18
April	18	37	
May	21	15	
June	16	52	
July	4	15	
August	17	11	
September	10	10	
October	26	16	
November	34	19	
December	33	19	
December			
	219	256	57

Outremont Will Have Fire Department.

Outremont, Que., will have a fire department and the Council have decided to purchase two hose waggons provided with hand fire extinguishers.

hand fire extinguishers. Frantically tugging and pulling the clothes from the bed on which his aged master lay soundly sleeping, a faithful and sagacious little French poodle saved Rev. E. Krasicki from suffocation and cremation when fire destroyed his home at 115 McGregor street, Winnipeg, recently. A chapter of peculiar accidents was the lot of Mrs. Albert Gauthier, Dorchester street east, Montreal recently. Mrs. Gauthier was using gasoline in a dark room to kill insects, and after laying the receptacle down, lighted a match to find it. An explosion followed, setting her clothing ablaze. She stumbled back from the flames, fell upon the child, picked it up and ran to the kitchen, where she seized the kettle from the stove to use on the fire, and this upset, the hot water up and ran to the kitchen, where she seized the kettle from the stove to use on the fire, and this upset, the hot water striking the young child. The Hon. P. O. G. MacKenzie, Provincial Treasurer of Quebec, lost his valuable library in the recent fire at Duncan block, Richmond, Que. The value of the boy scout movement was well illustrated when a patrol at Hampton, N.S., worked as a bucket brigade of a recent fire

at a recent fire.

at a recent fire. Canton Alley, the thickly populated Chinese section of Vancouver, B.C., was practically wrecked by a recent fire. One Chinaman was burned to death and two injured. By setting fire to the bedding and his clothes while incar-cerate in Brandon, Man., jail, Tom Sullivan, a convicted forger tried to follow out his plan of feigning insanity. Hector Lefebvre, a youth of fifteen years, pleaded guilty at Montreal to the charge of setting fire to three different establishments. He gave as his reason for setting the fires that it was only because he liked to see the flames, and to go out and watch the firemen coming along the street, and the out and watch the firemen coming along the street, and the excitement.

Fire Investigation Demanded.

The London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, To-ronto, has made a requisition calling upon Coroner H. C. McLean of Guelph, Ont., to hold an inquest into the fire that occurred in the Bowles Syndicate store on December 20. The outstand-ing feature of the case is the amount of insurance that has been asked for by the proprietor of the store, an amount which the Underwriters' Association, who are behind the requisition for the inquest think is much more than the total value of the the Underwriters' Association, who are behind the requisition for the inquest, think is much more than the total value of the stock carried.

stock carried. Many moving picture shows in Montreal are potential death traps, the emergency exists in several cases refusing to open. The attention of Fire Chief Tremblay has been called by the moving picture committee of the Children's Aid Society to this serious state of affairs. The recent disastrous factory fire at New York has caused activity and the inspection of factories as well as moving picture shows has already started. Fire Chief Graham of Ottawa has written to the Board of Control stating that many structures are not properly pro-vided with means of egress in case of fire. In some of the

office buildings the only means of exit, the chief says, are by the elevator or stairs in the elevator shaft, and a swift blaze would probably be followed by loss of life. The building by-law is also not clear on this and the storage of gasoline,

by-law is also not clear on this and the storage of gasoline, etc., and the Chief suggests that an amendment be made. That the depositing of ashes in wooden receptacles or upon any wooden floor or in any metal receptacle placed within two inches of any woodwork or structure or permit combustible material to remain uncovered on the premises within ten feet of a building is stated by Mr. Dowler, city clerk of Victoria, B.C., to be contrary to the Fire Prevention by-law.

Percentage of Fire Cases Due to Negligence.

Mr. Samuel C. Wilson and Mrs. Georgie Girvin, his mother-Mr. Samuel C. Wilson and Mrs. Georgie Girvin, his mother-in-law, of Calgary, were given a preliminary hearing at La-combe, Alta., recently on a charge of setting fire to the La-combe Produce Company's building on the morning of March 3. Examination showed that Mrs. Girvin had registered at the hotel under the name of Georgie Lucas, her mainden name, and that on the night of the fire she had returned to her room at 12.15, and the fire was discovered at 12.25. The insurance on the building and premises of the company had on the Sat-urday before the fire been increased by the addition of extra insurance to the amount of \$5,250. The suspects were sent up for trial at the next Court of competent jurisdiction. That a large percentage of the cases coming up before the Fire Commissioners are due to negligence on the part of either

That a large percentage of the cases coming up before the Fire Commissioners are due to negligence on the part of either tenant or proprietor, and that this condition of affairs could be wiped away, if wider powers were accorded the commission-ers, is the contention of Commissioner Latulippe, of Montreal. Mr. Latulippe says that, at present, the Court has power to conduct an investigation in order to ascertain whether there has been any criminal responsibility in connection with any given fire. What was needed was a wider jurisdiction for the Court Thus, the commissioners should be empowered to inhas been any criminal responsibility in connection with any given fire. What was needed was a wider jurisdiction for the Court. Thus, the commissioners should be empowered to in-vestigate the reasons why such and such a fire started, and also the reasons why it spread. In the case of the latter, the nature of the building in which the fire started could be looked into. In many cases it has been found that the only reason why a given fire has been enabled to spread with surprising rapidity was the fact that the building was, from a structural point of view, defective and erected in contravention of the building by-laws. building by-laws.

MARCH BOND SALES.

Several Large Issues-Large Increase in Sales.

The municipal bond sales for March as compiled by The Monetary Times were \$6,271,925 as compared with \$1,169,730 for the corresponding period last year and \$1,615,368 for March, 1909

Alberta						 							.4	\$ 535,127
British Columbia		 ١.			 									2,991,000
Manitoba					•									24,033
New Brunswick					 									250,000
Ontario					 	 								1,353,290
Quebec					 	 								1,050,000
Saskatchewan .					 									68,475
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\$6,271,925 The following are the monthly totals as compared with

1909 and 1910:-			
1000 -	1909.	1910	1911
January	.\$2,540,862	\$ 881,838	\$ 420,337
February		1,272,977	1,037,287
March		1,169,730	6,271,925
April		6,805,078	
May		5,964,896	
June		2,187,588	
July		1,536,424	
August	0.044.010	1,312,953	
September		2,841,486	
October		2,211,461	
November		2,292,781	
December		566,113	
Total	\$31,532,960	\$29,043,325	\$7,729,549
The following are	the details:-	_	
	Alberta.		
Small Schools	\$5,650		
do	7,500	6	1921
Wetaskiwin	4,952		1931
Strathcona, S.D.	17,000	5	1941
Calgary	462,000		1921-1951
Redeliffe	15,000		1931
Mammoth, S.D	3,100	6	1921

	Small Schools 3,000	6	1921
	do	6	1921
		51/2	1931
	Small Schools 3,900	6	1921
	\$535,127		
	British Columb	in	
	North Vancouver\$ 141,000	5	1961
	Vancouver	A Contract of the second se	1901
	Oak Bay 50,000	4	
	Oak Day 50,000	5	
	\$2,991,000		
	Manitoba.		
	Gunton, S.D\$10,000	51/2	1941
2	Municipality of Kildonan 4.000	5	1929
2	Portage La Prairie 10,033	5	1930-1931
			1000-1001
	\$24,033		
	New Brunswic	k.	
	St. John\$250,000		1951
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	Ontario.		
	Dack \$1,200	5	1917
	Casselman 5,000	5	1921
	Guelph 30,000	41/2	1941
	York Township 25,000	41/2	1941
	London 63,300	4, 41/4, 41/2	1920 39-40
	North Bay 34,000	5	1931
	Hamilton 533,800	4	1931
	St. Paul 6,000	5	1931
	Oshawa 5,700	41/2	1931-1941
	Brant Township 2,000	5	1926
	Port Hope 20,000	41/2	1920
-	Waterloo 64,044	41/2, 43/4	1926-31-41
	Renfrew 82,000	41/2	1941
	Windsor, S.D 19,370	41/2	1929
	Woodstock 39,939	41/2	1926-1941
	Amherstburg 20,000	5	1920-1941
1	Berlin	5	1921-31-41
1	Brantford 254,281	4, 41/2	1921 to 1951
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1	\$1,353,290		
1	Quebec.		
1	Quebec\$1,050,000	4	1961
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	Sask	atchewan,	and the second	
1	Small Schools	\$5,650		
1	Moosomin	2,000	5	1941
1	Small Schools	7,500	6	1921
1:	Rural Municipality Dundurn	14,000	8	1931
	Small Schools	3,000	6	1921
	Village of Ituna	3,000	6	1926
	Davidson		51/2	1921
S	Small Schools	8,425	6	1921
	do		6	1921
1	Melville		51/2	1951
			a sariface	

\$68,475

CANADIAN FLOTATIONS IN LONDON (MARCH).

The following flotations of interest to Canadians were made in London during March :-

Canadian Steel Foundries.—£410,900 6 per cent. bonds, prin-cipal and interest being unconditionally guaranteed by the Canadian Car. & Foundry Co.

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co.-£696,000 4 per cent. mortgage sterling bonds, (due 1955) at 92 per cent.

Canadian Northern Railway.-£358,888 31/2 per cent. guaranteed first mortgage debenture stock of the Canadian North-ern Railway Company, and £647,260 3½ per cent. guaranteed first mortgage debenture stock of the Canadian Northern Al-berta Railway Company at 94½ per cent.

Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Limited.—\$1,250,000 5 per cent. bonds at 102 and accrued interest.

P. Burns & Co., Ltd.—\$1,000,000 6 per cent. first and re-funding mortgage 20-year sinking fund bonds, due January 1, 1931. Kedeemable as a whole at 105 and interest on any in-terest date after January 1, 1916, on 60 days' notice or an-nually for sinking fund drawings beginning July 1, 1912.

Lake Superior Paper Co., Ltd.-£719,000 6 per cent. 30year gold bonds at 97.

Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills.-£267,000 6 per cent. first mortgage sinking fund gold bonds at 981/2.

Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada. \$1,000,000 7 per cent. cumulative preference stock, £10 10s. 6d. per \$100 share.

City of Hamilton.-£204,100 4 per cent. debentures at 1001/2.

BANK BRANCHES OPENED AND CLOSED.

Eighteen branches of Canadian chartered banks were opened during March, and three closed. During February 17 branches were opened and 10 closed; during January 37 were opened and 3 closed. Houston's Bank Directory gives the following particulars for March:

Branches Opened.

Grand Falls, Newfoundland Bank of Montreal. Grenville, QueBank of Ottawa. Hawkesbury, OntLa Banque Provinciale du Canada.
Kamloops, B.C
New Westminster, B.C
Redcliffe, Alta Imperial Bank of Can- ada.
Teeswater, Ont Molsons Bank. Toronto, Ont., Broadview Ave Sterling Bank of Can- ada
Vancouver, B.C., Broadway West Bank of Vancouver. Vancouver, B.C., Granville Street Branch
Branches Closed. Franklin, ManBank of Hamilton. Toronto, OntUnited Empire Bank of Canada.
West Toronto, Union Stock Yards Traders Bank of Can-

ada.

MARCH'S COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

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Mine.	Tons.
Beaver	. 21.8
Buffalo	. 120.4
Chambers-Ferland	. 64.0
City of Cobalt	. 85.0
Cobalt Lake	. 187.4
Coniagas	. 269.1
Crown Reserve	
Hargraves	
Hudson Bay	. 31.8
Kerr Lake	
La Rose	
McKinley-Darragh	
Nipissing	
O'Brien	
Right of Way	
Silver Cliff	
Temiskaming	
Trethewey	
	. 57.4

Total..... 1,808.6 The shipmonts for February were 2,101 tons.

MARCH DIVIDEND CHANGES.

A distribution of one per cent. was declared by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. The company suspended dividends following the big fire, and has not yet resumed regular divid-ends. Last year two distributions were made of one per cent. cash.

The Western Canada Trust, Limited, bas declared a divid-end at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, on the paid-up capital of the company for the six months ended November 30, 1910.

ended November 30, 1910. The dividend of the Shredded Wheat Company has been increased from 3 per cent. to 4 per cent. The Canada Paper Company's dividend has been passed. The Ontario Loan and Debenture Company has increased their dividend from 7½ per cent. to 8 per cent. The dividend of the Bank of Nova Scotia has been in-creased from 12 to 13 per cent. The Ottawa Light and Power Company has increased its dividend from 1½ to 1¾ per cent. quarterly. The Quebec Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company has declared a dividend of 1 per cent. The Right of Way Mines dividend has been passed for the quarter ended March 31.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has increased its dividend from 11 to 12 per cent. British Columbia Packers' Association has declared an

initial dividend of 2 per cent. on common stock.

SPECULATIVE AND INVESTMENT OFFERINGS.

The following speculative and investment offerings were among those made in Canada during March:---Winnipeg Paint & Glass Co., Ltd.-\$250,000 7 per cent. preferred stock at \$100 per share. Authorized capital \$1,000,-000; paid up \$500,000. British Columbia Mining, Industrial & Development Co., Ltd.-Offering of shares at 25 cents. Capital \$125,000. Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Limited.-\$1,250,000 5 per cent. bonds at 102 and accrued interest. Due April 1, 1925 1925

Canada Optical Manufacturing Co., Ltd.-\$50,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock at \$100 per share.

North-Western Asbestos Shares .-- Offering of shares at 5 cents each.

P. Burns & Co.-\$1,000,000 6 per cent. first and refunding mortgage 20-year sinking fund bonds, due January, 1931.

Pioneers' Loan Co.—Offering of 4,000 shares at \$100 each. Authorized capital \$5,000,000.

Pacific Northwest Fishers, Ltd.-25,000 shares at \$1 each. Authorized capital \$50,000.

Stanhope Granite Company Incorporated .- 37,500 shares at \$1 per share.

Rea Company .- \$1,250,000 7 per cent. preferred stock at

95 with a bonus of 50 per cent. common stock. Porcupine Tisdale Mining Co.-250,000 shares treasury stock at 10 cents per share. Capital \$2,000,000; par value of shares \$1.

Porcupine Reserve Mines, Ltd.-200,000 shares at 15 cents per share; par value \$1. Capital \$2,000,000.

Mississippi River Power Co.-\$15,000,000 5 per cent. first mortgage sinking fund gold bonds, due January 1, 1951.

NEW STOCK LISTINGS.

Canadian Car Foundry Co., Ltd., listed additional shares of 3,750 common, and 11,000 preferred on the Montreal Stock Exchange on March 3.

Extra Session of the U.S. Congress

To Consider the Canadian **Reciprocity** Agreement

Special Correspondence to the Monetary Times from Washington, D.C.

In addition to a further analysis of the situation at the Capitol, a chatty sketch entitled

"President Taft; Some Impressions of an Interview."

By FRED W. FIELD

Will appear in next week's Monetary Times

STATISTICS OF ONTARIO TOWNS.

The following interesting table of Ontario towns with a population of three thousand and over, gives the population and assessment per acre.

on and assessment per acter			Population pe	r Total Assessment	Assessment
Name of Town.	Population.	Area in A cres.	Acre.	in Dollars.	per Acre.
Windsor, Ont.	16,142	2,020	7.9	8,879,539	4395.8
Stratford, Ont	14,779	2,835	5.2	6,635,950	234.0
St. Catharines, Ont	12,307	2,400	5. I	6,422,143	2675.8
Owen Sound, Ont	12,091	3,680	3.2	5,211,191	1416.0
Chatham, Ont	10,317	1,650	6.2	5,099,020	3090.6
Sarnia, Ont	9,810	1,450	6.7	4,803,088	3312.4
Woodstock, Ont	9,243	1,525	6.0	4,183,683	2743.4
Lindsay, Ont	7,725	1,550	4. I	2,594,575	1673.9
Collingwood, Ont	7,610	4,440	1.7	2,769,416	623.7
Cornwall, Ont	6,242	680	9.1	2,072,033	3046.8
Oshawa, Ont	6,218	2,400	2.5	1,992,847	830.3
North Bay, Ont	6,166	500	I.2	2,397,729	4795.4
Smith's Falls, Ont	6,003	1,030	5.8	1,719,507	1669.4
Orillia, Ont	5,703	1,600	3.5	2,200,200	1375.1
Pembroke, Ont.	5,500	625	8.8	2,534,235	4054.7
Kenora, Ont	5,246	7,140	.73	3,556,463	498.1
Cobourg, Ont	5,155	2,417	2.1	1,742,044	720.7
Ingersoll, Ont	5,059	2,200	2.2	1,963,226	892.3
Cobalt, Ont	4,871	417	11.6	1,484,376	3559.6
Goderich, Ont		1,000	4.6	1,963,608	1963.6
Waterloo, Ont	4,514	2,350	1.9	2,117,006	900.7
Arnprior, Ont	4,317	1,121	2.0	1,188,370	106.0
Hawkesbury, Ont	4,294	I,704	2.5	676,961	397.2
Dundas, Ont		550	. 7.I	1,317,895	2396.1
Haileybury, Ont.		768	4.9	1,416,359	1844.2
Petrolea, Ont		2,700	1.3	1,241,990	459.9
Renfrew, Ont	3,689	2,400	I.4	1,407,955	586.6
Picton, Ont	3,532	552	6.3 .	1,737,715	3148.0
St. Mary's, Ont.		2,683	I.2	1,506,953	561.6
Perth, Ont	3,359	I,400	2.3	1,332,720	951.9
Preston, Ont.	0, 10	1,300	2.4	1,311,335	*008.7
Newmarket, Ont	Alter a second sec	743	4.2	946,032	127.3
Strathroy, Ont.	and the second se	2,000	1.5	1,116,826	558.4
Walkerton, Ont	3,090	1,350	2.2	. 805,845	596.9
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BRITISH COLUMBIA TRUST CORPORATION.

The fifth annual report of the British Columbia Trust Corporation shows that the assets of the company have increased from \$98,133 in 1906 to \$372,654 in December, 1910, which is satisfactory. Of this amount \$256,029 is in-vested in mortgages and investments.

The paid-up capital of the company amounts to \$100,875 the reserve fund to \$60,000, and deposits to \$185,477, while the balance carried forward to the credit of profit and loss account is \$985. That the company enjoyed the usual pros-perity of 1910 is evidenced by its report.

MORTGAGE LOANS AT MONTREAL.

The real estate mortgage loans recorded during Febru-ary in the Registration Division of Montreal West amounted to \$343,500.

Of this amount \$11,000 was placed at 5 per cent.; \$147,-000 at 5½ per cent.; \$162,500 at 6 per cent.; and \$23,000 at 7 per cent. The lenders were:-

Estate & Trust Funds	\$105,000
Building & Loan Company's	61,250
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In Montreal East the loans recorded amon	inted to

\$367,412. Of this amount \$88,000 was placed at 5 per cent.; \$248,272 at 6 per cent.; \$87,000 at 7 per cent.; \$2,000 at 7 per cent.; \$2,000 at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; \$6,700 at 8 per cent.; and \$13,740 at a nom-

inal rate. The lenders were: Estate and trust funds, \$0.000; building and loan companies, \$33,500; insurance, \$70,000; local institutions, \$10,200; individuals, \$243,712. In Hochelaga County the loans recorded amount to \$8,-

606,629.

Of this amount \$2,000 was placed at 4 per cent.; \$32,-182 at 5 per cent.; \$39,500 at 5½ per cent.; \$9,000 at 5¾ per cent.; \$8,359,344 at 6 per cent.; \$67,800 at 7 per cent.; \$26,220 at 8 per cent.; \$750 at 10 per cent.; and \$66,833 at a nominal rate.

The lenders were: Estate and trust funds, \$7,845,600; building and loan companies, \$47,250; insurance, \$25,000; local institutions, \$72,283; individuals, \$616,496.

FINANCES OF MEDICINE HAT.

The annual statement of Medicine Hat has been issued and shows that the financial condition of the city is a favorable one.

The general balance sheet shows assets at \$810,154, and liabilities a surplus of \$58,030. The profits from the gas department were \$23,230, but

with deductions for bad debts, this was reduced to \$21,050. The surplus of assets over liabilities in this department is 339,711. Tax receipts, including arrears, were 63,618, and this amount, with the gas receipts, make up the largest figure in a total revenue of 997,102.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments of Cobalt ore, in pounds, for the week ended March 31st: Coniagas, 111,300; Temis-kaming, 140,193; Cobalt Lake, 58,900; Buffalo, 61,190; O'Brien, 64,120; Chambers-Ferland, 64,000; Nipissing, 81,-800; Trethewey, 44,500; total, 626,003 pounds, or 313 tons. The total shipments since January 1st are now 12,546,263 pounds or 6,273 tons.

In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at 316,217; in 1905, 2,114 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 tons; in 1909, 29,751 tons; in 1910, 34,041 tons.

CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANIES

Doing Business in London-Critic Says Expenses are High-Outlook for the Dominion's Companies.

There are only eight colonial life insurance companies at the present time who are actively seeking for and obtaining considerable amounts of new business in Great Britain. Of these, four are Australian and four Canadian, neither New Zealand, South Africa nor any other colony being represented. Speaking generally, it may be said that the Australian com-panies have so far shown the better results, but the Canadian companies with their splendid concrumities for investing. panies have so far shown the better results, but the Canadian companies, with their splendid opportunities for investing, which must necessarily be afforded in a country which is pro-gressing by such leaps and bounds, are perhaps rightly con-sidered as offering the better opportunity for exceptionally high profits in the future. In analysing the results shown by Canadian companies, the London Financial Times thinks that their expenses are and of necessity very high but these are practically certain to

the London Financial Times thinks that their expenses are and of necessity very high, but these are practically certain to rapidly diminish in the future, with the result that the margin of profit must be greatly increased. Any company which does an exceptionally large amount of new business must thereby incur very heavy charges, and it is not until a very consider-able proportion of the policies in force are of some years' dur-ation, and are consequently subject to very small expenses in the way of commission to agents, etc., that the profitable nature of the business obtained can be judged.

Interest on Investments.

Interest on Investments. Then, again, a most important item in the profits of any life insurance company is the interest it is able to obtain on its investments in excess of that anticipated in the calculation of the premiums and reserves; but this source of profit in-reases very rapidly with the growth of the funds. It will thus be readily understood that although some Canadian companies are at present paying only comparatively low rates of bonus, yet it is a simple matter for any business man to examine their annual reports, etc., and he will almost certainly come to the conclusion that the results of the future will be far better than those of the present or the past. The Canada Life has funds of about £8,000,000, and is earning about 4½ per cent. interest, as against 3 and 3½ per cent. assumed in the valuation. This company has declared bonus in the past at the very high average rate of £2 per cent. per annum, but has found it advisable to strengthen its valuation basis, with the result that, temporarily, the declared profits have been lower, but there is little doubt that the next distribution will be much better. Notes of Canadian Companies.

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One of the best known of the Canadian life insurance com-panies is the Sun Life of Canada, which, as has been else-where pointed out, obtained during the past year a larger amount of new business than any other ordinary British com-pany which has so far published its results, with the exception of the Prudential. The funds of this Company amount to nearly £8,000,000, although so recently as 1896 they were only £1,270,-123, and in the future they must of necessity increase at an exceptionally rapid rate.

exceptionally rapid rate. The Confederation Life Association of Toronto was estab-lished in 1871 and has funds of about £3,000,000. It formerly The confederation Life Association of Toronto was estab-lished in 1871 and has funds of about £3,000,000. It formerly charged very low rates of premium, and consequently its bonus distributions were at much lower rates than may be expected under policies issued subsequently and at rates of premium which more nearly approach those charged by the average high-class companies. companies. The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company of Canada

The Manufacturers life insurance company of canada has funds amounting to something over £2,500,000, upon which it earns about 5 per cent. interest. It has, we understand, been doing a rapidly increasing business, and its next annual report will be scanned with interest by many Londoners who have recently taken out policies.

Of the Australian Companies.

The National Mutual of Australasia has funds of about The National Mutual of Australasia has funds of about 66,000,000 and has on its books assurances for about £21,000,000. Its valuation basis is fairly stringent, with 3½ per cent. interest assumed, as compared with nearly 5 per cent. earned. The Mutual Life and Citizens' of Australia is the result

of a recent amalgamation of the two companies signified by the present name. There can be no two opinions as to the great advantage likely to accrue from the amalgamation. The funds are about £4,000,000. The Colonial Mutual of Australia has funds of about £3,-

000,000 and insurances in force for about £11,000,000; it is doing a good steady business, and like its three competitors is on an excellent financial basis, with every opportunity for is on an

naking high profits in the future. It is difficult to ascertain exactly what amount of fire and marine business is done in Great Britain by colonial companies. marine business is done in Great Britain by colonial companies. It will be found from any book of reference that there are several which advertise London offices, but it is doubtful if many of these will find it worth while to comply with the somewhat stringent provisions of the new Assurance Compan-ies' Act of 1909. Western Assurance Company of Toronto is doing a good and profitable business. Its fire premiums for

1909 amounted to £433,650, and its marine insurance premiums to £143,414. For some time past this company has been en-deavoring to improve the quality of its business by cutting down its commitments in the congested centres of the big cities, and so successful has it been in this respect that the last published loss ratio on its fire business was only 47.86 per cent., as compared with 55 to 60 per cent., generally expected.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Large Number of Immigrants Arrive-St. John Must Become Good Shipping Port.

(Staff Correspondence.)

St. John, N.B., April 4th. New settlers are pouring into Canada through the port of St. John at a rapid rate. Many land at Halifax, but a of St. John at a rapid rate. Many land at Halifax, but a large number come on to St. John and are speedily trans-ferred to special trains for the West. Between March 21st and April 21st, the Canadian Pacific Railway will handle from 20,000 to 25,000 immigrants at St. John. Two steamers which docked at St. John on Monday landed 2,122 pas-sengers, and one that arrived the previous week had over 1,500. There were ten steamships in port at one time last 1,500. There were ten steamships in port at one time take week, including one for Australia and one for South Africa, as well as those for ports in the United Kingdom. Both import and export freight will show an increase this season increase the fact that there is practically no cattle business despite the fact that there is practically no cattle business

this winter. The New Brunswick legislature has adopted a bill which provides for a tax of \$100 on every branch bank in the province. In the past not more than four branches of one bank were taxed. The banks are not opposed to the principle of the tax but claim that the rate is too high, and they will seek to have it reduced.

St. John Must Become Good Shipping Port.

Mr. P. V. Mitchell, of the White Star Dominion Line, when in St. John a few days ago said that St. John must become a great shipping port, because of its connection with transcontinental lines. As the line he represents has a close working agreement with the Grand Trunk, it was quite possible that its steamers might in the future come

to this port. The Moncton Trainway, Electricity and Gas Company, which is to build a street railway and bring natural gas into which is to build a street railway and bring flatural gas into Moncton from the wells in Albert County for heat, light and power purposes, has done preliminary work as called for in the agreement, and has taken over the control of the present electric light and gas plant of the town. This will be a very busy year in Moncton. Mr. John W. Miller, of Newcastle, and others, are en-deavoring to interest capital in a new industry. It is pro-posed to erect at Newcastle a tannery and extract works.

deavoring to interest capital in a new industry. It is pro-posed to erect at Newcastle a tannery and extract works, at a cost of about \$125,000. This would employ from sixty to seventy men. Mr. Miller was formerly interested in the Miller Tanning and Extract Company, which was operated for many years. An effort to interest British capital in the Miramichi Pulp and Paper Company, of Chatham, whose property was offered at \$345,000, has not been successful, and other plans will be tried to get the mill in operation once more. once more.

New Builders' Supply Company.

New Builders' Supply Company. The Stinson-Reeb Builders' Supply Company, of Mont-real, has secured a square mile of plaster rock property from the Canadian Pacific Railway at what is called Plaster Rock in Victoria County, and will manufacture crushed rock, calcine plaster, plaster board, building blocks, and land plaster for fertilizing purposes. The Canada Cement Com-pany has placed an order for 12,000 tons of crushed rock for its works at Montreal and Hull.

its works at Montreal and Hull. Mr. H. P. Timmerman, industrial agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Messrs. A. R. Slipp, and H. W. Woods, members of the New Brunswick legislature; Mr. A. B. Wilmembers of the New Brunswick legislature; Mr. A. B. Wil-mot, provincial immigration agent at St. John, and Mr. C. Fred Chestnut, of Frederiction, are interested in a new company to be known as the Fredericton and Grand Lake Coal and Railway Company. Their plans include the com-pletion of the link of railway between Fredericton and the Queens County coal areas. If this were done the Canadian Pacific Railway could be utilized to market coal along its route into Ouebec Province. route into Quebec Province.

the debt on the Seamen's Institute in St. John, on condition that the balance of $$_{3,000}$ is raised. Already over $$_{1,000}$ has been subscribed; a bequest of $$_{500}$ has been received, and it is expected that by the end of April the debt will be paid.—W. E. A. Lord Strathcona has offered \$1,000 toward paying off

Mr. F. M. Beatty will be the Saskatoon manager of Messrs. Cushing Bros. Company, Limited, who already have factories in Regina, Calgary and Edmonton.

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Ditto, 1938 Ditto, 1947 Ditto, C.P. L.G. stock Ditto, debs. 1912	21/2 31/2	76 *77 100 102	Ditto, 1921-28 Ditto, 1909-13 Ditto, 1929	4 4 31/2	100 91	102 102 93	Do. W., G'y & Br'e, 7% bonds Ditto, 4 % guar. stock Ditto, 5 % 1st pref. stock Ditto, 5% 2nd pref. stock	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Ditto, ditto, £3 paid Ditto, ditto, £1 paid MISCELLANEOUS CO'S		
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PROVINCIAL Alberta, 1938. British Columbia, 1917	4	101 103 101 103	Ditto, 1926-47 Ditto, 1947-48 Victoria City, 1933-58	4 4 4	101 100	102 102 102 104	G.T.West., 4% 1st m't. b'ds Ditto, 4% 2nd mort bonds Minn., S.P.& S.S.M., 1st mort.	95 99	Asbestos & Asbetic. £10 B. Col. Elec. Rly., 4½% debs Do, 4½% per.cons. deb. st'k	102 102	10
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Ditto, 1947 Ditto, 1949 Ditto, 1950 st'k	4 4	$\begin{array}{cccc} 100 & 102 \\ 100 & 102 \\ 103 \\ 103 \\ 104 \end{array}$	RAILROADS				Ditto, 7 % pref., \$100 Ditto, common, \$100 Do, 4% Leased Line Stock	$\begin{array}{cccc} 158 & 163 \\ 150 & 153 \\ 92 & 94 \end{array}$	Ditto, 5 % pref. stock Canada Cement 7 % pref Ditto, 6% 1st mort. bonds Can. Gen. Electric. ord., £100	89 104 107	9 10 11
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MUNICIPAL City 1937-8	43	104 106	Do., Sask. C. N. O., 3½% deb. st'k Do. 3½%, 1938	1936	100 91 91 91	101 93 93 93	LAND COMPANIES Brit. American Land, A, £1 Ditto, B, £24	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Mont. Street Railway, Ditto 4½ % debs. Ditto, ditto, (1908). Mont.W.& P. 4½% prior lien bds	101 102	2:10
Ditto. 1928-37 Ditto. 1930-40. Edmonton, 1915-47 Ditto, 1917-29-49	. 5	104 106 105 109	Can. Nor. Que. 4% deb. Do. 4% lst mort. bond	st'k s	91 94 92 104	93 96 94 106	Calgary & Ed'ton Land, 5s. Canada Company, £1 Canada North-West Land, \$1	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Nont. W. & F. \$30 pror nen bas Ogilvie Flour Mills Rich. & Ont. Nav., new 5% debs. Rio de Janeiro Tramway, shares.	132 97	13
Hamilton, 1934 Moncton, 1925	. 4	101 108 98 100 79 81	Ditto, 4 % deb. stock Ditto, Algoma, 5 % box	nds.	105 113 1021	106 115 1034	Can. North. Prairie Lands.\$5 Hudson Bay, £10 Land Corporation of Can.£1	28 -28 1154 1164 28 21	Ditto, 1st mort. bonds Ditto, 5 % bonds Shawin'n Water & Power, \$100	100	10
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Ditto, 1948 Ottawa 1913	43	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Ditto. 5% pref. stock. Ditto. ord. stock	•••••	821	83	Western Canada Land, £1 LOAN COMPANIES Can. & Amer'n Mort.; £10	11 18 121 123	Toronto Railway, 4½% bonds W Koot'y Pow. & Light, 6% bds W. Can. Cement, 6% bds £100.	98 104	1
Quebec City, 1914-18 Ditte, 1923 Ditte, 1958	. 4	101 0	Do. 4% m't.bds (Pr. Se	.br.)	95 97 93	97 99 95	Ditto, ditto, £2 paid Ditto 4½ % pref., £10 Ditto, 4 % deb. stock	2 2½ 93 10± 975 985	Ditto, shares Ditto, 7% 2nd debs W. Can Flour Mills, 6% bords	70 102	1
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GOVERNMENT FINANCE

PUBLIC DEBT	1910	1911	Revenue & Expenditure	Month of Fep.	Month of Feb.	Total to 28th Feb.	Total to 28th Feb 1911
LIABILITIES-	4.898.310	4,883,660	CONSOLIDATED FUND	1910	1911	1910	1911
Payable in Canada. Payable in England Payable in Eng., Temp'y Loans. Bank Circul'n Redemp. Fund Dominion Notes. Savings Banks.	4,898,310 257,451,059 21,899,999 4,106,228 86,984,843 56,829,399 9,042,320	4,883,000 275,836,381 4,316,406 89,456,107 56,543,774 9,374,744	REVENUE— Customs Excise Post Office Public W'ks, incl'g Rlys Miscellaneous	\$ 5,077,839 1,199,017 550,757 797,236 549,086	\$ 6,040,090 1,322,585 853,888 818,071 457,362	6,801,667 9,272,868	15,241,18 7,842,09 10,003,87
Trust Funds Province Accounts Miscel. & Banking Accounts	11,920,582 21,751,401	$\begin{array}{c} 11,920,582\\ 21,909,715 \end{array}$	Total	8,173,937	9,491,997		
Total Gross Debt	474,884,146	474,241,372	Expenditure	4,198,112	5,140,108	63,876,584	70,58',8
ASSETS-	The second second		EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT, ETC.				
Investments—Sinking Funds Other Investments. Province Accounts. Miscel. & Banking Accounts.	$\begin{array}{c} 14,301,715\\ 26,216,851\\ 2,296,429\\ 103,410,270 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 15,822,764\\ 27,461,851\\ 2,296,429\\ 97,305,128 \end{array}$	Pub. W'ks, Rlys, & Canals Dominion Lands Militia, Capital. Railway Subsidies	$2,152,197 \\ 45,060 \\ 184,807 \\ 184,320 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\$		738,855 921,440 2,048,097	-5,3
Total Assets	146,225,266	142,886,173	Bounties	163,934	32,025		
Total Net Debt, 28th February Total Net Debt, 31st January	328,658 879 329,869,970	331,355,198 333,336,145	N W. Territories Rebell'n Total	2,730,320	2,727,500	- 380	

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS DURING FEBRUARY.

Industrial accidents occurring to 264 individual work people in Canada, during the month of February, 1911, were reported to the Department of Labor. Of these, eighty-four were fatal and 180 resulted in serious injuries. In addition, four fatal accidents were reported as having taken place prior to the beginning of the month, information not having been received by the Department before February, 1911. In the preceding month there were eighty-two fatal and

In the preceding month there were eighty-two fatal and 201 non-fatal accidents reported, a total of 283, and in February, 1910, there were forty-one fatal and 196 non-fatal accidents, a total of 237. The number of fatal accidents reported in February, 1911, was therefore two more than in the preceding month, and forty-three more than in February, 1910. The number of non-fatal accidents reported in February, 1911, was twenty-one less than in the preceding month, and sixteen less than in February, 1910. Altogether, there were nineteen less industrial accidents reported in February, 1911, than in the preceding month, and twentyseven more than in the same month of the preceding year.

February, 1911, than in the preceding month, and twentyseven more than in the same month of the preceding year. Of 35 returns received during the month, giving the ages of the victims of industrial accidents, twelve referred to persons under twenty-one years of age, fifty-four to persons between twenty-one and forty-five, and twelve to persons over forty-five. Fifty-seven persons were over twentyone years of age, but their exact ages were not specified.

ALBERTA LOSES APPEAL.

The supreme court has delivered judgment dismissing the appeal in the case of the Alberta government against the Royal Bank of Canada to recover six million dollars of Alberta & Great Waterways bonds held by them. Some weeks ago Mr. Justice Beck made an order joining the Canada West Construction Company and the Alberta & Great Waterways Company with the defendant bank in the suit begun by the province. From this the government appealed. The Chief Justice was in favor of the appeal, but the other three judges sustained the order of Justice Beck. The two new parties joined as defendants were given six days to file their defence. The appeal will be carried to the higher courts.

The amalgamation of the United Empire Bank and the Union Bank of Canada was completed on April 1st. The following appointments have been confirmed: Mr. F. W. Ashe, eastern superintendent at Toronto; Mr. Jno. Hamilton, superviser of eastern branches; Mr. J. B. Waddell, inspector of eastern branches; Mr. Kenneth F. Gilmour, inspector of eastern branches returns; Mr. W. M. Chandler, assistant inspector; Mr. George Wilson, manager, Toronto; Mr. H. H. Rowley, manager, Ottawa, Wellington Street branch; Mr. E. E. Code, manager, Quebec branch.

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Mr. F. M. Logan is manager of the Made in Canada fair, which will be held in Vancouver in June, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the city. Mr. H. U. G. Bamber, representing a Portland cement manufacturing company at Gravesend, England, has been in British Columbia. He is to report on the prospects of the Canadian market, considering the demand for cement in this country. in this country.



NOAH A. TIMMINS, One of the syndicate controlling the Hollinger and a pioneer in Cobalt and Porcupine.

A Kaslo, B.C., syndicate may secure an option for \$25. 000 on the charter of the Kaslo & Sandon railroad, and an arrangement will be made by which the road will be rebuilt to standard gauge for the 27 miles between Kaslo and Sandon and operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Officers of the Board of Trade of Fernie, B.C., for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. W. G. Barclay; vice-president, Mr. J. R. Pollock; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. G. Moffatt.

CONTINENTAL TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

On May 1st the above named company will open its doors for business in its own new building on Second Avenue, Prince Rupert, B.C. The officers and directors of this new financial institution, which has an authorized capital of \$500,000, are as follows:

Mr. William T. Kergin, president; David H. Hays, first vice-president; Mr. M. J. Hobin, second vice-president and manager; Mr. Jay Kugler, secretary-treasurer. Directors-Messrs. William T. Kergin, David H. Hays, M. J. Hobin, Jay Kugler, Alfred Carss, Vernor W. Smith, J. F. Brandt, J. H. Kugler, J. M. Bramlette.

LOANS FROM EDMONTON'S SINKING FUND.

Edmonton, Alta., has \$191,000 at the credit of its sink-ing fund account and as this amount may be invested in first-class securities, Chief Justice Harvey has appointed Mr. T. M. Turnbull, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Mr. S. H. Smith of the Western Realty Com-pany, as trustees. The trustees will act in conjunction with the chairman of the finance committee in considering appli-cations for loans from citizens of the city. Already two applications for loans have been made, one for \$125,000, and the other for \$65,000.

It is the intention of the committee to consider applications for loans from outside school districts.

Through a gasoline explosion, Mr. Hancock of Saulte Ste. Marie, Ont., was seriously injured When the stove exploded Mr. Hancock picked it up and threw it into the backyard and then plunged headlong into the snow bank in endeavoring to extinguish flames which were consuming his clothes.

Negligence on the part of householders is responsible for a large increase in the number of fires is the opinion of Mr. Latulippe, fire commissioner of Montreal. The only of Mr. Latumppe, hie commissioner of Montreal. The only way to stamp out neeligence, he said, was to punish it. Give the Commissioners' Court this power and there will he a remarkable reduction in the number of fires within a very few years: 1911—Japuary, 174 fires: February, 166 fires; March, 140 fires: total 480 fires. 1010—January, 146 fires; February, 117 fires: March, 117 fires: total, 380 fires.

Porcupine, the Ontario Gold Camp

Years ago in Canada only a hardy man would endure the trials which enabled him to gain the mining camp. Things are changing. On Dominion Day one may turn into the sleeper at Toronto depot, be called to breakfast in Northern Ontario, and in a parlor car glide into the Porcupine gold camp a few hours later. The changing conditions are largely due to the facts that we have numbered eleven years of the twentieth century, and that the Ontario government believes the mining industry is worth a certain amount of their railroad enterprise. Largely to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad, the silver output at Cobalt is due, and Porcupine must also pay its portion of praise to the legislators who are assisting the prospector and miner.

Northern Ontario minerals mean much for the capital of the province, as well as for the province itself. Toronto has become a base of operations. The hotel rotunda looks often like a mining bureau. In the Queen City company promoters plan to launch new concerns at the psychological moment. Lawyers are busy formulating new agreements and untangling the skein of old. Mining engineers confer with capitalists while many bad imitations of the real mining engineer hang around the fringe picking up scraps for worthless company reports. Provision merchants reckon mining development as an important factor in the year's business. Canned goods orders are received and dealt with in sheafs. The telegraph companies are filing thousands of extra words, the printing houses are busy with Porcupine type. Altogether this mining development is giving quicker circulation to commercial blood.

We have heard of Porcupine for several years, but, as the area was difficult of access, little prospecting was done until two or three years ago. When the Timmins brothers commenced to show results, the onlooker who remembered their exploits in Cobalt commenced to take notice. A Toronto barrister is said to have been the first to discover gold along the shores of Porcupine Lake. He forsook, for the time being anyway, the spheres of legal tomes for the region of mineral Domes, East and West, and Preston East and others.

About five hundred miles separate the new gold camp from Toronto. That means, if things go well, Porcupine will have a population of size when those interested can run into the district over car wheels. The first question one is likely to ask is whether the attractions are of comparative permanency or of a temporary nature. To this are two substantial replies. The Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa, the Moreing-Bewick people, the Anglo-French Exploration Company, with J. B. Tyrrell, F. A. Heinze, the Montana copper king, and others, would not have their fingers in among the Porcupine quills unless they anticipated something tangible later. Again, we have the statement of Mr. H. E. T. Haultain, a mining engineer on whose word explicit reliance can be placed, that there are promising prospects scattered over a very large area which will take years to explore. One may be assured, therefore, of some permanence.

In many ways the beginning of Porcupine resembled the birth of Cobalt. Both had the Temiskaming railroad as a doctor; both knew Ontario as a mother. Men such as Timmins; Earle, of Nipissing; Lorne McGibbon, of La Rose; J. B. Tyrrell, mining engineer and explorer; Willet G. Miller, provincial geologist, and his valuable helpers, Messrs. Knight and Burrows, were around the cradle both times. In several important ways, though, there are differences. The American pretty nearly swallowed Cobalt before the Canadian had decided that the savor was good or that his digestion for a new silver mining camp was strong enough. Porcupine, on the will forget and vainly endeavor to make up Cobalt losses other hand, already has an international flavor. News by Porcupine gains.

of what might be expected got overseas in remarkably quick time. Scotch capital was early in the field, and so was London with a corps of prominent mining engineers, who immediately gave the camp importance. Canadians profited by their Cobalt lesson, with the result that they froze on to Porcupine instead of waiting to be frozen out. American capital has also had its look in and intends to stay. Unlike Cobalt, Porcupine is not likely to be dominated by Uncle Sam's money. There is another vital difference, too. The silver camp lay yawning long before big mining interests prodded it to action. As soon as Porcupine was discovered, the big men of the mining world allowed it no time for beauty sleep. They were there in a trice with their colleagues to size the situation. That done, Northern Ontario will know them for some years.

A third difference in the two camps is one of sentiment, though it also kept out capital for a while-that was the price asked for prospects. When mining magnates and their scouts began to become as numerous as shacks in the camp, the prospector imagined his pile made. He thought that London and Edinburgh would bite at gold-colored bait. That was a bad oversight, and London and Edinburgh turned their heads the other way, which soon brought prospects salesmen to reasonable figures. Mr. C. A. Moreing, who knows a mine when he sees it, says that many men are asking more for a Porcupine prospect than he would think of paying for a mine in West Australia. The fact that mining engineers and magnates know the difference between a mine and a prospect should be borne in mind by the prospector. That fact, too, will prove of assistance to the camp's development,

There is not a plethora of official reports respecting the new region. Mr. Brock, the director of the Dominion Geological Survey, visited the district in June last year and published a report. He thought the chances of finding a notable gold camp were as good to-day as were the chances of locating a Cobalt seven years ago. Mr. Miller, the Provincial Geologist, also wrote a report after a visit in July, and at the same time the provincial government published a map of the region. The Monetary Times understands that Mr. Burrows, of the Ontario Department of Mines, has compiled a Porcupine report, which is now in the printers' hands, and will, with a revised map, be off the press by the end of next month. Mr. Miller, who views mining regions from the stony plane of a provincial geologist, admits that, so far as systematic sampling has gone, the results are considered satisfactory. He adds that experienced gold mining men will not lay too much stress on surface values. They will wait to test the deposits at depth, both as regards their richness and as regards their size and regularity. Mr. A. A. Cole, the mining engineer employed by the Temiskaming Railway, thinks the prospects for a good camp are favorable.

Real mining men, therefore, are satisfied with the indications. Also, the stockbrokers who specialize in mining gambles, are joyful at future prospects. The inevitable result of the advent of a new mining camp is a boom in stocks, many of which, if not most, are valueless. Already the mining market in Toronto has got ahead of the real mining in Porcupine. Montreal is following, and Winnipeg, which should keep both eyes on grain and wheat, is on the brink ready for a plunge into speculative waters. When certain New York interests get their fuses well laid, the match will be applied and curb markets will run wild. Then the man who bought Rossland stocks will smile and hold his wad. Many who have been waiting years for their Cobalt stocks to rise

The strenuous times of the average mining camp come as a rule but once. When Nipissing tumbled from its high point somewhere around thirty-five dollars per five dollar share down to fourteen points, people looked pretty glum. The leader having come to grief, the followers followed suit. A strange sullen feeling settled on thousands of shareholders. They knew well enough their mines had not been spirited away in a night. If any thought deeply, they figured their foolishness was responsible, and that some others had played the game of sharp practice. In other words, everybody knew that to manipulate the stock markets is simple enough. To manipulate the actual mines in a similar manner is not so easy. The Ontario Government in its Bureau of Mines report for 1906 regretted "that the signs are too evident that the Cobalt mining district is to be the scene of another joint stock company boom." The signs were in evidence. Probably the only factor preventing the replete fulfilment of ministerial predictions was the fact that money was scarce. Everything being done to work up sentiment to a high pitch, the lack of funds postponed all effective efforts. Mr. Thomas W. Gibson's words well may be used again. The signs are more in evidence than ever. Some one will say, "But there is good reason for activity." Agreed. There are many excellent reasons.

After all, one is brought back to a primary investment fact-no sane man but himself has a right to dictate to his commonsense. If the market activity places Porcupine stocks in their right position, all well and good. But the chances are largely against this. The public as a whole must act cautiously. Enthusiasm may bring a repetition of the Cobalt boom. The average shareholder may be most likely cautious, but then there is the hazard of his hope strangling his wisdom.

One has but little sympathy for the man who comes to bury Porcupine, not to praise him. On the other hand, there is sympathy for him who comes to praise and not to bury. For this reason-if you go on record with ten words of appreciation diluted with five words of caution, what happens? Your ten will be quoted far and wide; your five will be overlooked. The Ontario Government, a dozen of reliable mining engineers, the legitimate mining companies, all have faith in the Porcupine camp. Wherein they show good sense. But unfortunately all these heartsome facts may be used judiciously to make the cheese for the stock manipulation mousetrap.-F. W. F.

HISTORY OF PORCUPINE DISCOVERIES.

Provincial Geologist Describes the Gold Area and Its Formation-Technical Information Value.

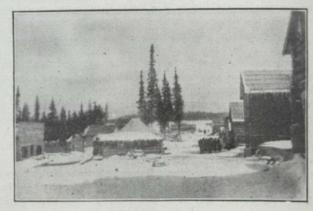
Until the last two or three years, says a report of the Ontario Bureau ci Mines, the Porcupine area was difficult of access and little prospecting was done in it. The information concerning it was practically all contained in the reports published by the geologists who accompanied O. L. S. Niven in his base-line work and the township surveyors in the years 1896, 1898, 1899, 1903, 1904 and 1905. In 1896 Mr. E. M. Burwash accompanied Mr. Niven as geologist in the survey of the Nipissing-Algoma boun-dary line, which, it may be added, now forms the boundary be Niven as geologist in the survey of the Nipissing-Algoma boun-dary line, which, it may be added, now forms the boundary be-tween the districts of Nipissing and Sudbury. The boundary was run northward to mile 120, which is now situated at the southeast corner of the township of Whitney, and the eastern boundary of the township of Shaw includes that part of the line lying between mile 114 and mile 120. Mr. Burwash's description is published in Volume 6 of the Report of the Bureau of Mines. He points out that the district gives promise as a gold field. The following out that the district gives promise as a gold field. The following extracts are taken from his report, pages 180, 181 and 183:--"Near the 116th mile the line finally passes off the granite and intrudes upon grey slate rocks. On the first half of the 116th mile (now on the eastern boundary of the township of Shaw) a "Near the floth mile the line finally passes off the granite and intrudes upon grey slate rocks. On the first half of the 116th mile (now on the eastern boundary of the township of Shaw) a small quartz vein occurs which, on assay, was found to contain a trace of gold The district would be a promising one from the prospector's point of view were it not for the presence of the drift. . . . In the lower parts of the series (Keewatin), on the other hand, gold appears to be quite widely distributed, both in veins which are of tolerably frequent occurrence and in mineralized portions of the rock itself . . . In two cases the veins were situated near the boundary of granite areas. In two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in the veins were situated near the boundary of granite areas. In two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in the veins were situated near the boundary of granite areas. In two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in the veins were situated near the boundary of granite areas. In two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in the veins were situated near the boundary of granite areas. In two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in the veins were situated near the boundary of granite areas. In two localities, between the 85th and 95th miles, the gold occurs in the presence of the second provide the tother the second provide the tother the second provide the tother toth

mineralized bands of the country rock, which in both cases more or less chloritic."

The first prospecting in the area appears to have been done in 1906, when a shallow pit was sunk on a claim adjacent to what is now known as the Timmins mine. The next work in the area was done by Mr. Hunter on the eastern shore of Porcupine lake. The vein uncovered here shows gold in hand specimens. In 1909 interest was revived in the district by the discoveries of Mr. J.S. Wilson and others. Mr. James Bartlett, one of the Bureau's geologists, made a brief examination of the discoveries in October and a report by him was shortly afterwards made public.

Topography and Geology.

Much of the surface of the area is low and wet, although it And the surface of the area is low and wet, fathough it can scarcely be said to be swampy. The lower flat surface is occu-pied by well-banded clay, together with some sand and gravel. Overlying the clay is a layer of vegetable mould from a few inches to a foot or more in thickness. This layer holds water, the underlying clay being impervious, and presents a surface some-what difficult to drain. Outcrops of compact rock occur irregu-



South Porcupine.

larly over the surface covering. Since some of them are small, they are difficult to locate. In some sections of the area the rocks rise into ridges which extend across parts of several lots. In most cases the rocks do not rise to a greater height above the general level than 50 feet. Occasionally, however, they rise to heights of 100 to 150 feet.

Elevations above mean sea level in May, 1910, as determined by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway's surveys are as follows:—Night Hawk Lake, 895 feet; Porcupine, 913 feet; Three Nations, 930 feet; Gillies, 1,008 feet; Pearl, 1,024 feet; Mattagami River (Timmins Landing), 881 feet; Frederick House Lake 894 feet Lake, 894 feet.

For the Technical Man.

The area lying between the mouth of Porcupine river and Porcupine lake has a maximum elevation of about 970 feet. The southwestern part of Tisdale is considerably higher, reaching an elevation of about 1,100 feet. The lakes are shallow and the rivers have cut deep. The greatest depth of water found in Porcu-pine lake was 20 feet. Night Hawk lake has only six feet of water in many of the wide parts, and 12 feet was the maximum depth found found.

Keewatin .- The oldest series, the Keewatin, is similar in character to rocks of this age found in various parts of northern Ontario, from the Quebec boundary on the east to that of Mani-toba on the west. They consist of various volcanic rocks with their as is illustrated by the schistose character in many places, than it is in the Cobalt area. In the Porcupine area, however, some of the Keewatin rocks have escaped dynamic metamorphic agencies sufficient to show their original character. In parts of the town-Receiver to show their original character. In parts of the town-sufficient to show their original character. In parts of the town-ship of Whitney and elsewhere, for instance, certain basalts still retain quite perfectly their anygdaloidal texture and ellipsoidal structure. Most of the Keewatin in the Porcupine area, as else-where, consists of dark-colored or greenish, massive or schistose rocks of basic or intermediate composition. Quartz-porphyry is, however a rather common rock in the Porcupine area. While it however, a rather common rock in the Porcupine area. While it occurs characteristically in dikes, it is also found in larger masses. Certain quartz porphyry dikes have been subjected to pressure and broken up, and now resemble conglomerate. The metamorphic action has produced a dark greenish base through which are set fragments of the porphyry. Probably volcanic fragmental rocks of Keewatin age occur in the area, but they have not been definitely recognized.

Notes of Analyses.

seen in contact with other rocks. It may correspond in age to the crystalline limestone of the Grenville of eastern Ontario. the vicinity of the Dome mine there is an outcrop of a ferruginous carbonate. It would appear not unlikely that carbonate in some places is a replacement mineral, and that a considerable volume of rock may at times have been replaced by the carbonate. A ferruginous carbonate, not unlike that in rock masses, occurs as veinstone in a few cases. For instance, the strong vein on the Foster and adjacent claim is composed of a ferruginous carbonate that has been fractured and filled in with quart; an analysis of this carbonate shows it to have the following composition: CaO, 28.68 per cent.; MgO, 14.20 per cent.; FeO, 8.66 per cent.; CO2, 43.14 per cent. A somewhat similar carbonate occurs in a vein on the Gray claims in the township of Ogden and an analysis shows its composition to be: CaO, 23.97 per cent.; MgO, 9.46 per cent.; FeO, 10.36 per cent.; CO₂, 34.94 per cent.

May Make a Mistake.

The Huronian in this area has been subjected to intense dynamic metamorphism, and it is difficult to distinguish Huronian schist or other highly metamorphosed rocks of this age from the Keewatin. One on the most difficult problems of the pre-Cambrian is to distinguish, when dynamic metamorphism has taken place, true fragmentary, especially conglomerates, from volcanic fragmental material, or from friction breecias which are com-monly called autoclastic rocks. In some areas doubtless each of these three classes—(1) true conglomerate, (2) volcanic frag-mental material, (3) friction breccias or autoclastic rocks, may be present. Then the pre-Cambrian geologist may be excused if he makes a mistake.

Laurentian.—The map shows a few outcrops of granite in the southern part of Whitney township. This granite, a biotite granite, is somewhat fine in grain and intrudes the Keewatin, but its relation to the Huronian has not been determined. It is classed provisionally as Laurentian, although it is not characteristic Laurentian granite. Granite is known to occur in large volume a few miles beyond the boundaries of this map. Later editions of the map, it is hoped, will show the relationship of the granite to the other rocks of the area.

Huronian .- A belt of Huronian fragmental rocks, that outcrops through the drift covering at irregular intervals, has been traced from near the mouth of the Porcupine river in the township of Cody southwest across the northern part of the township of Whitney and southwest through Tisdale. As previously mentioned, the Huronian has been subjected to great metamorphism and in places it is rendered highly schistose. Its metamorphism here is in striking contrast to that of the same series in the Cobalt, Gowganda and other areas to the southward.

Found at Porcupine.

The three facies of the series characteristic of the areas just mentioned are found at Forcupine. There is conglomerate, impure quartzite or more massive greywacke and well-banded slate-like greywacke. Where the Huronian rocks have been rendered schistose, their recognition is assisted by the occurrence of these facies. It is difficult in some cases, as has been said above, to distinguish metamorphic conglomerate from volcanic fragmental or autoclastic rocks, but the more slate-like facies of the Huronian tend to retain their original character more perfectly and are less apt to be mistaken for, or confused with, Keewatin rocks.



Bannerman Claims, Porcupine.

Olivine Diabase .- Several dikes of olivine diabase, cutting the Keewatin, have been found in the area. These dikes are similar in character to the well-known dikes of Sudbury and to one or two that have been found in the Cobalt and Gowganda areas. The olivine diabase in the Porcupine area is considered to be of post-Middle Huronian age.

Glacial and Recent Deposits.—It is not necessary to say more concerning the glacial and recent deposits of the district than has been said above.

Question of Ore Bodies.

Outcrops of quartz are very numerous in the area mapped. They are found both in rocks of Keewatin and Huronian age. The age of the rock, whether Keewatin or Huronian, does not appear to have any bearing on the character of the vein, either as to form or as to gold content.

While the field work has not extended over a large enough area to include the granite mentioned above, the writer has little doubt that the quartz deposits of the Porcupine area are connected with the great granite intrusions which took place in post-Lower Huronian times. The quartz has been deposited from the impure waters, highly heated and under great pressure, which worked through the rocks after the granite intrusion.

At the time the field work in connection with the preparation At the time the held work in connection with the preparation of this map was in progress, development work on the ore bodies was only in preliminary stages, and facilities for the study of ore deposits were naturally not good. Moreover, it may be said that our object was to prepare a map for the use of the prospectors and to make a more detailed study of the ore bodies later on. The detailed many of Massy Knight and Europea which accompany and to make a more detailed study of the ore bodies later on. The detailed maps of Messrs. Knight and Burrows, which accompany this general geological map, show the occurrence of some of the important ore bodies. It is seen, for instance, that the ore bodies at the Timmins cut across the strike of the schist, and that they vary considerably in width from point to point. This is char-acteristic of practically all the ore bodies in the area. They widen into large masses of quartz, in one or two cases from 75 to 100 feet in width, and narrow abruptly. Mr. Knight, in the notes Widen into large masses of quartz, in one or two cases from 75 to 100 feet in width, and narrow abruptly. Mr. Knight, in the notes published with his detailed plan, refers to this, and compares this abrupt change to that which is frequently seen in granite peg-matite. The Foster vein, mentioned above, differs from the quartz veins or deposits to which reference has just been made. Good Progress Made.

At the end of June, 1910, there was one shaft down to a depth of approximately 100 feet. A number of others had reached a depth of only about half of this. Time did not permit of our sampling any of the ore bodies, and moreover it is not the business of the Bureau of Mines to undertake sampling except in rare instances. It could be seen, however, in hand specimens that the quartz in several of the deposits is high grade. Moreover, the writer knows, that so far as systematic sampling has gone, the results are considered to be satisfactory. Of course experienced gold mining men will not lay too much stress on surface values. They will wait to test the deposits at depth, both as regards their richness and as regards their size and regularity.

Transportation facilities up to the present have been poor, and it is surprising that as much progress has been made as is shown on some of the properties. The Timmins property is well equipped with plant and camp buildings. The plant consists of two boilers of 50 horse-power capacity, a 6-drill compressor, hoist and other equipment. A 2-stamp Tremaine mill is to be erected for sampling. The Dome mines have a somewhat similar plant to that of the Timmins. A Nissen stamp, now on the ground, is to be erected for sampling.

DISTRICT IS EXCELLENT.

Promising Prospects Will Take Years to Explore-There Will be Many "Blanks" Drawn, Too.

(By H. E. T. Haultain.)

To-day, about twelve months after the first mining com-pany took in its first supplies, the general position of the To-day, about twelve months after the first mining com-pany took in its first supplies, the general position of the Porcupine district is excellent. At least two groups of claims have been sufficiently explored to give strong assurance of important profits in sight, and these claims are in the hands of strong syndicates capable of developing them on the best lines. There are several other groups of claims giving very healthy promise of future success, and there are promising prospects scattered over a very large area, an area that will take years to explore. Early railroad transportation is assured, as is also plenty of hydro-electric power for the mines. Good Men in Camp. Good Men in Camp.

The best type of men are established in the district. There is good agricultural land all about the mines. The mineral is gold, gold in quartz, which attracts as nothing else does. Noth-ing good seems to be lacking from the district. There will be the inevitable output of wild-cats. There are

There will be the inevitable output of wild-cats. There are going to be many, very many, blanks in the district. There will be many quartz veins with sensational specimens that will help the wild-cat promoter to bait his hook for the suckers. Toronto has hardly recovered sufficiently to be a tempting ground for these promoters, but apparently Ottawa and Montreal are to be actively worked in the near future. This will do the country harm undoubtedly, but Porcupine has such a good start that they cannot now do very serious harm. Much Gold "In Sight."

Porcupine has now more gold "in sight," that is actually proved to exist by exploration and development, than the total output of gold in Ontario up to date. Will Porcupine eclipse such districts as Johannesburg or Cripple Creek? Good as are the showings at Porcupine, there is no evidence of any such extent of richness as characterizes these big districts. But Porcupine can be a very successful and a very important gold camp, and yet fall far short of these big camps. Porcupine already has done a great and lasting service to Ontario in that she has brought into the district some of the world's best miners and mine financiers, and has made them believers in the probabilities of the future.

The nickel mines were considered a freak, Cobalt was considered a freak, Ontario's gold was always a failure, but now, even a small gold camp with a real dividend payer coming on the top of Cobalt would change all this. Porcupine without question will be a good small camp in the immediate future and may develop into one of the big camps. Meanwhile there will be much activity in farm lands, townsites, transportation by sleighs, by rail, and by water, power distribution, mill con-struction, real mining and wild-catting.

BANKS AND MINE FINANCING.

Care is Exercised by Canadian Banks in Regard to Mining Enterprises-Shareholders Must Find Money for Development.

(By H. M. P. Eckardt.)

In Canada, of late years, a good deal of attention has been directed to the various mining centres. Although only a small proportion of the bank branches are located in these Although only districts, the business they do is somewhat different from that transacted in the ordinary branches, and it will be interesting to trace some of the peculiarities. Dealings with the mines compose a considerable part of the whole. The general mantransacted in the ordinary branches, and it will be interesting to trace some of the peculiarities. Dealings with the mines compose a considerable part of the whole. The general man-ager of an old and conservative Canadian bank, with many years' experience in this kind of business, used to advise his managers: "Remember, the bank lends no money on a hole in the ground," that is to say, it is not a banker's business to provide money for development work. The practice of the most conservative banks is well defined.

Their rule is rigid-that shareholders of the mining com-Their rule is rigid—that shareholders of the mining com-panies must find the money themselves for development work. When mining companies have reached a certain stage of de-velopment and are shipping ore to a smelter and getting re-turns regularly, business may be done with them by lending money upon ore on the dump or in transit. But the managers have to keep in mind the fact that ore from different levels of the same mine will often vary considerably in value. In granting accommodation, the bank is guided considerably by the past record of the companies it deals with. the past record of the companies it deals with.

In the free milling gold camps where the ore passes through the stamp mill, the clean-up is usually reduced at the mine to gold bars, which form an excellent bankers' security until shipped to an assay office and returns are received.

Practice in the Klondike.

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In the Klondike, the practice is to buy gold dust as it is brought in, paying for it such a figure as would cover cost of shipment to the assay office in Seattle or San Francisco, and insurance and interest, and leave a margin of profit. The banks have their own assayers and gold buyers in Dawson, and they can tell with great exactness merely by looking at the dust that is brought in, where it came from and what it would yield when melted down. There is a great difference between the value of the gold obtained from the various creeks. For gold from the richest creeks \$3 or \$4 more per ounce can be paid than for that from the poorer creeks. The arrival of the banks in Dawson consequently made quite a change in the purchasing power of the dust was the general medium of exchange at a rate of \$17 per ounce, and little or no discrimination was made against the poorer qualities.

Dealing with Promoters and Organizers.

Another phase of the business at mining camps is that which results from the activities of promoters and organizers. They are selling stock to outsiders more or less all the time, and are continually offering for discount their sight drafts, with mining scrip attached. As the people engaged in this business are sometimes of little or no financial standing, it is by no means an uncommon thing for the drawee of one of these drafts to refuse it.

Naturally, the banks receive numerous applicants for loans on mining stocks, but they are, it is said, almost universally turned down.

Apart from this special class of business, there are in mining camps, as everywhere, merchants whose stocks of goods and good accounts and bills receivable show a sufficient margin over their liabilities to warrant the banks in advancing to them.

Business Versus Fraud.

In dealing with the members of a mining community, the managers have to be on guard quite as much against the optimism that seems inseparable from the business, as against optimism that seems inseparable from the business, as against intentional fraud. All the men who plead for loans of a few thousand dollars to sink a shaft or drive a tunnel a short dis-tance to a point where they have figured out to their own satis-

faction that they will strike a vein, are not rogues. On the contrary, many of them implicitly believe what they say, but, though they are usually willing to pay well for the accommoda-tion, it is almost a sure thing that the banker who lends a ready ear to proposals of that kind will live to rue it. The banking system of Canada is very flexible, and the banks rapidly adapt themselves to the special needs of all the particular industries in different parts of the country. Besides farming, manufacturing, and mining, they finance lum-bering, the fisheries, the dairy industry in the country dis-tricts, in addition to the more complicated business met with in the cities. in the cities.

FIRST OFFICIAL REPORT

Held Out Hopes for a Good Camp, but Also Gave a Warning.

Mr. R. W. Brock, the capable director of the Dominion Geological Survey, was a visitor to the Porcupine camp last summer, and made a very interesting report. In brief his findings were as follows:

- A wild stock boom seems imminent. There are some promising prospects. Nine thousand claims have been staked.

Nine thousand claims have been staked. Prices of claims are above any determined value. Two thousand people are in the Porcupine camps. The next few months' developments will furnish a clue as to deeper conditions. Since Mr. Brock's visit many more claims have been staked and many hundreds of people have joined the 2,000. The ques-tion of depth has also been probed with good results.

Wild Boom is Imminent.

"Great interest is being taken in the Porcupine district." says Mr. Brock. "A continuous stream of travellers is passing in and out over the trail. At Hill's halfway house 100 are fed each day. Probably 2,000 people are in the camps about



Covernment Townsite, Porcupine.

Porcupine, and as news is received of the discovery of gold at one point after another throughout the district the 'yellow fever' grows more intense and increasingly contagious, and unfortunately a wild boom seems imminent. Already prices of claims are away above any determined value, and the buying and selling is on a speculative rather than a business basis—for there is nothing more alluring than the noble metal glistening from its quartz background, and the district fur-nishes remarkably tempting specimens. About 9,000 claims have been staked. The great majority, of course, have no real present or prospective value as mines, but they are in Porcupine and they can be bought and sold. But there are some really good-looking prospects, quartz is remarkably wide-spread over the district, and visible gold is abundant in some showings, and has been found at numerous and widely separ-ated points. ated points.

Gold Occurrences Located.

"Most of the gold occurrences so far located are in the township of Tisdale, but some of the properties are in Whitney, others in Shaw and in the Forest Reserve A new discovery others in Shaw and in the Forest Reserve A new discovery has just been announced from Kamiskotia Lake, west of the Mattagami River. Then, of course, there are the older dis-coveries in Night-hawk Lake. The prevailing rocks are green-stones, (including old diabases), quartz-porphyries, and schist, presumably of Keewatin age, with some slates, greywackes, and conglomerates, probably Huronian. The quartz seems to occur in any of the rocks and in all manner of forms. There are some well-defined veins, there are some large annarchiare some well-defined veins, there are some large apparently isolated masses of it, the so-called 'domes,' and there are numerous irregular quartz stringers, which may swell out in places to large masses that may or may not have a vertical extension.

"The majority of the veins and zones of quartz stringers seen, had a strike approximately northeast, while that of the rocks was more nearly east—that is, they were distinctly cut-ting across the strike or schistosity of the rocks, as the case

Geology of the District.

"The geology of the district is being studied by Professor Miller, provincial geologist, and his assistants Messrs. Knight and Burrows. It was under their guidance, and through the information kindly furnished by them that in the short time at my disposal I was able to get a comprehensive view of the camp, and some knowledge of the geological conditions.

"Porcupine is fortunate in having had a number of strong interests take hold in the initial stage of the camp, which ensures intelligent development and a thorough test of some of the more promising prospects. Plants were brought in during the winter, and a surprising number of properties are equipped with power plants.

Of the Show Properties.

"The 'show' properties at present are the Timmons, Dome, and Foster. The Timmons is about seven miles west of Por-cupine Lake and a mile and a half east of the Mattagami River. A clearing of forty acres has been made and substantial mine buildings erected. The plant consists of two boilers, a combuildings erected. The plant consists of two boilers, a com-pressor, hoist and dynamo; a crusher and small prospecting stamp mill are being erected. The buildings are lighted with electricity, and supplied with hot and cold water, baths, etc. A number of veins are exposed. On the largest, with a maximum width of about 20 feet, three shafts have been sunk, the dis-tance between the first and last being about 800 feet. For the shaft is about 90 feet, and is in a 12 foot vein at the bottom.

"Sinking is being continued. Beautiful ore, carrying free gold, is obtained at the bottom of the shaft, and over the surface showings, gold splashes are liberally scattered. About 300 tons of very promising ore is on the dump, from which almost anywhere showy specimens might be obtained. Several almost anywhere showy specimens might be obtained. Several lots of ore from the dump, sent out for sampling, are said to have yielded high results. The fresh ore is very promising-looking, and seems quite as good at 90 feet as on the surface. A number of other veins have been stripped, one of which has been traced about 300 feet, and shows gold at various points.

Development of Dome Property.

"The Dome is also under vigorous development. Here two "The Dome is also under vigorous development. Here two large masses of quartz, 60 feet or so in width, and of consider-able length, are opened up. Coarse gold adorns the surface of the quartz at a number of points, and the systematic sampling of the quartz is said to yield very satisfactory results. Several shafts have been sunk and diamond drilling is now to be undertaken to determine the conditions at depth. A small test mill is being erected, and the property is well equipped with a good plant and buildings. "The Foster vein is a belt or vein of the iron carbonate with transverse masses and veins of quartz. The quartz

filled with transverse masses and veins of quartz. The quartz contains many inclusions of the carbonate in which sulphides and gold have been deposited. This vein or belt has been traced and gold have been deposited. This vein or belt has been traced for nearly half a mile, and has a width, where exposed on the Foster, of from 6 to 20 feet. Fine showings of gold occur, and the clean-cut character and extensive horizontal dimensions of the lode suggest that it may have an equally strong vertical extension.

"From the above it will be seen that there are grounds for the hopefulness regarding the future of this baby camp. Of course there are properties here which will furnish specimens but never anything more, and lots that will not do even this. There are some that will be 'teasers,' with just even this. enough quartz with values to attract money for their develop-ment; but not enough in one place, or not enough continuity to the bodies to be exploited profitably. But there are some really promising prospects, which even if they should not prove altogether satisfactory with depth, yet may on their present showings, have quite a tidy output of gold.

Chances for Good Camp.

"The development during the next few months, which will furnish some clue as to the deeper conditions, will be followed with much interest. The history of gold mining followed with much interest. The history of gold mining in Ontario has not been highly encouraging; but it is to be remembered that gold mining in Ontario is to-day in exactly the same position as was silver mining seven years ago, and the chances of finding a notable gold camp are to-day quite as good as were the chances of locating a Cobalt at that time. "Porcupine is as yet in the prospect stage. But it has "the chances of availation of a cold camp are found to have

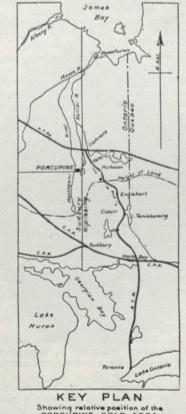
some of the essential qualities of a gold camp, sufficient to have induced experienced mining men to take up options at high figures, and to undertake large expenditures to determine if it possesses all the essential factors"

ORIGINAL OWNERS WANTED HIGH PRICES

For Properties-Buyers and Sellers Had Extreme Views Respecting Value.

When the big men of the mining world commenced to take extravagant ideas of values. This militated against rapid development, but both parties feeling confident in the future of the camp, the happy medium was struck and the big interests obtained camp, the happy medium was struck and the big interests obtained control of what will probably prove valuable properties. Dr. A. L. Simon, a recognized mining authority and consulting engineer, who was in Johannesburg for four years with the largest Rand miners recently had something to say respecting that phase. He understood that a cash offer of £300,000 for a certain property had been refused and that £1,500,000 had been asked instead. "These figures," he says, "are mentioned to emphasize the utter hopelessness of doing any serious business as far as slightly developed property is concerned. But the terms asked for prop-erties, where merely a quartz vein is to be seen, or even where

erties, where merely a quartz vein is to be seen, or even where orthing has been proved as yet, are similarly unapproachable. The prices asked for claims vary from \$15,000 to \$350,000, the gen-eral terms being 10 per cent. down, another 20 per cent. after sixty days, again 20 per cent. after 120 days, and the balance after nine to twelve months. No owners can explain why he asks \$15,000 and not any other sum.



Showing relative position of the PORCUPINE GOLD AREA

"The whole idea of purchase at the present time is regarded as a lottery gamble. It must be pointed out also that it is prac-tically impossible to do any useful work within the first sixty days. Owing to the absence of telegraph communications are necessarily slow and the state of the roads does not admit of bringing either supplies or machinery to a claim. This may be possible in the winter, but then, again, preliminary work, such as the construction of log cabins and other shelters, has to be done the construction of log cabins and other shelters, has to be done before any useful work can be started, and the first sixty days are over before there has been any chance of acquiring useful information.

Stock Promoters Are Busy.

"Yet some claims are being taken up on conditions as above Stated, mostly by agents, who expect to deal with them in Toronto, Montreal and New York. In a few instances light crushing machinery of small capacity is hurried to the claims under option. The small capacity admits of picked ore being treated with sen-sational returns, the object of such returns being too evident to require comment.

require comment. "These proceedings are particularly regrettable; they do not admit of real prospecting work being done, and prevent the seri-ous investor from taking a share in the proper development of a gold field which, generally speaking, possesses sufficient merit to enable the technical man to recommend systematic prospecting on a reasonable basis."

Dealing with the actual development of the camp, Dr. Simon states that most of the mines showing any development are (Continued on Page 1442.)

WHO'S WHO IN PORCUPINE?

Bruce, A. D.-Mining recorder for the Porcupine district. Is a very busy man just now.

McCullough, Dr.-Chief health officer, Ontario. Says that Porcupine residents must boil all drinking water.

Armstrong, Frank C .- President of the Tisdale Mining Company. Has large interests in Cobalt and Porcupine.

Hunter, A. G.—Was the first man to find gold on the shore: of Porcupine Lake. Has forsaken the profession of law for mining.

Carson, Col.—President of Crown Reserve Mining Company, Cobalt. Is conservative and well pleased with Porcupine. May acquire properties there.

Earle, E. P.-President of the Nipissing Company, New York. Was early in the Cobalt field, and is interested in the Armstrong-McGibbon property.

Warman, Cy.—Grand Trunk Railway publicist. A shining mark, but not a mining shark. Has sifted mining men's talk and prophesied big future for Porcupine.

Timmins, Noah A.—President of the Hollinger property. He and his brother made good in La Rose property at Cobalt. One of the first men in Porcupine region.

Cole, A. A.—Mining engineer and mineral adviser of Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad. Says that all the signs so far are favorable for a good gold camp.

Webb, H. H.—Prominent mining engineer, associated with Consolidated Goldfields Company. Has visited Porcupine. His company has foot well in that camp, as has also Webb.

Scott, A. W.—Came to look at Porcupine from Los Angeles, Cal. Was interested with F. A. Heinze in the original deal by which the Butte man acquired the West Dome property.

Watson, C. E.-Manager of the Armstrong-McGibbon Company, now called the Tisdale Gold Mining Company. Was formerly in charge of the Chambers-Ferland property, Cobalt.

Frecheville, Wm. — Another prominent mining engineer of international reputation. Knows Porcupine and speaks well of it. Is director of the Anglo-French Exploration Company.

Dane, F.—Commissioner, Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad. Acts jointly with D. Murphy. Can wriggle into any mining camp in its earliest days. Thinks well of Porcupine.

Tyrrell, J. B.—Well-known mining engineer and explorer. Is retained by Anglo-French Exploration Company at Porcupine. Has faith in the camp. What Tyrrell says "goes." Has no use for the "wild cat."

Gibson, Thomas W.—Deputy Minister of Mines, Ontario; became secretary of the Bureau of Mines at its inauguration in 1891; promoted to be director in 1900, and Deputy Minister in 1906. Is an energetic deputy.

Moreing, C. A.-Member of well-known mining firm, Bewick, Moreing & Company. Company has opened office in Montreal. Says Porcupine will be a permanent camp. Director Northern Ontario Exploration Co.

Hanltain, H. E. T.—Mining engineer of world-wide experience. Canadian born, but has seen minerals in many latitudes. Appointed professor of mining at University of Toronto, 1910. Has persistently fought "wild cats."

Weiss, A.—Manager of the West Dome property. Is well experienced in mining work or Heinze would not have put him there. A frame house is to be erected on the property and will be graced by Mrs. Weiss and little Miss Weiss

Cochrane, Hon. Frank—Ontario Minister of Mines, and representative of the Nipissing district in the Legislature. Was appointed in 1905, before being elected a member of the House. Speaks little, thinks much, and keeps a sharp eye on the wild mining promoter.

Timmins, L. H.—Was one of the first men in the Cobalt camp, with his brother, Noah; made good in the La Rose property. Was early in the Porcupine field, and is interested in Hollinger. Says Porcupine will be a greater camp than South Africa, which utterance is a little previous.

Gray, Alex.—Expert mining writer. In Canada about three years. Has become well posted on Canadian mining conditions. Is remarkably well informed and accurate. Has considerable South African experience, is in touch with London interests, and qualified to write authoritatively on Porcupine.

Pellatt, Sir Henry—President of the Moneta Mining Company, Porcupine. Is identified with Cobalt Lake property, and is also understood to be associated with F. A. Heinze in Porcupine. Had some ideas last fall of a big Gow Ganda mining amalgamation, which was overshadowed by Porcupine developments.

Robbins, P. A.-Manager, Hollinger Mine. Was general assoc manager of McKinley-Darragh-Savage Company, Cobalt. Has sites.

been three years in Canada. Is well known in South African mining circles. Was consulting engineer of South African General Electric. Was connected with De Beers and had charge of erection of power plant.

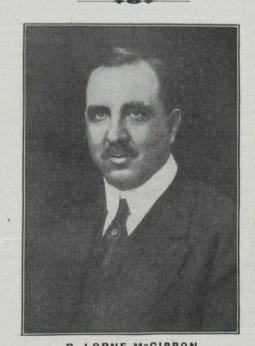
Englehart, J. L.—Chairman, Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, a Government road to which Ontario mining interests are much indebted. Returned last week from Porcupine well pleased with prospects. With three others met with sleigh accident on last trip. Was only one to keep his seat which is typical of this railroad chairman during mining booms.

McGibbon, D. Lorne.—Prominent Montreal financier. Is associated with and interested in the Armstrong-McGibbon property, Porcupine. In the past few years has become identified actively with the control of rubber, felt, mining, departmental store and other enterprises. Is prominent in La Rose Cobalt Mining property. May one day undertake amalgamation of Nipissing and La Rose companies.

Heinze, F. A.—One of the fifty-seven varieties to be found in Porcupine. Interested in West Dome Company in the Ontario gold field. Is commonly known as the Copper King. Hails from Butte, Montana. Like all big men interested in mining property and stocks, he has enemies as well as friends. Some of the former have already begun to circulate disparaging literature about his Butte experiences.

Ridgely, W. B.—Former Controller of the Currency of the United States. Visited Porcupine last month and became financially interested in some claims. Is a banker, capitalist and mining engineer. Has been secretary and vice-president of the Republic Iron & Steel Company. Is a member of the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain, and of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

Miller, Willet G., M.A.—Premier scientific expert on Poreupine. Educated at Port Rowan High School, and graduated at the University of Toronto. He is a B. A. of 1890-93; M. A., 1897; fellow, 1890-93, and examiner in mineralogy and geology, 1893-95; was assistant in field geology, Geological Survey of Canada, in the region north of Lake Huron in 1891-93; lecturer in geology in Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 1893; in charge of field works in geology in eastern Ontario for the Bureau of Mines, 1897-1901; appointed Provincial Geologist by the Ontario Government, 1902. Has been a post-graduate student at Chicago and Harvard and at Heidelberg, Germany. His writings have been chiefly on the archaen and economite geology of eastern Ontario; papers and reports on corundumbearing rocks, iron ores, gold deposits, etc., in annual reports of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, American Geologist, Canadian Mining Institute, etc. Issued report on the Poreupine camp in July, 1910. Another will be published next month.



D. LORNE MCCIBBON, President of La Rose Mining Company, and is associated with Frank C. Armstrong in a number of Porcupine properties.

The Associated Portland Cement Company, of London, England, may establish several plants in Canada. Mr. H. K. Bamber, managing director, and Mr. H. D. Anderson, associate, are now in the country negotiating for desirable sites

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PRICE OF GOLD IS UNCHANGEABLE

Is Worth Forty Times as Much per Ounce as Silver — Porcupine and the Need for Careful Sampling— Over Capitalization and Stock Gambling Must Be Discouraged

By Willet C. Miller, Provincial Ceologist, Ontario.

The annotated map published by the Ontario Bureau of Mines last August, contains a summary, in the marginal notes, of our knowledge of the geology. This map was published and ready for distribution three months after our field parties began work. While the area is a somewhat difficult one in which to carry on field work, owing to much of the surface being low-lying, wet and drift-covered, the fact that the geology is so similar to that of Cobalt and other areas of the northern part of the Province greatly facilitated the work. Our field men had to deal with no rocks with which they were unfamiliar. After the publication of the map, field work was continued by Mr. A. G. Burrows, and his assistants to the end of the season. The information gained during this period has permitted the plotting of a revised and considerably enlarged edition of the map which will be published and ready for distribution in the latter part of April.

A new generation, or at least a new group of men, has arisen since the last real gold boom in the Province-Larder lake et al were merely flutters and few of the men who visited Porcupine during the first months of its history had had much experience with gold in Ontario. Hence it is not surprising that many of them were carried off there feet, or pretended to be, by the sight of gold. The metal is worth approximately forty times as much per ounce as its sister silver and its price is unchangeable. A market does not have to be sought. Is it to be wondered at that visible gold in rock, or in placers, will arouse more interest than any other metal or mineral? It was more than two years after the discovery of Cobalt before the public really got interested in it.

British Interest in the Camp.

Even then, and since then, Cobalt attracted comparatively little attention in Britain whose mining specialty can be said to be gold. British capital controls more gold mines throughout the world than does that of any other nation. Five or six years ago it was said to control about 65 per cent. of the world's yield of gold. As soon as it was definitely known that there was gold at Porcupine mining houses in Britain began to send out representatives. The result has been that Porcupine has been visited by more leading mining men than probably any other mineral area at such an early period of its history.

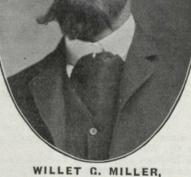
at such an early period of its history. The rocks at Porcupine and in Northern Ontario in general belong to the earliest period of the earth's history of which we have any knowledge. Outside of the lakes Superior-Huron region they are little known in the mining fields of North America, and they are not characteristic of mineral districts of Europe. For this reason they have been something new and unique to most of the gold-mining men who have visited Porcupine. It is, therefore, not surprising that somewhat strange descriptions have been published concerning them and warranted inferences drawn. For instance, the presence of carbonates, ankerite or ferrodolomite, and a certain green colored mineral has led to a comparison of the Porcupine. But one who has a general knowledge of the geology of Northarn Ontario will attach no importance to these characteristics. The carbonate is characteristic not only of Porcupine but of every district of Northern Ontario, especially of some of the abandoned gold areas and of the iron deposits. If the carbonate is any indication of gold, there should be abundance of the metal at the Michipicoten iron mines, where one of the largest known masses of the ferruginous carbonate is found. Others have compared Porcupine with the Rand or with other well known gold-mining areas elsewhere. While some of these comparisons are made with honest in entions, others are made with the object either of selling stock or of advertising the writers of them as experts whose services would be of value for those desiring certain reports on properties.

As to Values.

Even after a gold vein has been developed by shafts and leve's or drifts, or in other words, after the ore has been "blocked out," it is not ordinarily possible to tell much concerning its value without careful sampling. Hence it can be said that practically only the staffs of the more or less developed properties at Porcupine really know much about their values. Statements of visitors who have merely walked through the mine workings and looked at the quartz, without having systematically sampled it, are to be taken **cum grano salis.** On the one hand, some of the best paying

of the world's gold mines contain little visible gold, on the other hand, properties that have had most spectacular showings of the precious metal have been commercially valueless. A cursory examination of the workings of mines of the less precious metals, such as iron and lead, often gives a good general idea of the value of the property. Ontario mines in the past have produced something over two and a half million dollars worth of gold. Two or

Ontario mines in the past have produced something over two and a half million dollars worth of gold. Two or three of the best of the deposits that have been worked have produced approximately a half million dollars each. There is therefore no reason why some deposits that are known or that may be discovered should not produce several times this quantity of the precious metal. There is not much reason for being discouraged at past lack of success in gold mining in the Province. Each deposit should be considered on its merits, but it should be remembered that showings of gold for a depth of fifty or a hundred feet in a shaft do not necessarily mean that the deposit can be worked at a profit. Costs should be kept down and the tendency towards absurd capitalization of companies should be discouraged. The history of financial manipulations at Cobalt should be re-



Provincial Geologist, Ontario.

membered. It is safe to say that in that mineral area much more money was lost in buying stocks of good mines that were over capitalized than was lost in all the so-called wild cats.

Duty due to Mining Industry.

There is little use in trying to give the public advice during a mining boom. Most people put up their money for mining stocks in the same spirit that they do on a horse race, or that they would in a lottery were it legalized in this country. During a boom technical mining men might stand off and say "dog eat dog" in so far as the public and promoters are concerned, but they have a duty to perform to their profession and to the industry. They cannot afford to see them brought into disrepute during a boom without raising protests. Mining is fundamentally as legitimate and offers as great safety to investors as does any other industry.

offers as great safety to investors as does any other industry. We hear of everyone who makes much money during a boom, but we hear only occasionally of those who lose. There have been two striking cases of the latter class referred to in the daily press during the past week. Both were men in positions of trust. The one, by his defalcations, has ruined a number of people of small means; the other has squandered a town's funds. The downfall of both is said to be due to gambling in Cobalt stocks.

Mr. W. W. Bruce, manager of the Home Bank of Canada at St. Thomas, has been transferred to the Walkerville branch and its sub-branches. Mr. J. K. Hislop is at present in charge of the Lindsay branch.

PORCUPINE QUILLS

Be sure that Porcupine does not throw his quills, speculator. About twelve thousand tons of machinery and supplies are already in camp for the season's operations.

Mr. G. Von Polenz, representing German capitalists, recently paid a visit to the Scottish-Ontario and the Crown Chartered mines in Porcupine.

A short drill has been sent in to prospect the Ritchie veteran claim, mostly under Simpson lake, which now belongs to the Ontario Government.

Representatives of the Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa, of Barnato Brothers, and of Messrs. Bewick, Moreing & Co., have all visited the field.

Colonel Carson, of the Crown Reserve Mining Company, Co-balt, has visited Porcupine, and control of a property near Holl-inger has been acquired by Crown Reserve interests.

inger has been acquired by Crown Reserve interests. Not many months ago since there was not a single gold issue on the Toronto Mining Exchanges. Now the board is about equally divided between the silver and the gold flotations. "I am convinced that Porcupine is going to be a permanent camp. I have seen true fissuring and I do not doubt the vertical extent of some of those ore bodies."—Mr. C. A. Moreing, of the famous mining firm of Bewick, Moreing & Company. Mr. Thomas Reilly sold the Gode-Burns group of claims in Shaw township to buyers representing Toronto financial interests, although the purchasers' names were not disclosed. The price, which was close to one hundred thousand dollars, is spread over which was close to one hundred thousand dollars, is spread over a period of ten months.

That Porcupine is in imminent danger of an outbreak of typhoid is indicated by an examination of a number of samples of water received at the Provincial Health headquarters. Dr. Mc-Cullough, Chief Health Officer, has sent the result of the examina-tion to Porcupine, together with a caution to the people to boil

all drinking water. Mr. P. Robins, manager of the Hollinger mine, and Mr. Charles Watson, of the Armstrong-McGibbon Company, repre-senting the mine managers of the district, have urged the Ontario Government to construct a wagon road from the south end of Porcupine lake to the Mattagami river, a distance of four miles.

Porcupine lake to the Mattagami river, a distance of four miles, thus connecting the proposed railway terminus with the camps. At a recent meeting of the Moneta Porcupine Mines, Limited, Sir Henry M. Pellatt was elected president, Mr. David M. Steind-ler vice-president, and Mr. D. S. Friedman secretary-treasurer. The other directors are Messrs. Alexander M. Bilsky and A. G. Kirby. The property consists of 120 acres patented. The capital is \$2,000,000, half of which is treasury stock. The Toronto Gen-card Toronto Generation will act as transfer agents and registrars. eral Trusts Corporation will act as transfer agents and registrars.

"I have seen the Leadville, Creede and Cripple Creek camps in the southwestern United States wax and wane, though I do not mean by this that these properties are dead ones. But I be-

in the southwestern United States wax and wane, though I do not mean by this that these properties are dead ones. But I be-lieve that Porcupine is going to create a greater stir in the mining world than did any of these camps. I base my predictions on conversations I have had with mining men from Colorado and other western states, whose judgment I would accept in such matters."—Mr. Cy. Warman. The Union Pacific Cobalt Mines, Limited, has purchased two claims in Deloro township, Porcupine, and will immediately con-tract for development on them. The directors of the company are making arrangements to place a block of stock with a group of underwriters who will guarantee finances for work on their equipped Cobalt properties, also the Porcupine claims. The under-writers will introduce the issue of shares on the New York Curb, Toronto and Montreal Mining Exchanges. Toronto and Montreal Mining Exchanges.

HOLLINGER.

Something About the Property Which "Led Things"-Notes of the Stock.

The Hollinger claims are situated about four and one-half miles west of Porcupine lake and one and one-half miles east of the Mattagami river.

A very fair official statement respecting the development of this property has been given by Mr. Noah A. Timmins, the com-

pany's president. "The mining property of the company," he says, "consists of four mining claims of forty acres each (160 acres in all). As these claims adjoin they form a block of land that can be

mined from one centrally located power plant. "The mining done includes 365 feet of sinking and 1,040 feet of drifting at the 100-foot level. The sinking comprises the main three-compartment shaft reaching to the 100-foot level, known main three-compartment shaft reaching to the 100-foot level, known as No. 1 shaft; No. 3 shaft about 700 feet southerly reaching to the 100-foot level, and connected at that level with No. 1; one intermediate shaft of about 65 feet in depth; and the winze about 100 feet northerly from the main shaft, and reaching from the first level down 100 feet to the second level, where the work of sinking at present ends (being 200 feet from the surface).

"The width of the vein upon which the sinking and drifting has been done averages about from six to eight feet, and the length so far uncovered upon the surface is about 1,700 feet. The values throughout, according to the tests from sampling, assaying and milling have been fairly uniform, without any apparent diminution at the depth reached (200 feet), where the vein still continues. Veins have been uncovered upon each of the four claims showing ore similar in character to that already mined and tested.

"The returns from the sampling and assaying have averaged \$49.80 in gold per ton, while from the stamp mill the values have averaged over \$50.00 in gold per ton recovered from a saving of about 85 per cent., effected without concentration or effort to treat the sulphides, thus proving the free mining character of the ore.

ore. "Under agreement with the company, mining operations are being vigorously carried on by the former owners, and will be so continued, free of expense to the company, until the completion of the stamp mill now being erected by the Porcupine Gold Min-ing Company, Limited, in a convenient location on a site, a part of which has been leased from this company. Contracts have been let for the erection and equipment of this mill, and it is fully expected that operations will begin by July next with electrice power supplied by the power plant now being installed at Sandy Falls, on the Mattagami river."

The assertion was made by the Boston News Bureau last month that, after purchasing \$50,000 shares of Hollinger "at a low figure," the London interests "endeavored to secure control of the company, offering \$15 a share." The News Bureau added :-

"The Hollinger will be the first regular producer in the Porcupine camp; \$78,000 of ore has already been shipped from development work, and on June 1st its 30 stamp mill, with a



Outcrop of Quartz, Hollinger Mine.

capacity of 150 tons daily, will begin operations. Interests associated with the management state that the average value of ore runs \$50 per ton, so that monthly operations should result in a yield of \$200,000 or at the rate of \$2,400,000 per year. The stock has been apportioned as follows:--

	Snares.
In treasury	50,000
London holdings	50,000
General holdings	125,000
Timmins-McMartin holdings	

600.000 Total.

of 150 tons on \$50 ore from an 85 per cent. recovery. About August 1st Dome property will also commence production with

its 40-stamp mill. "Porcupine, to my mind, will be a greater gold camp than was South Africa in the past. Porcupine ores are the easiest in the world to treat. "I have just

the world to treat. "I have just secured control of 2,700 acres of contiguous property in the camp, upon which no more than \$250 has been spent in development. Indications appear good but much work must be done before commenting on this new acquisition.'

MINING IS A BUSINESS MATTER.

"It seems to me there is considerable speculation, in degree unwarranted by the unprospected condition of claims for which preposterous amounts are sought. They are asking more for a prospect at Porcupine than we would think of paying for a mine in West Australia. I have sympathy for the prospector—and I am not averse to paying for something worth having—but mining is a strictly business matter. An idea prevails that you can be taken to a tree top outcropping in the snow, told that there is a gold-bearing outcrop at its roots, and that all you have to do is to hand over a large sum. We are not buying bush, nor do we feel disposed to entertain propositions premised upon the too specula-tive view."—C. A. Moreing. "It seems to me there is considerable speculation, in degree

PRESENCE OF BIG INTERESTS IN PORCUPINE

Proves that Camp is Anticipated to Yield Something Good-Notes of the Prominent Companies

One of the most gratifying features in the initial stages of the Porcupine mining camp's development is the pres-ence of big gold mining interests. One of the early pur-chasers in the Porcupine camp was the Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa, Limited. This company was or-ganized in 1892. Its authorized capital is £3,250,000, divided into 1,250,000 six per cent. cumulative preference shares of £1 each, and 2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. Dividends on the common have ranged from 12½ per cent. Divi-dends on the common have ranged from 12½ per cent. to 125 per cent. The last three annual distributions were respectively, 20 per cent., 35 per cent., and 35 per cent. The net profits for the year ending June 30th, 1910, were £993,-382. Mr. H. H. Webb, the company's consulting engineer, was its representative in Porcupine.

Consolidated Cold Fields Issue.

An issue was made in London in February by the Con-solidated Gold Fields of 1,250,000 6 per cent. cumulative second preference £1 shares. A circular issued at that time stated: "In view of the favorable advices which this company is receiving as to the opportunities for the investment of capital in Rhodesia and America, my directors are of opinion that the present time is favorable for the extension of this company's operations, and that it is desirable to centralize the principal Rhodesian and American interests of this company in two companies, registered in England, which will operate in those countries and will be managed by this company."

In exchange for "various American interests" the Gold Fields is to have issued to it as fully paid 1,000,000 shares Fields is to have issued to it as fully paid 1,000,000 shares in a new company which it is proposed to register, but the name of which is not stated, with a capital of £2,500,000, in £1 shares. To provide working capital for the extension of business it is proposed that a further 1,000,000 shares of the new company shall be subscribed for by the Consolidated Could Fields Company at not the balance of 500 consolidated Fields Company at par, the balance of 500,000 shares Gold remaining in reserve.

John Hays Hammond Engaged.

An arrangement has been made with Mr. John Hays Hammond, formerly consulting engineer to the Gold Fields Company, by which he undertakes to give to the new com-pany "the best of his experience and advice, the advantage of preferential rights over new business which may reach him through his wide and influential connections in America, and also his assistance on the committee which it is pro-posed to establish in New York, on which it is intended also to secure the presence of other gentlemen of eminent finan-cial position." No detailed information is given in the circular as to the precise destination of the money which is to be put up on account of the Gold Fields' American interests, concerning which little has heretofore been made public, though it is known that Mr. H. H. Webb, the company's consulting engineer, has acquired for the company, after personal inspection, interests in the new Porcupine goldfields. The company's main American interests, however, appear at present to be in hydro-electrical undertakings.

Company's Funds in Hand.

At June 30th last the Consolidated Gold Fields Company's funds in hand-i.e., loans at short call and cash at bankers and in hand-made up a total of 134 millions, and gilt-edged investments on account of reserve figured for nearly £900,000. The utilization of the latter in order to nearly £900,000. The utilization of the latter in order to provide the additional working capital now sought suggested itself to the directors, who, however, eventually decided to double the existing preference capital in the manner con-templated. The capital of the Consolidated Gold Fields Company will, if the proposal be carried through, consist of £4,500,000, divided into 2,500,000 six per cent. cumulative preference shares and 2,000,000 ordinary shares, all of £1 each, in addition to £250,000 five per cent. first mortgage debentures outstanding at July 1st, 1910.

Anglo-French Company.

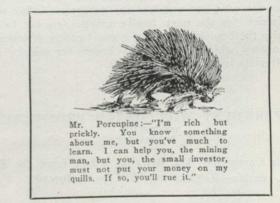
The Anglo-French Exploration Company, Limited, rested in Porcupine, was organized in 1889. The Anglo-French Exploration Company, Limited, interested in Porcupine, was organized in 1889. The authorized capital is £1,000,000, in 500,000 preference and 500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. The dividends paid on ordinary shares, since 1893, have ranged from 8 per cent. to 50 per cent. For three years, 1905, 1906, and 1907, no dividends were declared. In 1908, 10 per cent., and in 1909, 12½ per cent. dividends were dis-tributed. Profits for the calendar year 1910 amounted to £242,333. Mr. William Frecheville, who visited Porcupine last autumn, is a director. Mr. I. B. Tyrrell, Toronto, is retained by the company to look after its Canadian interests. Another important corporation is the International Nickel Company, whose property, the Dome, has been much Nickel Company, whose property, the Dome, has been much

discussed. The International's authorized capital is \$24,-000,000, in 120,000 six per cent. non-cumulative preferred, and 120,000 ordinary shares of \$100 each. There are also \$8,912,836 five per cent. debentures, part of an issue of \$10,000,000. Since September, 1909, one I per cent., and five 146 per cent. dividends, together with an extra declar five 1½ per cent. dividends, together with an extra declar-ation of 25 per cent. last July, have been paid on the common. The last annual report shows a profit of \$2,067,-528 for the year.

Northern Exploration Company.

The Northern Ontario Exploration Company, of London, England, have acquired from the Timmins-McMartin-Dun-lap syndicate and associates, a half-interest in fifty claims situated in Tisdale Township, and in the Townships of Shaw and Deloro, in the Temagami Reserve. Machinery to the value of \$50,000 has been sent to the gold fields. An aggressive policy is to be pursued in dealing with the 2,000

acres or so in hand. The fifty claims in which the Northern Ontario Exploration Company, as the Bewick-Moreing Porcupine organization is known, hold a half-interest, are scattered over Tisdale, fourteen of them being in a well-thought-of section of Deloro Township, and two in Shaw, east of the Hunter and de Sherbinon block. Beginning at the Mattagami River there are two claims, the site of the power plant that is to supply the mines around Gillies and Pearl lakes. Four more diais supply the mines around Gillies and Pearl lakes. Four more adjoin Gillies Lakes on the east and corner on to the Armstrong-Booth. Mr. Moreing considers the three claims surrounded on the north, east and west by the Armstrong-Booth, to be extremely good prospects. South of the Lind-berg is another appearing in the name of the Amalgamated Porcupine Gold Mines. Above the northeast corner of the Rea Company's ground is another Amalgamated Porcupine



Gold Mines claim. It is included in the fifty. So are six other Amalgamated Porcupine Gold Mines holdings north and east. Along with these are the Latimer, Vickery and Cockeram claims, the Holt-Hamilton blocks, the Dunlop north of the Armstrong-McGibbon, and the two Aitcheson claims on the northern boundary of Tisdale.

Heinze and West Dome.

Mr. F. Augustus Heinze, the Copper King of Butte, Montana, is interested in the West Dome Mining Company, known in Porcupine as the Foster property. He is one of the best known mining men in the United States. The West Dome will be extracting and reducing ore within a compar-atively short period. The purchases include a six-drill compressor and three drills from the Black Mines Consoli-dated of Cohalt a six-by-eight hoist two for horse-power dated of Cobalt, a six-by-eight hoist, two 60 horse-power boilers and one 40 horse-power boiler from the Sandy Falls Power Company. Buying this equipment as he did, Mr. Heinze could be assured of having it installed before the spring break-up, which would have held up the shipment of new machinery. Later, as necessary, the new equipment will be added.

Shaft sinking will immediately follow the setting up of the machinery. The vein will be hit at a depth of 300 feet by a shaft entering at such an angle that the length of the shaft will be 350 feet.

EXCELLENT INFORMATION COMING.

In about six weeks' time the Ontario Provincial Government will publish a revised map of the Porcupine gold area, and also an extensive report of conditions and development there.

MINERS AND OTHERS By J. B. Tyrrell.

Porcupine City,

April 2nd, 1911. It is hardly necessary for us to tell the people of

Toronto anything, for, judging from the advertisements covering pages of the daily papers, and from the market reports, the financiers of Toronto can make up their minds much more quickly and easily than we miners can who are in sight of this gold-bearing quartz. We would be happy if we were only as sure that the claims would produce payable ore as the promoters and sellers profess to be.

But there are some good properties in this camp which are known even to the miners, and others will probably be discovered if the dear, confiding public insists that a reasonable proportion of the money which it subscribes is put into development work under trained and competent management.

Professor Miller has very sane views of the qualifications of a manager engaged to open up a gold property in Ontario. He will tell you that he should be a man who has made a study of ore deposits, not merely an engineer who knows how to sink a shaft quicker than anyone else, or to drive a drift at a phenomenal rate per day. Then he must have had experience of veins, especially gold veins, in a northern glaciated country, for the conditions here are very different from those which prevail in the Western States or in other non-glaciated countries, and the ordinary rules followed by the miners and prospectors there are of no value here.

Anyone who has watched the progress of this town and district for the past twelve months cannot fail to recognize the beginning here of a great centre of industry in a country which will furnish homes for miners and agriculturists alike .- J. B. Tyrrell.

GOVERNMENT WILL WATCH PROSPECTUS MONGER.

Ontario Companies Act Requires Much from the Promoter-Regulations Will be Enforced.

One may expect shortly an avalanche of Porcupine pros-pectuses. Those responsible for their issue will do well to remember that the Ontario Government will vigorously enforce the Provincial Companies Act, as it affects the issue of pros-pectuses, advertisements, commissions and sales of stock. Under pectuses, advertisements, commissions and sales of stock. Under the provisions all commissions paid to sales agents must be authorized by letters patent and disclosed in the prospectus. Shares or capital cannot be directly or indirectly applied in payment of commission, except as authorized. No subscrip-tion for stock shall be binding upon the subscriber unless, prior to subscribing, he shall have received a copy of the prospectus.

Prospectus is Official Document.

By the Act the prospectus becomes an official document. It must disclose full particulars as to the incorporators, and the qualifications and remuneration of the directors, with their addresses. It must also show the names and vendors of any property purchased or acquired by the company, and the amount payable in cash shares or other securities to the vendor. The prospectus must further show the amount of prelimin-ary expenses and the detailed consideration paid to any pro-meter. It must contain particulars as to meterical estimates

any expenses and the detailed consideration paid to any pro-moter. It must contain particulars as to material contracts, names of auditors, and interest of directors in the property or promotion of the company. Unless these conditions be com-plied with contracts or sales or stock are void, while any person responsible for the issue or publication of a prospectus to a construct to a ponsity and the details subject to a ponsity and the aread not in accord with the Act is subject to a penalty not exceeding \$200 and costs.

Directors Are Responsible.

The Act specifically refers to advertising, and holds the party responsible for an advertisement containing any false statement as to the incorporation, control, supervision, man-agement or financial standing of the company to be liable to a similar penalty. Directors are personally responsible for all statements in a prospectus.

HOW TO GET THERE.

From Toronto to End of Railway Steel is Four Hundred and Fifty Miles-There is a Water and Land Trail of Thirty-five Miles.

While the snow covers the ground the journey to Porcupine is a little tedious. The white covering has practically disappeared and water transportation will shortly be used to some extent. The winter journey from Toronto is made by train to North Bay and by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad from there to Kelso, Mile Post 222. Then comes a wagon ride of about thirty miles into camp.

Of the Summer Route.

The summer route to Porcupine also leaves the Temiskaming The similar of the to reach a so leaves the remissioning and Northern Ontario Railway at mileage 222, known as Kelso. The distance from Toronto to this point on the railway is 449 miles. Stages run from 222 to and along the shore of Frederick House lake, a distance of about 11 miles. From this point transportation is by gasoline boats for a distance of about 15 miles to Hill's Landing, three miles up the Porcupine river. From Hill's there is a trail, seven or eight miles in length, to Porcupine lake.

there is a trail, seven or eight miles in length, to Porcupine lake. Freight is taken up Porcupine river from Hill's to the lake. An extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad is being constructed into the gold camp and the officials are hoping that their trains will be running into Porcupine by July 1st, Dominion Day. "There are now eleven hundred men working on the Porcupine branch and, if necessary, we will in-crease that force, if we find we cannot get the railroad through by July 1st," says Chairman Englehart of the railway. "But at present there appears little prospect that it will be necessary." Seven miles of steel have been laid, and there are seventeen more to be laid. Laying of steel will be resumed on April 15th.

One Mile from the Dome.

The road is well round the southeast corner of Porcupine lake with the right-of-way, while it is expected that the line will be completed to the Tisdale line before June 1st. The station will be located on the McDougall veteran claim. It will be built about one mile from the Dome mine.



RAILROAD STEEL. The Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railroad hopes to be running trains into Porcupine on July 1st.

METHODS OF PORCUPINE PROMOTERS.

Honorable Frank Cochrane, Minister of Mines of Ontario, regrets that objectionable methods continue to be used in floating companies for the extinue to be used in floating companies for the ex-ploitation of the mining districts of Ontario, par-ticularly Porcupine, which is occupying the public mind at the present time. For instance, a statement is attributed to Mr. Wm. Frecheville, a leading Eng-lish mining engineer, who recently visited the Porcu-pine camp, to the effect that "two and possibly three mines had already here uncovered which would be mines had already been uncovered which would be-

come the greatest mines the world had ever seen." So wide-open a statement was hardly to be ex-pected from a high authority like Mr. Frecheville, known to be a careful and conservative man, and in

known to be a careful and conservative man, and in reply to a wire that gentleman cables as follows: "I have never said two, possibly three, Porcupine mines would be the greatest the world ever saw." "There is enough merit in Porcupine," Mr. Cochrane says, "to render misrepresentation quite unnecessary." And Mr. Cochrane tells The Mone-tary times that he has nothing to add to that state-ment at present ment at present.

NOTES OF SOME PROPERTIES.

Changes of Ownership Have Been Frequent - Much Machinery in Camp.

The Crown Chartered holds claims in the north and east of Tisdale, where their plant is located, and where diamond drilling is in progress, with good showings reported.

A two-drill compressor plant has been placed on the Vi-pond property, purchased from G. A. Greener, who brought the outfit to Porcupine last fall, but did not use it.

The Jupiter Mines are situated next to the McIntyre claim, while to the north lies the Pearl Lake Mining Company's prop-erty. The Hollinger main shaft is not more than 30 chains chains erty. away. The capitalization of the Jupiter Company is \$2,000,000, the shares having a par value of one dollar. There are 1,500,-000 shares in the treasury.

Some work has been done on the Miller claims, which adjoin the Hollinger on the northwest, by Mr. M. J. O'Brien, who held the claims on an option. About one-half mile west of Porcupine

Lake Messrs. O Brian and Foley have begun development work on a claim. The Bannerman claims are about one and a half miles north

of Porcupine lake, and were being developed by the Scottish On-tario Gold Mining Company, with Mr. P. McLaren as manager. In the townships of Whitney and Tisdale gold discoveries

In the townships of whitney and Tisdale gold discoveries were reported in the latter part of 1909. A large number of claims were staked during the fall and winter, but compar-ntively little actual mining work has been done in the camp. Porcupine Lake is central for the two townships mentioned, and on its shores three towns are already in embryo. There have been so meany changes of correspondent of me

There have been so many changes of ownership of properties in the Porcupine district that it is difficult to place a finger on the real owner.

The properties of the Tisdale Gold Mining Company, Limit-ed, are looking well, and ten feet of quartz has been cut by the diamond drill at a depth of 50 feet, 100 feet north of No. 1 shaft. The compressor plant is installed and all supplies necessary to operate the Tisdale and the Armstrong-Booth properties to September 1, are now on the ground. Scottish interests were early in the field, and one of the

first acquisitions was that of the Bannerman claims in Whitney Township, about a mile north of Porcupine, and between three Township, about a mile north of Porcupine, and between three and four miles northeast of the Dome property, by the Glasgow firm of J. S McArthur & Company, who subsequently organized the Scottish Ontario Gold Mining undertaking, which as long ago as March, 1910, was arranging for the instalment of a 10-stamp mill. About that time the quartz lodes on the Ban-nerman claims were represented to average 6 feet in width. and the average of several assays to run as high as \$200 (say £40) to the ton. The Scottish Ontario Gold Mining Syndicate, Limited, was registered at Edinburgh, December 31, 1909, and has a capital of £5,000 in £1 shares, all issued and fully paid. The directors are Messrs. C. B. Hoggan, A. Robertson, G. F. London, R. M. Paterson and J. Hilliard.

The directors are Messrs. C. B. Hoggan, A. Robertson, G. F. Loudon, R. M. Paterson and J. Hilliard. The machinery for the forty-stamp mill on the Dome Mine is practically all on the ground and work on the mill site is

progressing. The West Domes Mines, Limited, has been finally organ-ized, and will take over the Foster and other properties pur-chased in Porcupine by Mr. F. A. Heinze. The new company has a capital of \$3,000,000 in 600,000 shares of a par value of five dollars each. Of this 200,000 shares will be issued and the remaining 400,000 will be retained in the treasury.

the remaining 400,000 will be retained in the treasury. The Dome Extension, a part of the original Dome stakings, upon which the discovery of a fifteen-foot vein was recently reported, was sold by Mr. W. S. Edwards to a syndicate, including among its active members Mr. P. Chester Thompson, who was formerly connected with Mr. Heinze. The Great Northern Mining Company have extended their holdings over, into Cripple Creek, where they have recently purchased the six Dixon claims. The Dome Mine Syndicate, capitalized at \$2,500,000 in \$10 shares, has issued \$400,000 of bonds, redeemable in two years. Mr. Charles S. Denison, president of the Buffalo Mines of Cobalt, has joined the directorate. The Hughes, Hodge and McMahon claims in northern

Cobalt, has joined the diffectorate. The Hughes, Hodge and McMahon claims in northern Whitney have been taken over by R. C. Clarke, to go with his two lots, the five being placed in what is called the Bell Syndicate of Buffalo, N. Y. The American Goldfields, Limited, in which Mr. E. Steind-ter - York is intersted, has purchased a present of the set

ler, New York is interested, has purchased a property adjoining West Dome mines. The company has 80 acres. the

The Bewick-Moreing Company will form a subsidiary company in London. This company, capitalized at \$500,-000, will dispose of the 50 odd claims held by the Bewick-Moreing Company, and will be backed financially by the parent company. Some of the stock will be issued in Can-ada. None of their Hollinger stock will be offered the new company, as that belongs to the Northern Exploration Com-pany. The Dominion Trust Company will be the local transfer agents for the new company. Mr. Richards will shortly leave for London, where he will complete arrange-ments for the formation of the subsidiary company. The Bewick-Moreing Company will form a subsidiary

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA.

Yukon Production Continues - Porcupine Helped the **Ontario** Statistics.

While statistics of gold production in Canada last year are as yet incomplete, a preliminary bulletin shows a production of approximately \$10,244,910, an increase of about 9 per cent. over the 1909 production. The production of the Yukon is valued at \$4,550,000, the total exports, on which royalty was paid during the calendar year according to the records of the Interior Depart-ment, being 275,472.51 ounces. The Yukon production in 1909 was \$3,960,000, the exports being 239,766.35 ounces. The British Columbia production in 1000 was placed cold 4/77 000. bullion was \$3,960,000, the exports being 239,766.35 ounces. The British Columbia production in 1909 was placer gold, \$477,000; bullion from free milling ores, \$329,655; smelter recoveries, \$4,367,924. In 1910 the placer production is estimated by the Provincial Mineralogist as \$482,000. An estimate of free milling bullion shipments and smelter recoveries is made of \$4,950,000, or a total production for the province of \$5,432,000. The Nova Scotia pro-duction shows a falling off of about \$20,000, while Ontario showed a slight increase on account of the gold recovered in development work at Poreuning of which a record has not yet here practived work at Porcupine, of which a record has not yet been received.

Gold in Ontario.

The production of gold in Ontario last year, \$60,918, though small, is nearly double in value that of 1909. More than half the yield came from the new camp of Porcupine, where active the yield came from the new camp of Porcupine, where active developments are in progress, and where large stamp mills are being erected at the Hollinger and Dome mines. A branch of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway—the Ontario Government line—is being built into Porcupine from the main line at Mileage 222, near Kelso. At Long Lake, on the Sault branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, gold is being obtained by the Canadian Exploration Company from an arsenical ore. The old Mikado mine at Shoal Lake, Lake of the Woods, and tha by the Canadian Exploration Company from an arsenical ore. The old Mikado mine at Shoal Lake, Lake of the Woods, and the Havilah, formerly the Ophir, in the township of Galbraith, have been re-opened. In Hastings county the Cordova or Belmont mine, long idle, has recently changed hands, and it is understood will soon go again into commission. The following table shows the value of gold production in Canada for the past quarter of a century:—

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Year.			Value.
		 	\$1,365,496
1887		 	1,187,804
			1,098,610
1889		 	1.291,159
1890		 	1,149,776
		 	930,614
			907,601
1893		 	976,603
1894		 	1,128,688
1895		 	2,083,674
1896		 	2,754,774
1897		 	6,027,016
1898		 	13,775,420
1899		 	21,261,584
1900		 	27,908,153
1901		 	24,128,503
1902		 	21,336,667
			18,843,590
			16,462,517
1905		 	14,159,195
1906		 	
1907		 12	8,382,780
			9,842,105
			9,382,230
1910		 	10,224,910

Why the Figures Fluctuated.

The high production in 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902 was due to the extraordinary output from the Klondyke. The British Columbia placers were also producing heavily. In 1899 Ontario had its maximum production but as it only amounted to slightly over \$400,000 it did not have much influence on the total. The gold production of Nova Scotia has declined somewhat, that of Ontario has almost ceased, though Porcupine should prove a favor-able factor during the next few years. That of British Columbia lode mines has steadily increased, so that the Pacific Coast prov-ince has now the greatest production in its history. The produc-tion of the Klondyke is again increasing.

CHARTERED BANKS AT PORCUPINE.

Wherever go pioneers in Canada, there go, too, the branches of Canadian banks. Already at Porcupine there are five, as follows :-

Bank.	Manager.
Canadian Bank of Commerce	
Imperial Bank of Canada .	Mr. W. Bourke.
Bank of Ottawa	Mr. H. St. C. Clayton.
Bank of Toronto	Mr. H. R. Warren.
Traders Bank of Canada	Mr. G. G. Bullard.

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Here is a list of the banks at Cobalt :---

Bank.	Manager.
Canadian Bank of Commerce Mr.	
Imperial Bank of Canada Mr.	
Bank of Ottawa Mr.	
Royal Bank of CanadaMr.	
Union Bank of Canada Mr.	H. Collette.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has a branch at Gow Ganda, with Mr. B. G. Carnegie as manager. The Imperial Bank has a branch at Elk Lake with Mr. A. H. Seguin in charge.

LIST OF PORCUPINE COMPANIES.

The following is a list of the mining companies incorporated in Ontario since the beginning of the year. Most of them are Porcupine companies.

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Company.	Capital.	Head Office.
Porcupine Swastika Gold	-	
Refining Company Colorado Porcupine Co	\$200,000	Ottawa.
Santa Maria Mining Co	40,000	Toronto.
Minnesota Porcupine Co	40,000	"
Porcupine Ores	40,000	4
Mines Products	45,000	"
Porcupine Reserve Mines.	2,000,000	"
Mulholland Mines	1,500,000	"
Deloro Porcupine Gold		
Mining Company	40,000	Ottawa.
North American Explor-		
ation & Development Co.		TT
Niagara Porcupine Min-	50,000	Toronto.
ing Co. of Ontario	40,000	"
Combined Larder Mines	3,000,000	New Liskeard.
Crown Reef Mines	1,000,000	Toronto.
Nash Bay Mining Co	1,000,000	"
Detroit New Ontario Mines	1,000,000	Matheson.
West Domes Mines	3,000,000	Toronto.
Eplett Caswell Mining Co.	100,000	Coldwater.
Dome Extension Mines Co.	2,000,000	Toronto.
General Holding & De-		
velopment Co	25,000	11 11
Great Golconda Mines	1,000,000	"
Calder Mining Company.	500,000	
Montreal Tisdale Gold Mines	2 000 000	Sault Ste. Mari
Preston East Domes Mines	2,000,000 3,000,000	Toronto,
Porcupine Northern Mines	40,000	
Porcupine Imperial Gold	40,000	
Mines	40,000	"
Sociate Mines	150,000	"
Porcupine Three Nations		14
Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	1,500,000	
Temiscaming Fabre Gold & Silver Mining Co	1 500 000	"
American Goldfields, Ltd.	1,500,000 2,000,000	11
Moneta Mining Co., Ltd	2,000,000	11
Pearl Lake Gold Mines,	2,000,000	"
Ltd	2,500,000	Haileybury.
Imperial	2,000,000	New York.
Jupiter Mines, Ltd Hollinger Gold Mines, Ltd.	2,000,000	Toronto.
Porcupine Syndicate, Ltd.	3,000,000	Toronto.
Phoenix Consolidated	500,000	Montreal.
Mines Company	1.000.000	<i>tt</i>
United Porcupine	1,500,000	Toronto.
Porcupine Lake	1,000,000	<i>tt</i>
Porcupine Central	1,000,000	New York.
Crown Chartered	2,000,000	Montreal.
Swastika	1,000,000	Tavistock.
Porcupine Tisdale	2,000,000	Cobalt.
Porcupine Goldfields	500,000	Toronto.
Eldora Porcupine	500,000	45
Porcupine Miracle Mining	R1 000 000	Dennis D. O.
Co	\$1,000,000	Porcupine P. O. Toronto.
Jupiter Mines	2,000,000	10101110.
Peerless Porcupine Mines.	2,000,000	"
McIntyre Porcupine Mines	1,000,000	"
Porcupine Townsite Mines	1,000,000	"
Eldorado Porcupine Mines	500,000	"
Porcupine Merger Mines,		
Limited	1,500,000	"
Porcupine Canada Gold		
Mines Limited	1,000,000	"
Dome Lake Mining Co.,		"
Limited	2,500,000	
Dome Lake Porcupine	10 000	**
Mines, Limited	40,000	

EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANCE.

The following is an advance copy of a section of one of the chapters to be found in the Davis Handbook of the Porcupine gold district:—

One of the most convincing evidences of the increasing importance of the Porcupine gold fields, is the fact that some of the most prominent and successful operators in the mining business have taken over properties in this district, and are now negotiating for mining claims in Porcupine.

The Anglo-French Exploration Company, Limited, with a capital of $\pounds_{1,000,000}$ has sent Mr. William Frecheville to Porcupine, and has arranged to have Mr. J. B. Tyrrell represent their interests in the camp. This company paid last year $\pounds_{242,330}$ in dividends. Mr. Frecheville is one of the most prominent engineers in Great Britain, and Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, of Toronto, has had wide experience in Ontario mining districts.

The Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa has purchased a large interest in the Rea Mines of Porcupine, organized by Mr. T. H. Rea, of Chicago. Mr. H. H. Webb, consulting engineer for the Consolidated Goldfields, and his brother, Mr. Lewis Webb, have visited Porcupine in the interests of this company. Mr. John T. Milliken, of St. Louis, is also largely interested in the Rea Company.

The Dome Mines Company is controlled by interests affiliated with the International Nickel Company, which paid last year over \$2,000,000 in dividends. Included in the list of shareholders of the Dome Mines is Capt. J. R. Delamar, Mr. Ambrose Monnell, Col. Robert M. Thompson, S. H. P. Pell, E. C. Converse, W. E. Corey, Charles L. Dennison, president of the Buffalo Mines Company, and other prominent mining operators.

Messrs. Bewick-Moreing & Company, of London, England, have, after careful investigation by their engineers and a member of the firm, organized the Northern Ontario Exploration Company, with a capital of £400,000, to operate



Camps at Dome Mine, Porcupine.

in the Porcupine district. This company has already purchased a large interest in over 2,000 acres held by the Timmins-McMartin-Dunlap Syndicate and it is understood is now negotiating for additional properties. The Earl of Errol is chairman of the new company and a number of prominent English operators are interested.

The Scottish-Ontario Mines Syndicate, Limited, which was organized under the direction of the McArthur-Forest Company, of Glasgow, Scotland, was one of the first companies to purchase properties in the Porcupine district. Mr. James McArthur has visited Porcupine. The McArthur-Forest Company were the inventors of the cyanide process of treating gold ores, and are in close touch with the developments in all of the important gold mining districts. The Timmins-McMartin-Dunlap Syndicate, the original

The Timmins-McMartin-Dunlap Syndicate, the original owner of the La Rose Mine at Cobalt, controls the Hollinger Mine, the Porcupine Gold Milling Company, the Porcupine Power Company, the Miller-Middleton and Dixon properties and is largely interested in the Northern Ontario Exploration Company.

Engineers representing many other important mining interests are now in the Porcupine district, and although this camp was discovered less than two years ago, more important mining operators have become identified with this district than have ever before been interested in any mining camp in the history of Canada. The Davis Handbook of the Porcupine Gold District will

The Davis Handbook of the Porcupine Gold District will be made up of five sections. The introduction will contain a brief review of the development of the mining districts of On'ario since the discovery of Cobalt in 1904. Section 1 includes a historical sketch of Porcupine, a chapter on the geological development of the Porcupine area, and a description of the important properties of the Porcupine district. Section 2 is a directory of incorporated companies, giving all necessary information regarding capitalization, officers and directors and a description of the properties, etc. Section 3 is a review of Cobalt in 1910 and is a sup-plement to the Davis Handbook of the Cobalt Silver district. Section 4 is a review of the developments in the Gowganda, South Lorrain and Montreal River districts. Section 5 contains general information for prospectors and mine owners with brief extracts from the Mining Act of Ontario, with notes by the author. Davis Handbook of Porcupine, by H. P. Davis, 25 Broad Street, New York.

CASE TO DATE FARMERS BANK (Compiled by The Monetary Times).

1906, July 4th.-Agreement made between J. Gallagher, A. S. Lown, J. Ferguson, A. Fraser and J. Watson, pro-visional directors, C. H. Smith and W. R. Travers, whereby Travers took over claim of directors to \$20,000 for organiza-

tion expenses, etc., and paid them \$10,000. 1906, October 8th.—Mr. Leighton McCarthy wrote the Department of Finance, stating that a number of subscribers shares of bank would dispute bona fide character of subscriptions.

1906. October 19th .- Mr. McCarthy again wrote Department of Finance asking Treasury Board to stay action on application of Farmers Bank for certificate. 1906, November 27th.-W. R. Travers applied for certi-

ficate for the bank ..

1906, November 30th.—Sir Edward Clouston, president Canadian Bankers' Association, wrote Department of Fin-ance, stating certain circumstances and asking Treasury Board to refuse to issue certificate until investigation had been made.

1906, November 30th .- Department of Finance wrote Mr. Travers, asking whether intention of Bank Act had been evaded, in respect to Government deposit. in the negative. Certificate was issued. Travers replied

1906, December 2nd .- Department of Finance summoned Mr. Travers to Ottawa and cross-examined him as to the

Mr. Travers to construct the subscriptions. bona fides of stock subscriptions. 1907, April 17th.—Mr. Van Koughnet, manager Milton Franch, Farmers Bank, wrote Department of Finance for an opinion respecting certain bank transactions which he thought were illegal.

1907, May 2nd.—Department of Finance wrote Travers asking for special return respecting proportion of paid-up

asking for special return respecting proportion of paid-up capital for which bank was liable. 1908, April 18th.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt obtained option on Keeley Mine property for \$300,000. 1908, May.—Keeley-Jossey-Wood Mines, Limited, was formed. An option was purchased from Dr. Nesbitt, capital stock of \$1,000,000, except \$25, being issued in payment of option. Wishart elected president, Nesbitt vice-president, and Travers third director. and Travers third director.

1908, May. 8th .- Dr. Beattie Nesbitt entered into agreement by which Wishart, Travers and Farmers Bank were to participate in benefits received by him from option. An-other agreement stated that he was not to deal with option without consent of banks.

1908, May 20th.—Farmers Bank made advance to Wish-of \$25,397, and to Keeley-Jossey-Wood Mines of \$25,000. art of No authority was given Travers to advance money until June 17th.

1908, June 17th.—A credit in four figures was given to Keeley-Jossey-Wood Mines and approved by directors. 1908, November.—Shortage of \$12,000 discovered in ac-

counts of D. C. McCallum, teller, Farmers Bank, head office.

Later sentenced to four years in penitentiary. 1908, December 3rd.—Department of Finance wrote Travers for special return giving details as to subscribers

of stock, and amounts paid in cash by each. 1908, December 7th.—Mr. John Knight, secretary Bank-ers' Association, wrote Department of Finance respecting Farmers Bank deposit receipt for \$100,000 being offered for sale in New York.

1908, December 23rd .- Department of Finance asked Mr. Travers for explanation respecting proportion of cash reserve to liabilities.

1909, December 10th.—Mr. F. W. Stair, bank share-holder, wrote Col. Munro, bank president, Mr. Stair told the president on December 15th that he had heard rumors connecting the bank with the Keeley Mine.

1910, October 21st.—R. Cughan, former manager Farmers Bank, Athens, Ontario, sentenced to three years in penitentiary on charge of stealing bank funds aggregating 3900. Another charge of falsifying the statements of bank was not pressed.

1910, November 26th.—Deputy-Sheriff Largy, New York, reported to have received execution for \$26,336 against Manhattan Securities Company in favor of Farmers Bank.

1910, December.-Injunction asked by G. T. Clarkson, liquidator, to restrain J. Saunders from disposing of \$45,-000, which Saunders withdrew from bank, just prior to suspension.

1910, December 16th .- Conspiracy charge laid against three men at Lindsay, at which condition of bank was unmasked.

1910, December 19th .- Conspiracy case collapsed and defendants were acquitted.

1910, December 19th.-clearing house balances. December 19th .- Farmers Bank failed to meet Travers announced "temporary suspension.'

1910, December 20th.-Mr. G. T. Clarkson was appointed a curator and interim liquidator.

1910, December 28th .- Travers stated that he had taken from bank vault the books and records of the Keeley Mines. As a consequence Travers was no longer allowed free access to bank.

1910, December 30th .- Four writs issued by bank curator asking court to declare that Travers' bill of sale covering yacht and automobile to A. M. Orpen was given for an illegal consideration, and to set aside mortgage given by Travers to Fanny Travers, to recover money alleged to be due bank from Travers on a note, and to recover \$2,000

from R. J. Robins, Haileybury, a depositor. 1911, January.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt charged with signing false returns to government.

1911, January.—Default judgment for \$16,865 entered inst Travers. Transaction concerns promissory note against given by Travers to Farmers Bank.

1911, January 9th .- Curator's scatement published, showing nominal deficiency on \$436,000.

1911, January 11th.—Supt. Hotchkiss, New York State Insurance Department, drew attention of Department of Finance, Otcawa, to a curious transaction being carried on

by the Farmers Bank at Syracuse. 1911, January 13th.—Announcement made that steps had been taken to collect bonds upon former General Manager Travers to the amount of \$50,000, the sum being equally divided between Lloyds of London, and the United States Fidelity Company.

1911, January 16th .- Travers sentenced to six years in penitentiary. Maximum sentence, 21 years. 1911, January 17th.—Warrant issued for arrest of Dr.

say, Toronto broker, and G. Wishart, New York broker, the former being charged with conspiring with Dr. Nesbitt, to obtain certificate from Treasury Board to permit bank to commence business, and the charge against Wishart being that he conspired and agreed with Dr. Nesbitt to steal from bank the sum of \$300,000.

1911, January 17th.—Creditors' and shareholders' meet-ings held at Toronto. Appointment of Royal Commission asked to investigate bank's affairs.

1911, January 17th .- Warrant issued for arrest of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt.

1911, January 17th.—Summonses issued against J. Ferguson, A. Fraser, A. S. Lown, and J. Watson, provisional directors, charging them with conspiring and agreeing un-lawfully to obtain \$10,000 from the bank's funds.

January 18th.—Announcement made that Can-IQII. adian Bankers' Association would thoroughly investigate the question of the inspection of chartered banks. 1911, January 18th.—W. R. Travers made assignment of

all his personal property to Mr. G. T. Clarkson, permanent liquidator of bank.

1911, January 19th.—Statement made that solicitors re-tained by W. J. Lindsay, broker, would claim \$125,000 due for sale of stock.

1911, January 23rd.—Farmers Bank collapse and Bank Act discussed in House of Commons.

1911, January 23rd.—Formal order winding up the Farm-ers Bank was made by Mr. Justice Riddell, at Toronto. Directors' resolution acknowledging insolvency was filed. Mr. G. T. Clarkson appointed permanent liquidator.

1911, February .-- W. R. Travers made confession to police consisting of 50 typewritten pages, said to contain full ac-

count of dealing not recorded in bank books. 1911, February.—Summonses issued by official Referee McAndrew, calling J. Gallagher, A. S. Lown, A. Fraser, J. Watson, J. Ferguson, provisional directors, to show why they should not make good any loss bank sustained by reason of their acts.

1st.-Lieutenant-Colonel H. 1911, February Tames Munro, president Farmers Bank, committed for trial on charge of making false returns to the government.

1911, February 2nd.-Hon. W. S. Fielding tabled in the House of Commons correspondence which passed through the Finance Department in connection with Farmers Bank's transaction at the request of Hon. Geo. E. Foster.

1911, February 2nd.—Summonses issued against J. Watson, A. S. Lown, J. Ferguson, A. Fraser, provisional

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, C. H. Smith, and J. Ι. Warren, charg ng them and others with conspiring by false-hood and traud to obtain certificate from Treasury Board of Canada to open Farmers Bank.

1911, February 3rd.-W. Laidlaw, K.C., Toronto, acting on behalf of bank snareholders, waited on Dominion Govern-ment and asked for appointment of Royal Commission to investigate the bank's affairs. The deputation also asked that the government should relieve the shareholders of their double liability obligation under the Bank Act.

1911, February 6th .- Frederick Crompton pleaded not guilty to charge of receiving in assignment notes of Farmers Bank from W. R. Travers, committed for trial.

1911, February 9th.—J. Ferguson, A. Fraser, A. S. Lown, J. Watson, C. H. Smith, Dr. Nesbitt, J. R. Stratton, J. J. Warren and others, charged with obtaining by false representation and fraud certificate required to enable bank to commence business.

1911, February 9th .- Injunction restraining R. J. Robins, Haileybury, from dealing with \$2,000 withdrawn from bank about time of suspension, dissolved by Mr. Justice Middleton.

1911, February 9th .- Summons issued against Hon. J R. Stratton, charged with accepting in assignment notes of bank from W. R. Travers. 1911, February 13.—Petition circulated for leniency to Cughan, Athens branch manager.

1911, February 15.-Default judgment against Toronto

World for \$16,288. 1911, February 18 .- Travers was removed to Kingston 1911, February 18.—Travers was removed to Kingston Penitentiary, on the order of Sheriff Mowatt, to the surprise of Magistrate Denison and Crown Attorney Corley. An order was issued by Judge Winchester for his return to Toronto. This was effected on Sunday. 1911, February 18.—Information was laid against W. S. Morden, K.C., assistant manager of the Trusts and Guar-antee Company, charged with hypothecation of \$58,000 of Farmers Bank notes. 1011, February 20.—Statement issued by Hop. J. R. Strat-

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ton as to his position in bank's affairs. 1911, February 22.—Information was laid against Mat-thew Wilson, K.C., and W. S. Morden, for conspiracy with Travers, to give the Trusts & Guarantee Company undue preference over other creditors of the bank. 1911, February 22.—Messrs. Fraser, Ferguson, Lown and Watson, provisional directors, Hon. J. R. Stratton, and J. J. Warren, were committed for trial on the conspiracy charge by Magistrate Denison. 1911, February 22.—Lieut.-Col. Munro, president of the bank, committed for trial by Magistrate Denison on a charge

1911, February 22.—Lieut.-Col. Munro, president of the bank, committed for trial by Magistrate Denison on a charge of unlawfully issuing false bank returns, appeared in the county judge's criminal court before Judge Winchester. 1911, February 22.—A civil proceeding in the winding-up of the bank was begun against the Trusts & Guarantee Company, to recover money alleged to be due the creditors of the defunct bank.

of the defunct bank. 1911, February 22.—A second charge was laid against Messrs. J. R. Stratton, J. J. Warren and W. S. Morden. The charge was for illegally accepting currency of the Farmers Bank as pledge for a loan, contrary to the terms of the Bank Act. Mr. Stratton and Mr. Warren pleaded not guilty, and Mr. Morden was summoned to appear. 1911, February 23.—Statement issued by Trusts & Guar-antee Company as to its position in bank's affairs. 1911, February 23rd.—Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, stated that a Royal Commission would not be appointed to investigate the bank's affairs, and that it would not be wise for the government to exempt shareholders from the pro-

for the government to exempt shareholders from the provisions of the Bank Act.

February 24th .- Statement was made by certain IOII. shareholders that suits would be commenced against Min-ister of Finance and others in Finance Department, charging

negligence in granting bank charter. 1911, February 24th.—Case against Matthew Wilson, K.C. and W. S. Morden, for conspiracy to give undue preference over certain bank creditors was adjourned.

1011, February 24th.—Case against Messrs. J. R. Strat-ton, J. J. Warren and W. S. Morden for illegally accepting

currency of bank, was adjourned. 1911, March 1st.—Case against Messrs. J. R. Stratton. J. J. Warren and W. S. Morden for illegally accepting cur-

J. Warren and W. S. Morden for megally accepting currency of bank, was again adjourned. 1911, March 1st.—F. Crompton appeared before Judge Winchester, charged with accepting and receiving in pledge notes of Farmers Bank. Case adjourned until March 20th. 1911, March 3rd.—Case against Matthew Wilson. K.C.

and W. S. Morden, for conspiracy to give undue preference over certain bank creditors was again adjourned.

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1911. March 4th.-The Ontario Attorney-General's Department announced that the Farmers Bank cases for jury trial would be traversed to the spring assizes.

1911, March 7th .- Major Sam Sharpe gave notice of a question as to whether or not the removal of W. R. Travers to Kingston was done with the knowledge of the government or of any department thereof.

1911, March 7th .- Messrs. J. J. Warren and W. S. Morden were committed for trial on the charge of hypothecating Farmers Bank notes, while Mr. J. R. Stratton charged in the same connection was acquitted.

1911, March 7th.-The charge against Mr. W. S. Mor-den and Mr. M. Wilson, K.C., of conspiring with Travers to give undue preference to the Trusts and Guarantee Company was adjourned for a week pending the submission of authorities on the question of law. 1911, March 8th.—In response to a question by

1911, March 8th.—In response to a question by Mr. Sharpe, Sir Alan Aylesworth informed the Commons that the removal of W. R. Travers from Toronto to Kingston Penitentiary was made without the knowledge of the government or any department thereof, neither was the action of the Sheriff in so removing Travers before the Prosecution had finished with his evidence in the charges then being investigated taken with the consent of the government or

any department thereof. 1911, March 10th.—Warrant issued for arrest of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, on a charge of forgery. 1911, March 11th.—Directors of Keeley Mining Com-pany authorized employment of Mr. R. B. Watson, engineer of the La Rose and Nipissing Mines, and another engineer agreeable to Mr. Watson, to examine and report on the Keeley Mine.

1911, March 14th.—Matthew Wilson, K.C., and W. S. Morden committed for trial on charge of conspiring with Travers to give Trusts and Guarantee Company undue pre-

ference over other creditors of bank. 1911, March 14th.—Suit of W. J. S. Johns, Nestleton against Standard Bank. heard at Lindsay. Judgment re-served. Johns withdrew \$2,880 from Farmers Bank by marked cheque, depositing it with Standard Bank. The latter draw settlement at Farmers Bank at Taront latter drew settlement at Farmers Bank at Toronto on De-cember 17th, 1910. Payment was refused. 1911, March 15th.—Mr. D. Henderson moved for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the bank

suspension.

1911, March 15th.-Halton shareholders of bank decide

to contest any attempt to collect the double liability. 1911, March 18th.—Mr. Justice Clute gave judgment in sum of \$2,880, in favor of Mr. W. J. S. Johns. 1911, March 29.—A true bill was returned against Col.

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James Munio, bank president, on charge of having made false returns to Department of Finance. 1911. March 20.—F. Crompton was arraigned before Judge Winchester on a charge of accepting as pledge Farm rs Bank notes; the case was adjourned for one week.

ORIGINAL OWNERS WANTED HIGH PRICES.

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situated in the township of Tisdale. They are the Dome property, owned in New York; the Timmins property, owned by the mins brothers; the Vipond and Connell veteran properties, the two latter either owned or under option in New York. The Consoli-dated Gold Fields of South Africa also has acquired an interest in the Connell veteran claims. The Dome property has been ex-tensively and thoroughly sampled by Captain Anchor. "It is said that diamond drills have intersected that vein at a

depth of 300 feet, vertical, and that the cores at that depth are rich in free ore. Gold in patches can be seen in numerous places along the quartz outcrop. The main outcrops consist of two large quartz 'blows' or 'domes' and seem to indicate an ore body of lenticular shape. Disseminated through the country rock of schistose structure and close to the vein, are numerous crystals of iron pyrite, which are to be gold bearing to the extent of 30 pennyweight per ton.

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"The Timmins property is south of Gillies lake. Numerous outcrops of quartz, which may be grouped along five main lines, show free gold extensively. One of the veins has been tested in two places, 600 feet apart, to a depth of 100 feet, at which level the two shafts are being connected by a drift, 300 feet of which was said to be completed at the time of my visit. This vein is a well-defined body five to six feet wide, going down almost verti-cally, and showing free gold along the dark slicken sides above mentioned. The quartz in the main workings has a more banded structure than the veins previously mentioned. One particular feature of the Timmins quartz vein is the presence therein of occasional feldspar crystals."

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AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS A PROTECTION.

Among the various suggestions for the cure of conditions which caused the death of 143 persons in a factory fire in New York, in March, was one for the compulsory fitting up of such buildings with sprinklers. Respecting this proposal, in fact order, of Fire Commissioner Waldo, which had been objected to, it was declared, at a hearing on Monday last, that no one should assume an attitude of opposition to automatic sprinkler protection as a business proposition until he has made himself familiar with the record of fires in buildings where this form of protection is installed. In a 14-year old record, kept by the National Fire Protection Association, of fires in buildings protected by automatic sprinklers, numbering 8,347 fires, the automatic sprinklers operated successfully in 94 per cent. of the fires. Nearly one-third of the fires were extinguished by one automatic sprinkler.

The latest in mergers is being promoted by Mr. Charles R. Flint, who formed the American Chicle Company. It is a merger of about twenty operating automatic vending machine companies in the United States and Canada.

TOWN OF PEMBROKE, ONT., DEBENTURES.

Offers will be received up to April 15th, addressed to W. H. Bromley, Chairman, Finance Committee, for \$65,000 4½% Bonds, dated April 4th, 1911, interest payable annually, Principal due in thirty years here, delivery at Bank of Ottawa, Pembroke.

Pembroke, April 1st, 1911.

A. J. FORTIER, Town Clerk.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

The following are the railroad earnings for week ended March 21st:--

C. P. R	1911. \$1,972,000	1910. \$1,723,000	or de	ncrease ecrease.
G. T. R	875,309	841,719	+	33,590
C. N. R	297,900	221,500	+	76,400
T. & N. O	30,068	30,416		348
Halifax Electric	3,905	3,692	+	213

Gross earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway last month were \$6,375,577; working expenses, \$5,230,869; net profits, \$1,144,708. In February, 1910, net profits were \$1,-487,019 and for eight months ending February 28th, 1911, figures are as follows: Gross earnings, \$67,903,436; working expenses, \$43,485,902; net profits, \$24,417,534. For eight months ended February 28th, 1910, there was a net profit of \$22,873,492. The decrease in net profits over the same period last year is therefore for February, \$342,311, and for eight months ending February 28th, there was an increase of \$1,544,042.

Statement of the earnings and operating expenses of the Canadian Northern for month of February:---

0		1910. \$698,900	Increase. \$104,200
Expenses Net earnings Mileage in operation		567,400 131,500 3,180	99,900 4,300 206
From July 1st to Febr			Increase.
Gross earnings	9,672,300 6,943,800	\$8,280,500 5,918,500	\$1,391,800 1,025,300
Net earnings	2,728,500	2,363,000	366,500

The receipts and percentages of the Toronto Street Railway for the month of February for the past six years were as follows:-

1011	Receipts. \$335,108	Percentage paid city. \$48,039
1010	307,774	38,020
1000	277,161	33,312
1908	263,123	31,142
1007	240,225	26,219
1906	212,789	21,278

During February the company made gross earnings of \$335,010, while operating expenses were \$181,933, leaving net earnings of \$153,077, which stand \$14,545 over last year's figures. For the year to date the gross amounts to \$693,854, operating to \$371,370, and net earnings amount to \$322,484, an increase of \$32,319, or 11.14 per cent. over the corresponding months of last year.

The following are the railroad earnings for week ended March 31st:---

C P. R		1910. \$2,732,000 1,349,741	С +	\$319,000 12,638
C. N. R	485,400	326,900		158,500
Halifax Electric		5,230	+	77
T. & N. O	44,950	52,623	-	7,673

The following are the railroad earnings for March :--

C. P. R	1911. \$8.648.000	1910. \$7,667,000	Γ	srease or becrease. \$981,000
G. T. R		3,793,257	+	116,516
C. N. R	1,270,600	934,100		336,500
Halifax Electric	16,129	15,965		164
T. & N. O	131,791	146,369	-	14,578

April 8, 1911.

Minister of Labor.

Ltd.

Ottawa

DEALERS BOND



The directors of both the Rochester German of Rochester, N.Y., and the German-American Fire Insurance Com-pany, of New York, have approved the contemplated merger of the two companies named, and stockholders' meetings have been called for April 29th, to vote on the question It is understood that the German-American will handle the bition to restrain the board of investigation recently appoint-ed by the government under the combines investigation Act from sitting. The long delay was granted in order that the company may secure a decision on an appeal of another phase of the case, that of jurisdiction, to the court of ap-peals at Quebec, and if necessary, a further appeal thence to the privy council. Mr. T. Chase Casgrain, K.C., appeared for the United Shoe Machinery Company, and Mr. A. G. Falconer for the parties who applied for the investigation, while Mr. Aime Geoffrion, K.C., appeared on behalf of the Minister of Labor. Rochester German business after the merger by issuing the Rochester German Underwriters' policy of the German-Rochester German Underwriters' policy of the German-American. The title of the amalgamated company will be German-American Insurance Company; its capital will be \$2,000,000, and present stockholders will receive \$45.07 of the stock of the new company for each share of Rochester German, and \$118.31 for each share of German-American stock. It is the intention of the German American Insur-ance Company to continue the Canadian business of the Rochester German Insurance Company.

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CHARLES F. ROLAND, Commissioner

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Wallaceburg, Ont., will have a new industry, a company having been formed to manufacture the new explosive "carlite". The chief quality of carlite is that it contains the tremendous explosive power of dynamite, but has none of the dangerous properties of the latter. Messrs. D. A. Gordon, M.P., H. Wiese, J. M. Hess, all of Wallaceburg; Count von Oppersdorff, Berlin, Germany, and Mr. Rienold de Toil, London, England, owners of the European patents, are interested in the new company.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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ADVERTISEMENTS

The Royal Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Swift Current, Sask., and has closed its branch at Crapaud, P.E.I.

Two hundred dollars a day for every day that the com-pany has been operating a branch line between Halborne and Beulah, Man., is a fine for which the Railway Commission recommended the Attorney-General to prosecute the Cana-dian Northern Railway. The Grand Trunk Pacific will also has presented for exception about eighty bightways in Alberta be prosecuted for crossing about eighty highways in Alberta be prosecuted for crossing about eighty highways in Alberta without the board's approval. The penalty is \$25 per day for each offence. The case arose as the sequel to a com-plaint received from a Manitoba milling company that the Canadian Northern was charging excessive rates for carry-ing freight over its branch line. The commissioners, on investigating, found that no tariff of charges on the line had here submitted to the heard and that the company was had been submitted to the board, and that the company was not authorized to carry traffic over the line, as it had not been inspected and approved by the board.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Dividend Notice.

An Interim Dividend of two per cent. on the preferred shares and one and one-half per cent. on the ordinary shares for the quarter ending March 31st, 1911, has been declared payable on April 15th, 1911, to shareholders of record of the 31st of March, 1911. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from March 22nd to March 29th, both days inclusive.

By order of the Directors.

THOMAS GREEN, Cashier.

THE SHAWINICAN WATER & POWER COMPANY.

Dividend Notice.

Notice is hereby given that dividend of one and one-quarter per cent. (14%) upon the paid-up capital stock of the Shawinigan Water & Power Company has been declared for the quarter ending March 31st, 1911, payable April 20th, to shareholders of record April 7th. By order of the Board.

W. S. HART,

Montreal, March 22nd, 1911.

Secretary.

THE MEXICAN LICHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN that a dividend has been declared of One Per Cent. (1%) on the ordinary shares in the capital stock of The Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited, payable on the 15th day of April, 1911, to share-holders of record at the close of business, on the 8th day

holders of record at the close of business, on the ord day of April, 1911. The Stock Transfer Books of the Company for the or-dinary shares will be closed from the 10th day of April, 1911, to the 15th day of April, 1911, both days inclusive. Dividend cheques for shareholders are pavable at par et the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Canada, New York City, N.Y.; London, England; Mexico City, Mexico, and its branches.

its branches. By order of the Board. W. E. DAVIDSON, Secretary.

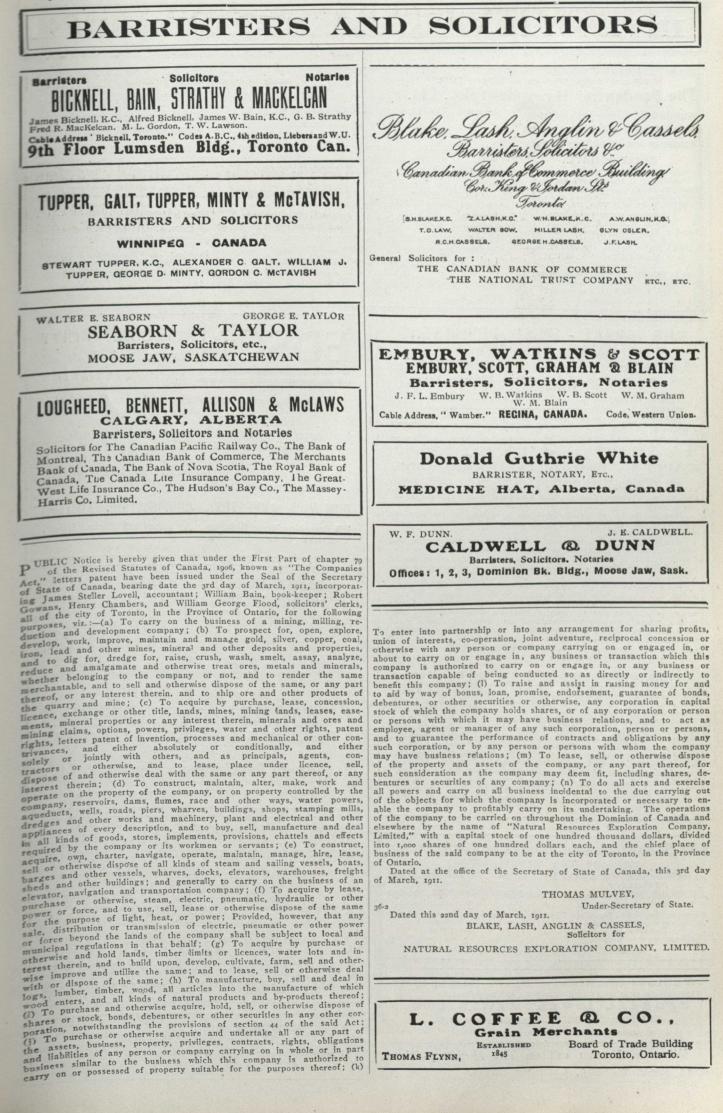
The uniform good results obtained whenever oil fuel has been given a properly arranged test on an ocean going stramship has made it certain that oil will take the place of coal as the fuel of the great trans-Atlantic steamers in the future. near

The success of the "Made in Canada" exhibition, to be held in Vancouver at an early date is definitely assured. One of the features of the show will be the two days' pageant provided for directly by the city and under municipal control giving an exposition of the city's up to date equipment in every municipal department.

THE MONETARY TIMES



Edmonton, Alta., is to have three new industries. The Gordon Na'l Company, late of St. John, N.B., propose mov-ing their plant to the city, the Alberta Foundry and Machine Shop Company, and a large glass factory will also locate in the city.



INVESTMENT AND LOAN COMPANIES

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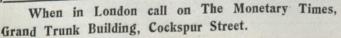
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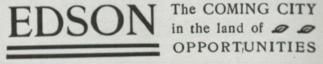
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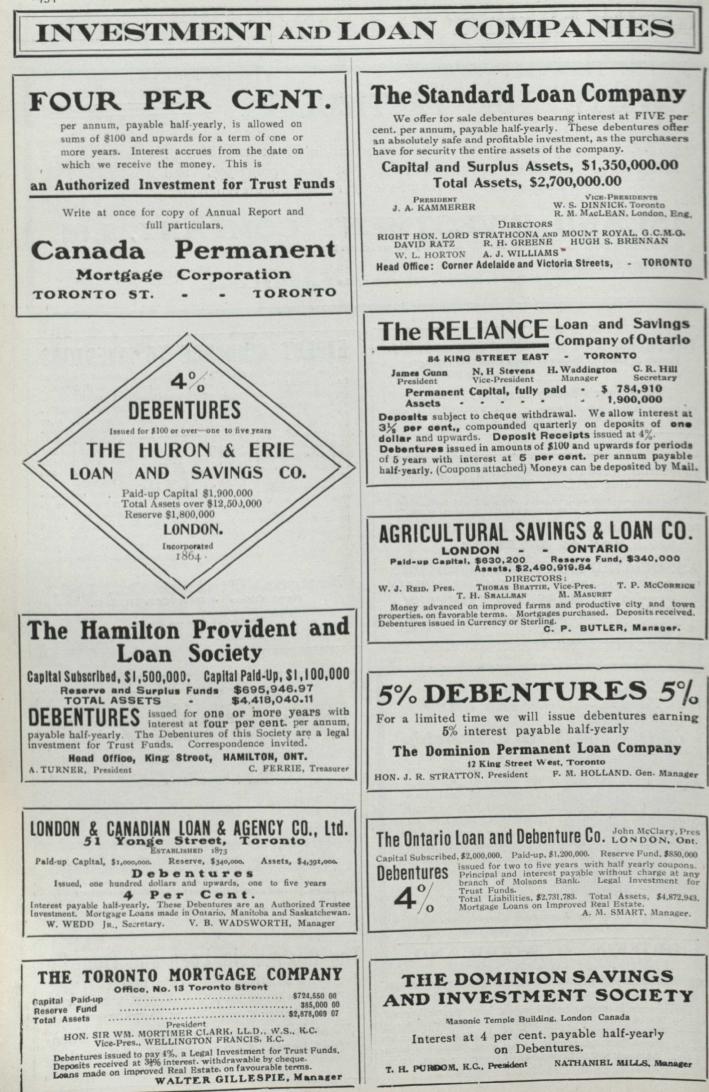
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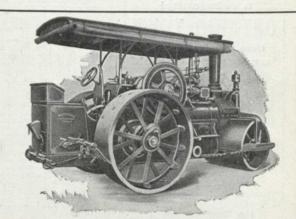
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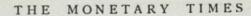
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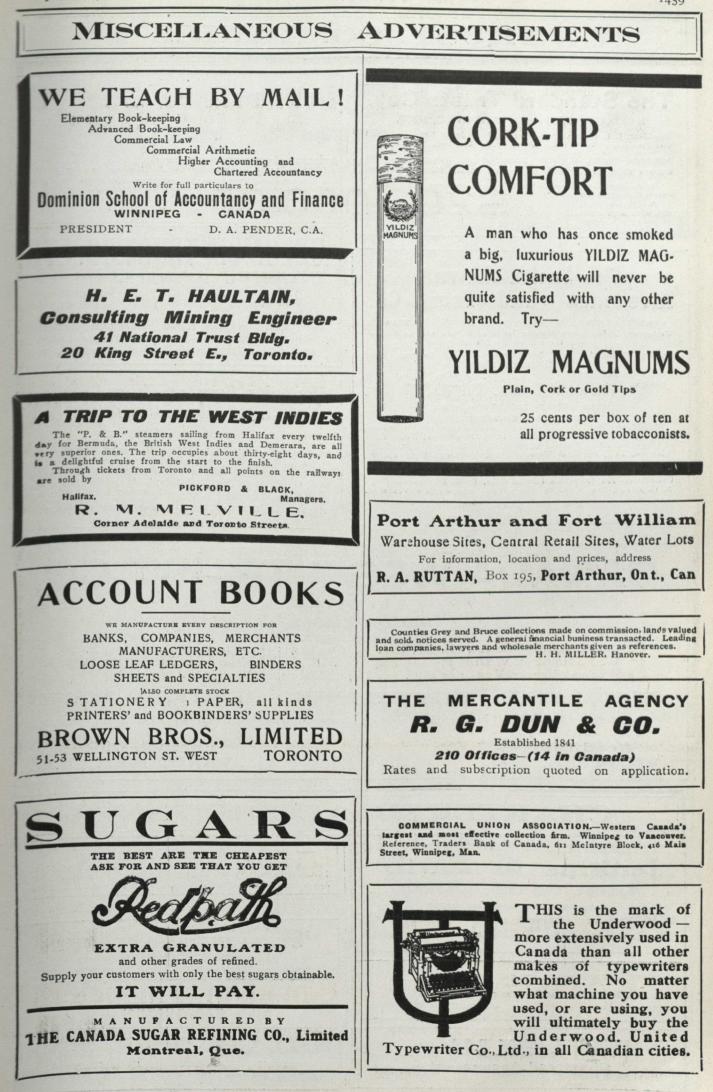
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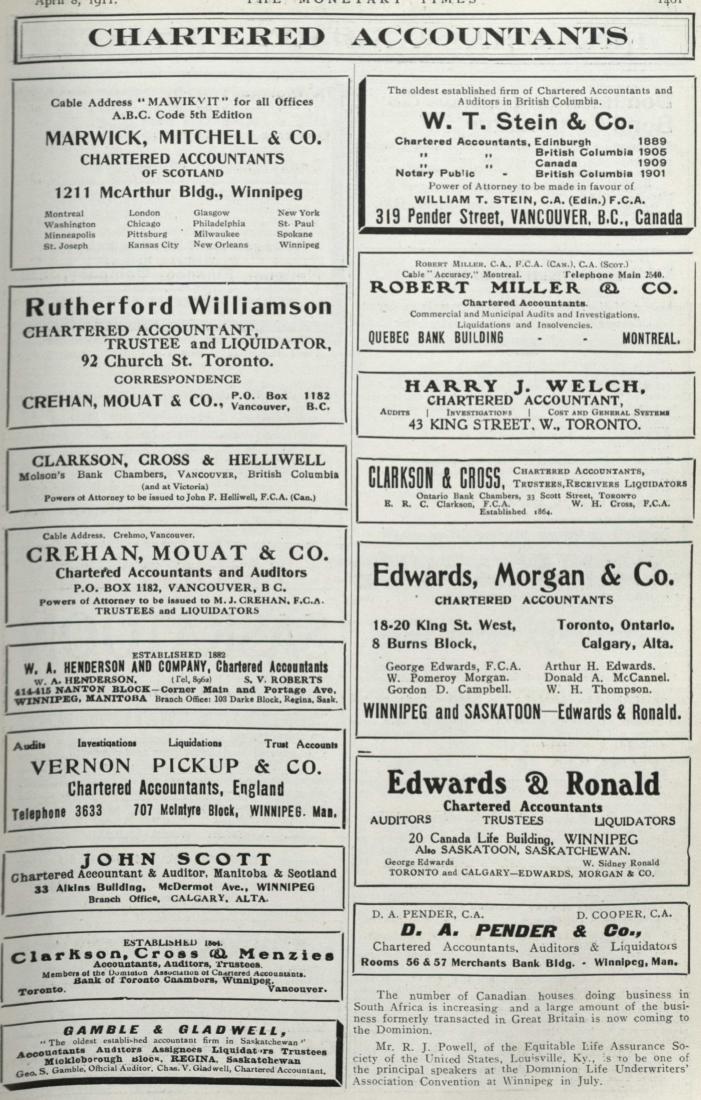


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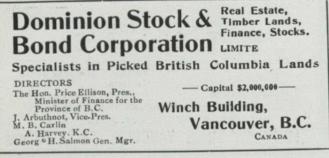






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BIG IMPLEMENT COMBINE

Formed at Moline, Illinois, and Will Operate in Canada -Competition for International Harvester Company.

Details in regard to plans of Messrs. Deere & Co., of Moline, Ill., for the merger of twenty-two companies under one charter with an authorized capital of \$50,000,000 are to hand. The name of the consolidation will be Deere & Co., the intention being to retain the name of John Deere, inventor of the steel plow and founder of the mammoth industry. The following concerns have been signed for membership to date: Deere & Co., Moline. Deere & Mansure Co., Moline. Moline Wagon Co., Moline. Marseilles Co., East Moline. Kemp & Burpee Co., Syracuse, N.Y. Dain Manufacturing Co., Ottumwa, Iowa, and Welland, Ont. Fort Smith Wagon Co., Fort Smith, Ark.

May Include Other Companies.

May include other Companies. Deere & Weber Company, Minneapolis, Minn., and fourteen branch plants and houses, all have separate charters at present. While all the other concerns have been more or less closely affiliated with Deere & Company for some time, the Dain Com-pany has been independent. It manufactures haymaking ma-chinery. Other companies may be taken into the merger soon, but officials of the Deere combine refuse to divulge any further information concerning their future intentions. information concerning their future intentions.

Persons interested claim that when the merger is com-pletely effected the steel plow corporation will have a line of farming machinery as complete as that of any concern in America.

Deere & Company have perfected a grain harvester that embodies a number of recent inventions. The machine has been proved a practical success, and it is understood manu-facture of these harvesters for the Canadian trade will be begun in Welland, Canada, within a year. A large tract of land has been purchased adjoining the plant of the Dain Com-pany there and the harvesters probably will be manufactured in buildings to be erected in the near future.

Not Public Yet.

Employes of the firm of Deere & Company and of the branch houses in the different States will be given an option Touching this feature, an official of the to acquire stock. parent plant said:

parent plant said: "The details of the plan by which employes will acquire stock in the business cannot be made public at this time. It is our purpose to submit a plan whereby stock may be ac-quired on terms acceptable to our employes, probably one that will provide for small monthly payments for a period covering a term of years."

The business of Deere & Company, the present concern, has been carried on under a fifty-year charter, which expires in 1918. It is expected in trade circles that the new corporation will compete on a big scale with the International Harvester Company

International Harvester Company.

The International Harvester Company will enter the Can-adian field on a broader basis if the reciprocity agreement with Canada is consummated. In 1909 the International Har-vester Company commenced construction of its Hamilton, Ont., vester Company commenced construction of its Hamilton, Ont., works. In 1904, the manufacture of Canadian requirements of harvesting machinery and tillage implements was begun. This plant has an annual capacity of 110,000 machines and em-ploys about 2,000 hands. Harvester also has large warehouses in Winnipeg, Calgary, Saskatoon and Fredericton.

In addition to the International Harvester Company and the Deere Company there are several other American companies dealing in agricultural and farm implements in Canada.

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A party of British, Canadian and American capitalists, who have associated themselves in the Western Agencies and Devilopment Company, Limited, will invest a large sum in residential property in Calgary.

The annual convention of the Life Underwriters' Asso-ciation will be held in Winniper, Man., on July 12th, 13th and 14th, when it is expected there will be a record attendance of life insurance men.

At a recent meeting of directors of the International Milling Company, Messrs. A. E. Ames, and James Ryrie, of Toronto, were added to the board, the other directors be-ing: Messrs. F. A. Bean, F. A. Bean, jr., W. L. Harvey, T. H. Sopher and H. F. Marsh. Mr. Ames is head of the well-known banking firm of Messrs. A. E. Ames & Company, and Mr. Ryrie is president of Messrs. Ryrie Bros., Limited. Toronto, and a director of the Metropolitan Bank.



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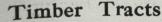


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The preferred stock, as offered, carries the Montreal Trust Company dividend bearing trust always lacked. Business is in stronger hands; the invest-ment of outside capital in purely mercantile enterprises is present in a volume that is am zing when one remembers the age of the proven camp. Although the whole commercertificates. The Lake Superior Iron & Chemical Company is the largest charcoal pig iron company in the United States, and when the improvements now being carried out are com-pleted, will be the largest producer of wood alcohol and ascetate of lime in that country. Its capitalization comprises \$10,000,000 of 6 per cent. first mortgage bonds, the age of the proven camp. Although the whole commer-cial structure rests entirely upon the existence of values at depth, there is none of the hesitancy which marked Cobalt in its early days. This is because Porcupine has been fav-ored with possibly the best of the technical opinion that the mining world affords. Great mining institutions, both British and American, have accepted these opinions, and a Canadian group in the Hollinger have been the first to demonstrate them by actual developments. Proving the Dome and the Hollinger have made it possible to inventory ten million dollars of ore as accurately as a merchant takes stock, but the test must be more far-reaching before the matter of permanency is assured.—Victor Ross.

of which \$6,500,000 are issued; \$1,625,000 of 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock and \$10,000,000 of common stock of which \$8,375,000 are issued. Previous to the present offering considerably over \$100,000 cf the \$300,000 of the stock had been taken up. The bonds are listed on the London Stock Exchange and are largely he'd in Eng'and. About half of the preferred and common stocks are held in Canada.

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