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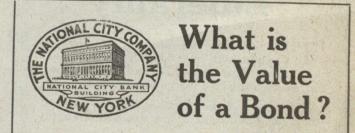
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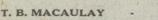
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	November, 1918.	October, 1919.	November, 1919.	Year's inc. or dec.	Month's inc. or dec.
Deposits on demand	\$ 666,366,359	\$ 705,280,241	\$ 728,657,589	+ 9.4	+ 3.3
Deposits after notice	939,329,271	1,262,746,984	1,137,858,277	+21.1	- 9.9
Current loans in Canada		1,104,940,160	1,189,408,523	+ 9.1	+7.7
Current loans elsewhere	110,010,815	160,713,386	149,302,293	+35.4	- 6.9
Loans to municipalities	40,865,358	56,116,897	52,703,363	+30.0	- 7.1
Call loans in Canada	85,675,063	100,549,390	121,754,469	+42.4	+21.0
Call loans elsewhere	171,035,732	158,194,085	169,626,880	- 1.7	+ 6.9
Circulation	242,309,082	242,509,573	248,073,385	+ 2.4	+ 2.3-

The above are the changes in the principal accounts of the chartered banks in Canada, according to the statement to incance department for November, compared with October, 1919, and with November, 1918. There was no change in authorized capital during the month. Subscribed capital, paid-up capital and reserve were added to as follows:—

	Capital subscribed.	Capital paid-up.	Reserve.
Merchants		\$ 12,223	
Provinciale		850	
Union	\$1,302,100	1,333,190	\$1,018,744
Royal	88,900	124,150	112,075
Hamilton		5,020	2,510
Hochelaga			100,000
Home		11,011	
Sterling		. 391	
	\$1,391,000	\$1,486,835	\$1,233,329

Circulation continues to grow, although the increase in November was just about half what it was in October. The maximum circulation is usually attained about this season of the year. The balances due to Dominion government have jumped from \$121,028,537 to \$350,381,389 during the month, representing Victory Loan proceeds remaining on deposit to the credit of the government. Balances due to the provincial government have also increased by \$3,000,000. The effects of the Victory Loan on deposits was very similar to the effects last year, as the following table shows:—

11 101 1	Deposits payable on demand.	Deposits payable after notice.
1918—October	. \$644,220,998	\$1,076,514,627
November	. 666,366,359	939,329,271
December	. 711,034,060	958,473,557
1919—January	. 623,919,410	990,000,085
February	. 566,775,434	1,018,184,512
March		1,037,851,766
April	. 571,412,857	1,070,985,080
May	The Article Article and Article and Article and Article	1,107,983,072
June		1,139,569,570
July	FOLIFOFOF	1,175,092,155

158,194,085	169,626,880	- 1.7	+ 6.9
242,509,573	248,073,385	+ 2.4	+ 2.3-
	Deposits payable	Deposit	s payable
A State of the second	on demand.	Start Start The Start	notice.
August	\$584,300,855	\$1,196,	632,931
September	650,743,015	1,277,	437,715
October	705,280,241	1,262,	746,984

1,137,858,277

Deposits outside of Canada increased from \$253,965,203 to \$259,047,187. Those from other banks also increased by over \$3,000,000. Balances due to banks in the United Kingdom are up by about \$1,000,000, but those due to banks elsewhere decreased by over \$3,000,000.

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The course of deposits account during the past six years is shown in the following table:---

Nov.	On demand.	After notice.	Total.
1914	\$350,884,153	\$ 625,994,852	\$ 976,879,005
1915	406,735,171	714,219,286	1,120,954,457
1916	459,277,454	836,593,269	1,295,870,723
1917	538,869,362	1,008,657,874	1,547,527,236
1918	666,366,359	939,329,271	1,605,695,630
1919	728,657,589	1,137,858,277	1,866,515,866

Turning to the assets side of the statement, we find considerable increases in the holdings of coin and Dominion notes, as follows:—

Gold and sub. coin in Canada Gold and sub. coin elsewhere		
Total Dominion notes in Canada Dominion notes elsewhere	+	13,423,398
Total	+	\$13,423,553

Deposits in the central gold reserve, and with the minister of finance for the security of note circulation, were practically unchanged. Holdings of notes and cheques of other banks increased by about \$3,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively, and large advances in the totals due from other banks are also found.

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LIABILITIES

		CAPITAL	STOCK		cent. it eclared		Bal. due				
NAME OF BANK	Capital Authorized	Capital Subscribed	Capital Paid Up	Amount of rest or reserve fund	e per of las	Notes in circulation	to Dom. Gov. after deducting advances for credits, pay-lists, etc.	Balances due to Provincial Govern- ments	Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada	payable afternotice	Deposits elsewhere than in Canada
1 Bank of Montreal. 2 Bank of Toronto. 4 The Molsons Bank. 5 Banque Nationale 6 Merchants Bank of Canada 7 Banque Provinciale du Canada. 8 Union Bank of Canada 9 Canadian Bank of Canada 9 Canadian Bank of Canada 10 Dominion Bank. 12 Bank of Hamilton 13 Standard Bank of Canada 14 Banque d'Hochelaga. 15 Imperial Bank of Canada 16 Home Bank of Canada 17 Sterling Bank of Canada 18 Banque d'Hochelaga. 19 Standard Bank of Canada 16 Home Bank of Canada 17 Sterling Bank of Canada 18 Weyburn Security Bank. 18 Weyburn Security Bank.	\$ 28.075,000 15,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 15,000,000 15,000,000 25,000,000 25,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 10,000,000 5,000,000 10,000,000 10,000,000 10,000,00	\$ 20,000,000 9,700,000 4,000,000 2,000,000 8,400,000 8,000,000 15,000,000 17,000,000 4,000,000 4,000,000 4,000,000 2,000,000 1,265,600 655,700 119,522,300	\$ 20,000,000 9,700,000 5,000,000 4,000,000 8,353,758 1,984,510 7,968,150 15,000,000 17,000,000 6,000,000 3,590,000 4,000,000 1,958,880 1,226,398 478,661 119,162,137	\$ 20,000,000 18,000,000 6,000,000 5,000,000 2,200,000 7,000,000 1,000,000 15,000,000 17,000,000 7,000,000 3,995,890 00 4,500,000 4,500,000 4,500,000 4,500,000 17,000,000 15,000 1212,000 124,710,890	12 16 12 12 10 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 13 9 9 12 6 7 7 7	\$ 43,266,899 23,910,497 8,003,980 7,266,153 5,572,070 16,055,768 2,268,419 30,047,659 99,837,265 9,679,778 6,610,921 7,668,563 7,935,924 13,044,217 2,216,770 1,235,715 449,215 237,547,162	\$ 26,961,700 28,271,601 15,893,091 24,959,963 9,295,104 16,425,628 5,198,300 10,065,121 89,567,242 25,021,077 10,993,669 9,258,627 (6,579,315 15,500,800 8,258,350 7,319,034 962,609 350,381,389	\$ 836,222 795,847 222,637 222,637 205,732 2,158,372 4,661,436 1,683,418 295,315 231,507 146,647 61,016 647 61,016 647 61,016 750,377 1,720,591 158,121 13,837	\$ 144,442,412 39,198,992 30,163,284 16,474,353 7,296,640 66,035,012 4,772,043 51,830,636 115,328,331 27,124,906 25,176,470 13,338,987 29,707,217 5,854,414 6,134,863 1,706,147 728,657,589	8 ,220,793,607 95,656,575 ,565,575 40,430,585 ,40,430,585 31,056,767 ,76,624,219 19,298,347 ,64,354,201 147,326,763 ,154,490,113 62,515,622 ,38,240,935 39,732,255 ,39,392,255 39,732,255 ,34,895,177 51,736,282 10,714,580 10,714,580 ,930,563 1,388,666 1,388,667	\$ 64,452,238 25,471,061 3,236,274 2,419,925 7,088,183 33,48,948 122,052,292 842,266

LIABILITIES-Continued

	Loans rom other banks in. Canada, secured, including bills re- iscounted.	Deposits made by and balan- ces due to other banks in Canada	Due to banks and banking correspond- ents in the United Kingdom	Due to banks and banking correspond- ents else- where than in Canada or the U.K.	Bills payable	Accept- ances under letters of credit	Liabilities not included under foregoing heads	Balances due to the Imperial Govern- ment	Total Liabilities	Aggregate amount of loans to directors. and firms of which they are partners	Average amount of current gold and subsidiary coin held during the month	Average amount of Dominion Notes held during the the month	Greatest amount of notes in circulation at any time during the month
	8	\$	8	8	8	9	8	\$	g	8	s		e
1		2,705,267	42,596	1,493,226	4.685.002	5,943,459	1,157,939	Server States	516,780,572	733.599	24,519,792	39,439,385	45,569,519
2		1,906,731	100,011	2,197,606		445,759	5,905		217,960,589	1,960,140	10.762.835	13,152,147	24,321,170
		249,008	43,307	651,279		1,679,754	150,807		97,487,740	543,062	957,679	7,376,942	8,258,900
		317,026	72	1.212,067		· 148,368	559,663		89,745,253	375,886	553.213	4,976,248	7,563,943
0		14,940		, 218,061	549,500				57,501.625	565,337	308,700	1,291,500	6,143,380
101		2,158,985 770	221,523	299,506	**********	1,249,202	8,504		184,786,950	825,677	4.713,673	5,754,786	16,914,008
		572.355	3.249.183	1,809,758		7,186,940	110,048		31,822,192		104,643	293,361	2,370,468
9		74,816	922,328	7,804,880	441,180	14.866.446	399,112 454,002		161,222,684	1,188,034	946.044	11,063,039	12,869,494
10		13,970	281,087	7,168,765	806,776	16,467,978	454,002 853,422		448,216,470 498,550,666	959,503 766,109	22,073,000 13,794,946	31,413,000 21,652,225	31,787,750 41,201,120
		691,957	50,358	2,026,684	196,800	1.054.937			129,960,384	432,175	1.965.000	10,928,000	10.099,423
12 .		82,444	488,169	913,874	100,000	232.637			83,583,293	411,865	903.942	434,692	6,918,501
		1,408,579	253.434	741,809		686,440			85.072.807	178,546	1,678,584	6,663,984	7,964,193
		371	18,141	482,191		136,787			63,448,711	315,550	421,082	3,552,054	8,381,049
10		1,234,373	1,582	494,415		384,900			112,854,167	98,299	2,574,290	7,600,585	13,575,127
10	**********	96,480 291,682		1,677,933			2,724		30,541,843	594,937	142,360	2,250,100	2,308,865
18		291,682		679.01	*******	1,500	6,815		25,078,295	762,178	81,846	1,059,070	1,332,160
* +				10,672		·····	.86,799		4,617,948	31.412	16,332	187,786	494,315
		11,819,754	5,671,791	29.202,726	6,679,258	50,485,107	4,256,420		2.839,232,189	10,742.309	86,517,911	172,997,904	248,073,385

BANK DEPOSITS AND THE VICTORY LOAN

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Dominion and provincial government securities held by the banks dropped from \$361,280,956 to \$336,855,869, as many of the treasury bills of the Dominion government, issued for financing capital expenditures, no doubt matured and were paid out of war loan proceeds. Very little change took place in the totals of other securities held.

In the loan accounts we find large increases, except in the current loans and discounts outside of Canada. Advances to municipalities also show a seasonal decrease. The trend of the Canadian loans account for the past thirteen months is shown in the following table:—

Loans. 1918—November	Current in Canada. \$1,082,709,655	Call in Canada. \$ 85,675,063
December		89,120,423
1919—January	1,080,340,861	87,598,427
February	1,095,301,791	79,154,121

Loans.	Current in Canada.	Call in Canada,
March	\$1,117,197,446	\$ 87,601,337
April	1,107,986,523	86,091,844
May	1,071,447,686	89,187,032
June	1,043,712,932	95,852,728
July	1,014,387,206	93,587,497
August	1,011,785,424	95,899,836
September	1,058,572,202	96,912,709
October	1,104,940,160	100,549,390
November	1,189,408,523	121,754,469

The following table shows the course of principal loan accounts during recent years:----

	1	Current loans	Current loans	Call loans	Call loans
Nov.		in Canada.	elsewhere.	in Canada.	elsewhere.
1914	\$	794,269,220	\$ 42,966,275	\$ 69,394,407	\$ 74,459,649
1915		777,162,563	55,240,955	83,203,787	135,530,562
1916		813,791,947	76,087,370	89,395,370	183,250,389
1917		868,973,714	95,954,524	72,178,345	139,832,552
1918		1,082,709,655	110,010,815	85,675,063	171,035,732
1919		1,189,408,523	149,302,293	121,754,469	169,626,880

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	ASSETS															
				ent Gold an sidiary Co		Don	ninion N	otes	th Minister for security irculation	ral gold			bks. in	Dep's mad wit and b due fror	e from banks	
	NAME OF	BANK	In Canad	Else- where	Total	In Canada	Else- where	Total	Deposit with A of Finance for s of note circu	Deposit in central reserves	Note of othe bank	r ot		wit Canada, secured, i ding bills rediscouted, i cana in Cana in Cana	banking correst pond't in the United	pond'ns else- where
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	seittis other than Can.	Railway and other bonds, deben- tures and stocks	Call and short loans in Canada on st'cks debent- ures and bonds (not ex- ceeding 30 days)	Call and short loans else- where than in Canada (not ex- ceeding 30 days)	Other current loans and discounts in Canada	Other current loans and disco'nts else- where than -in Canada	Loans to the Govern ment of Canada	Loans to Pro- vincial Govern- ments	Loans to cities, towns, muni- cipalities and school districts	Over- due debts	than bank	Mort- gages on real estate sold by the bank	premise: at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off	s ties of cus- tomers under letters s of credit	Other assets not included under the fore- going heads	Total Assets
23	§ § 65,213,187 47,109,133 33,778,192 27,389,524 12,874,811 9,835,862 12,874,811 9,835,862 12,610,740 9,721,731 9,446,289 3,357,108 17,425,573 15,571,528 5,926,396 4,159,548 13,048,913 15,818,016 46,865,379 29,847,537 45,323,598 33,400,542 13,854,968 13,423,668 8,227,771 8,246,250 8,405,747 6,634,803,009 5,893,783 2,412,500 5,893,783 2,412,500 5,893,785 3,449,886 1,037,565 478,164	$\begin{array}{c} 3,301\ 508\\ 723,792\\ 1,051\ 332\\ 1,499,632\\ 3,854\ 186\\ 1,766,264\\ 2,602,740\\ 5,953,791\\ 19,414,891\\ 2,127,760\\ 374,221\\ 1,010,698\\ 2,38,900\\ 421,393\\ 853,018\\ 8397,851\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3.536,542\\ 9,613,333\\ 5,827,531\\ 7,955,098\\ 6,685,578\\ 8,439,410\\ 20,750,828\\ 16,435,614\\ 8,849,663\\ 10,023,309\\ 3,889,749\\ 5,356,711\\ 4,981,358\\ 2,857,797\\ 78,351\end{array}$	\$ 77, 828, 360 17,038, 802 1,958, 194 7,956, 854 24, 854, 885 33 812, 751 4,677,034 1,500,000	81,082.23 52,369,59 46,658,72 29,410,86 106,544,79 9,238,57 79,339,44 202,702,64	8 2 1 818,098 6 1 3,672,372 0 24,938,269 2,90,210,271 4 493,004 8 5 5 7 25,910 8		\$ 4,945,171 1,100,000 2,937,595 1,507,281 1,223,980 250,000 45,023	790,524 4,252,119 8,979,248 4,606,665 576,771 2,067,676 1,524,692 2,414,032	\$ 550,491 179,313 188,940 84,586 33,328 355,925 78,840 248,532 137,120 305,089 209,755 158,410 429,230 62,087 514,824 75,655 8,815 380,146	\$ 39,336 202,886 202,886 541,075 961,845 9,718 268,476 467,650 1,495,271 5,472 438,113 4,915 5433,767 536,597 76,293 ,10,766	\$ 74,000 129,999 8,788 267,972 542,300 19,469 150,645 203,381 62,875 22,735 61,084 73,450 189,737 504,533 85,304 9,341	5,026,44 3,616,00 2,558,66 1,429,47 5,801,99 251,21 5,859,00 7,016,44 5,636,77 2,600,00 1,433,56 2,273,68 4,445,88 942,99 401,22	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 214,696\\ 4\\$	\$ 560,350,524 247,581,757 109,522,088 99,983,076 62,177,017 200,714,752 34,900.234 174,989,057 479,644,205 533,647,084 144,191,355 92,597,344 94,298,871 71,657,949 128,596,111 228,596,111 228,596,111 233,179,516 26,888,449 5,219,250

Of the deposit in Central Gold Reserves \$8,500,000 is in gold coin; the balance is in Dominion Notes.

T. C. BOVILLE, Deputy Minister of Finance.

The following table shows the call loans abroad over a period of four calendar years:----

336,855869 253341708 54,327,528 121754469 169,626,880 1,189,408,523 149302293

-13 7	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
January	134,248,552	155,747,476	132,687,066	140,819,656	
February	139,138,651	162,344,556	160,239,494	155,983,681	
March	141,889,989	161,616,735	167,296,701	160,116,443	
April	147,146,443	159,156,054	179,818,531	155,533,666	
May	163,400,659	168,692,675	172,259,879	157,176,325	
June	182,757,015	159,309,133	170,034,476	167,236,045	
July	177,121,733	151,875,676	167,112,836	178,098,434	
August	171,380,353	176,610,625	160,544,990	174,176,578	
September	173,877,586	166,480,004	159,680,810	169,532,489	
October	189,346,216	151,018,747	157,040,858	158,194,085	
November	183,250,389	139,832,552	171,035,732	169,626,880	
December	173,878,134	134,483,482	150,248,322		

TO MARKET BONDS IN U.S.

13,815,103 52,703,363 4,061,086 5,586,078 2,405,619 55,518,536 50.485,107 3,103,304 3,100,138,639

The Hew R. Wood Co., bond dealers, Montreal, announce that they have formed a close working arrangement with E. P. Woodbury and Co., Inc., of Burlington, Vt., of which firm Hew R. Wood will be one of the directors. The firm intends to specialize in Vermont securities and Canadian government, municipal and corporation bonds that will appeal to investors in the New England States.

Alberta's dairy products for 1919 will have a value of \$31,625,000, or \$4,125,000 more than in 1918, according to estimates issued by C. P. Marker, provincial dairy commissioner. The production of butter in 1919 is estimated at 10,500,000 pounds for a value of \$5,512,500. This is an increase over 1918 of approximately 1,500,000 pounds and almost \$1,500,000 in value.

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The Royal Bank of Canada plans the erection of a branch at a cost of \$10,000 at Dodsland, Sask. The manager will be A. Joudsey.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has decided to proceed with the erection of a new brick building at the corner of Main and Union Streets, Courtenay, B.C. Approximate cost, \$30,000.

The main Halifax branch of the Royal Bank of Canada has been removed to the reconstructed building at the corner of George and Hollis Streets. The second floor will be occupied by the Montreal Trust Co., the Royal Securities Co., and the Bedford Construction Co., and the third floor by the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co. and R. G. Dun and Co.

The Royal Bank of Canada announces the opening of a new branch at Montevideo, Uruguay.

Mr. Bowen, manager of the Sterling Bank at Wadena, Sask., has been granted sick leave, and Mr. F. S. Thompson, who was manager at Kinmount, Ont., has been appointed acting manager at Wadena.

Mr. H. D. Robinson, teller-accountant of the Sterling Bank, at Sudbury, has been appointed acting manager at Courtright. Mr. Kremer, of Courtright, has been granted sick leave.

Mr. C. C. Campbell, a member of the head office staff of the Sterling Bank, has been appointed accountant at Montreal branch.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

A Stand Stand Stand	Week ending	Week ending		
	Dec. 31, '19.	Jan. 2, '19.		Changes.
Montreal	\$122,130,601	\$99,332,264	4	\$22,798,337
Toronto	84,211,630	73,040,355	+	11,171,275
Winnipeg	44,170,822	48,948,302		4,777,480
Vancouver	12,425,144	10,352,478	+	2,072,666
Ottawa	9,394,614	6,645,705	+	2,748,909
Calgary	7,370,206	6,706,880	+	663,326
Hamilton	5,894,305	4,603,304	+	1,291,001
Quebec	5,117,255	4,665,682	+	451,573
Edmonton	5,181,156	3,771,022	+	1,410,134
Halifax	3,957,919	4,135,647		177,728
London	2,938,653	2,710,164	+	228,489
Regina	3,874,216	3,444,046	+	430,170
St. John	2,995,117	2,487,457	+	507,660
Moose Jaw	1,654,965	1,990,573		335,608
Fort William	873,500	683,166	+	190,334
Lethbridge	729,955	777,817		47,862
New Westminster.	525,206	468,524	+	56,682
Peterboro	765,701	908,830		143,129
Sherbrooke	970,664	816,742	+	153,922
Kitchener	941,415	688,767	+	252,648
Prince Albert	484,999	345,035	+	139,964
Total	\$316,608,043	\$277,522,760	+	\$39,086,283

MONEY MARKETS

Messrs. Glazebrook and Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report the following exchange rates to The Monetary Times:-

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	89-16 pm	8 13-16 pm	
Mont. funds	par	par ·	1/8 to 1/4
Sterling-	10 550	10 000	
Demand Cable transfers	A CONTRACTOR OF		
Rate in New York, f	for sterling	demand \$3 7	55%
Bank of England rate	e, 6 per cer	it.	0 /8.

PERSONAL NOTES

MR. J. NORMAN TOOKE, who has been connected with the Montreal Stock Exchange firm of F. Nash and Company, for several years past, has been admitted to partnership.

Mr. S. W. JACOBS, K.C., a well-known member of the Montreal bar, was recently elected a director of the Travellers' Life Insurance Company of Canada.

MR. R. L. NICOLSON has been appointed manager in Alberta for the Union Casualty Company of Winnipeg. Mr. Nicolson has for some time past been deputy superintendent of insurance in the province, from which position he resigned on January 1st.

MR. M. J. HANEY, president of the Home Bank of Canada, has retired after holding that office for four years. Mr. H. J. Daly, who was director for some time of the Repatriation and Employment Committee at Ottawa, has succeeded Mr. Haney.

MR. A. C. CAMPBELL, formerly with the British Columbia treasury department staff, has become inspector of trust companies for the province. He succeeds Mr. W. U. Runnells, who has taken over the reorganization and management of the British Columbia Trust Corporation.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL R. P. CLARK, C.M.G., D.S.O., an experienced financier, and who has been connected with the London Stock Exchange, has become associated with Messrs. Gillespie, Hart and Todd, Limited, both in Victoria and Vancouver, as manager of the bond department.

MR. T. SHERMAN ROGERS, K.C., of Halifax, has been elected to the directorate of the Royal Bank of Canada in succession to the late W. Robertson, of Halifax. Mr. Rogers is a member of the law firm of Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart, and has for many years been associated with the Royal Bank in a legal capacity.

MR. T. C. BOVILLE, C.M.G., who for many years has been Deputy Minister of Finance for the Dominion, is leaving shortly on leave of absence. It is understood that when it is completed Mr. Boville will resign his position and accept superannuation. He is one of the oldest officers of the department.

OBITUARIES

MR. R. B. HAMILTON, for twenty years manager of the Packard Electric Company, in St. Catharines, Ont., died in Cleveland, Ohio, last week. Three months ago he left for Cleveland to become production manager of the National Safe Company, of which he was vice-president.

MR. A. MCDONALD ROBB, died in Montreal last week of pneumonia. Born in Montreal 57 years ago, the second son of the late William Robb, for many years treasurer of the city of Montreal. Mr. Robb was educated at the Montreal High School and spent his early years in San Francisco, returning to Montreal twenty years ago. For the past fifteen years he had been comptroller of the Montreal Water and Power Company.

PRESSED METALS DISTRIBUTION

The committee appointed by the Pressed Metals Co. to handle and distribute among the shareholders of the common stocks the shares and cash held in trust for them by the Toronto Agency Co., Ltd., has sold 128 shares on the market to net \$325 per share. The sum realized, together with the cash held by the Toronto Agency Co., and the balance of the shares held by them, will be distributed among the common shareholders as of record January 31. The distribution will be as follows: One share for every 25 shares held, and a cash distribution of 2 per cent.



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GOVERNMENT FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE

T is a well-known truism that political parties, when they come into power, cannot and do not put into effect all the reforms which they advocated when in opposition. This is also the experience of the new farmers' government in Ontario, which already admits being somewhat confused by the multiplicity of demands coming from all parts of the province and from all classes of people. It can at least be said, however, that thus far the government has not been stampeded into hasty action, despite the persuasive arguments which experienced reformers are always able to submit in support of their projects. The farmers have in fact endeavored to establish the name and the reputation of being a people's government. This is rather a naive ambition; for in one sense any government elected under the liberal franchise prevailing in Canada is a people's government, and on the other hand each one comes into power through the organization of a party with a specified platform, which must appeal to the support of one or more class of the voters.

Whatever the exigencies of the next session of the legislature must bring, the twofold character of the Ontario government must continually bring internal difficulties. The farmers and organized labor have more in contrast than in common, because the former are capitalists and landlords to a greater degree than they are manual workers. Thus far a solid front has been displayed, however, and some surprise was expressed at the answer given a few days ago by Hon. W. R. Rollo, the minister of labor and health, to a delegation of labor representatives which presented proposals for legislation, in accordance with the custom for several years past. After referring to the difficulties experienced in framing a program in accordance with the multiplicity of demands, he said :-

"We are going to try and legislate in the interests of the people of the province as a whole, and if we have sufficient time there is no question that most of the matters laid before the government will be acted upon. All classes of people all over the province have to be taken into consideration in dealing with this or any other legislation. My advice to the members of the delegation, who perhaps have not

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consulted with any other interest than their own, is that they should make an effort to get in touch with the other side of these propositions. Every piece of legislation we ever tried to introduce has met with serious opposition from the employing interest. I think that if some of you who represent different trades could get in touch with your employers and lay these matters before them, get their cooperation and remove as much objection to this kind of legislation as it is possible to remove it would be a much easier matter to get that legislation through the legislature."

Among the reforms asked for by the delegates were the following: Legislation enacting a minimum wage for all workers; the forty-four-hour week; a six-day week for hotel and restaurant employees; provision for the incorporation of co-operative societies; amendments to the housing scheme to permit loans being made to individual workers or groups of workers; equal representation for workers upon commissions; legislation to check unearned increment; a protest against any legislation that might discourage policemen from organizing as labor unions; amendments to the Compensation Act to give organized labor a representative on the board; the placing of workers and stage employees in theatres, etc., under the Act; that all firemen be placed upon an equal footing with other workmen as regards the operation of the Act; the abolition of the making of clothing in private homes; the extension of compulsory school attendance to children up to sixteen years of age; provision for pensions for widowed mothers; a protest against making election days public holidays, and a request for legislation extending the hours for voting to 8 p.m. in order to give workers ample opportunity to vote; a protest against oneman operation of street cars, etc., where more than twelve passengers are carried; the abolition of running-boards on street cars; the elimination of the property requirement for candidates for municipal councils and other elective bodies; amendments to the income tax laws to provide exemption from income taxation according to the number of children in the family; representation for organized labor upon the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission; a request for an inquiry into the question of what is and what is not an intoxicating beverage; provision for punishing contractors who violate fair-wage clauses in public contracts; that inspectors be appointed to inspect all stages and scaffolding; that no legislation be passed preventing the practice of "any of the pro-

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fessions or sciences relative to healing the sick"; the enactment of sanitary laws, requiring the removal of old wall paper before putting on new paper; protecting patrons of barter shops; and safeguarding the health of moving picture operators; the enactment of blower laws to protect metal polishers; a clear day off a week for electrical workers in power plants, etc.; the abolition of night work in bake-shops; prohibition of the employment of boys under eighteen in any industry at night work; prohibition of the use of air electric hammers in the fabrication of stone.

THE TREND OF POPULATION

WHEN prices of war supplies were being boosted skyhigh, when industrial profits increased in proportion, and when labor unions followed with demands for greatly increased wages coupled with shorter working hours, the Canadian farmer suddenly awakened to a realization of his unhappy position, organized, and prepared to cast his ballot for his own representative. Already a farmers' government is in power in Ontario, a result undreamed of one year ago, and in fact unexpected by the farmers themselves until the election returns showed them to be the strongest party in the new legislature. True enough, the farmer received his full share of price advances, for wheat, live stock and other farm products were among the commodities which advanced most. But the farmer knows quite well that his returns are now falling, and prices of most farm products are now lower than they were one year ago. Abundant supplies are in sight, and further declines are expected. Manufactured goods, on the other hand, are relatively scarce, and price levels are higher than ever before.

For at least twenty years past the trend of Canadian. population has been distinctly city-ward. Attracted by plenty of employment, good wages, city conveniences and amusements, the youth of both sexes have deserted the rural districts; the development of the Canadian west has also helped to drain the farming communities of the east. Before the war farm taxes were low, and land could be carried in a state of uncultivation without great difficulty. These taxes have now increased considerably. But what has probably impressed the farmer most of all has been the fact that while considerable unemployment has prevailed in the city, help on the farm is still as scarce as at almost any time during the war. Workers prefer the off-chance of securing employment in the industrial centres, with high wages and plenty of facilities for spending them, to the more severe even if more profitable discipline of the country. "Outside of the food line," says a recent issue of "Canadian Farm," "prices would not be mounting skyward continually if labor for the time being would cut out the demand for shorter hours and be content with the increased wages necessary to meet the cost of living. Is it fair that the worker in the city should be constantly securing shorter hours, while the farmer is compelled to increase his hours of labor per day because he cannot get sufficient help to do the necessary work? If the people in cities and towns would, for a year or two, follow the farmer's example, even to a limited extent, so far as working hours are concerned, we would soon reach a better state of affairs in the country generally. If this were done the manufacturer would have no excuse for continually advancing prices. There is no question about it, this country is becoming top-heavy. People of all classes are flocking city-ward and building up a flimsy urban structure that is liable to topple over some of these days. Perhaps the sooner it topples the better, as we will then have more concentrated effort in developing agriculture, which is the keystone of Canada's prosperity."

This point of view is fundamentally sound, and the intimate relation between hours of work and the volume of production is increasingly appreciated. It has, of course, been realized right along by labor leaders, as is indicated by the fact that demands for short hours came almost entirely from essential industries, where it was well known that the volume of production had to be maintained, and

the concession of the demands would have the effect of increasing wages still further without altering materially the hours of work. The international labor conference in Washington has practically agreed on the forty-eight-hour week as a proper basis. Out of nine million industrial workers in the United States, over seven million now work more than forty-eight hours, so that even this measure would mean a substantial increase in production and living costs. Referring to relative conditions in Canada and the United States, S. R. Parsons, a Canadian delegate, said: "If we are mady to cast to the winds our propaganda, carried on in various directions, to lower the cost of living by increasing production; if we are ready to turn over to our governments economic questions which may receive political rather than economic answers, owing to certain influences working in one way or another; and if the United States accepts the proposed convention for a forty-eight-hour week, then Canadian employers, in my opinion, can have no valid objections to uniform conditions."

CRITICS OF THE BANKING SYSTEM

OF the great volume of free criticism which has been proffered during the past year, regarding our commercial and financial institutions, the Canadian banking, system has received its full share. With admitted defects, this system has nevertheless a very creditible record, and it is unfortunate that demagogues have found it an advantageous field to attack. Speaking in Toronto last Sunday, M. McBride, mayor of the city of Brantford, Ont., criticized the banks for not maintaining an adequate gold reserve against note issues. This criticism may be based on sane grounds, but when the speaker proposed that through the establishment of a national bank, unsecured notes should be advanced to municipalities, etc., for their public works and other capital requirements, the quality of his criticism became apparent. By such a national bank, he maintained that municipalities could secure their funds for permanent improvements, without interest, paying only the nominal amount necessary to cover the expense of the note issue.

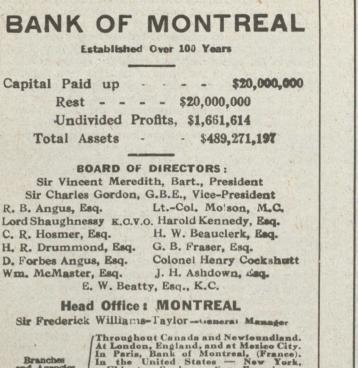
The name of John W. Leedy, of Edmonton, Alta., is also well known through his agitation for a system of local banks. In an interview just a few days ago, Mr. Leedy, after stating that the greatest economic need of the Dominion at present was the intelligent cultivation of more land, said:—

"To ensure this being done intelligent supervision of farming operations should be given in every community by those who are successful in that community. This can only be done by small local banks, with local directors, who are the successful farmers and business men in that community. Struggling farmers, who have had little or no credit, will always agree that those who give it may direct the investment of the money and oversee the farming operations. This takes the gambling chances out of it and makes it profitable to the farmer and the creditor. More farmers fail from lack of judgment when and how to do, than from any other cause.

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"Our policy of having the government endorse the notes of all but the very best farmers is saying in effect that farming in this country is too precarious a business for banks to finance on its merits and will be a very poor advertisement of the farming possibilities of the country and is not likely to increase our population fast enough to keep pace with our debts. Our banks are instituted for the purpose of doing commercial business and have not the equipment to finance the farming industry efficiently. With the large and increasing deficit in the national revenue agriculture will have to be put on a better basis, if we are to avoid disaster. The community bank is the best, if not the only adequate remedy."





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Still Doing Large Part of Business Here—The Wheat Crop— Sale of Thrift Stamps

(Special to The Monetary Times.)

Ottawa, January 1, 1920.

T HE department of finance will make a complete change in the method of carrying on the campaign for the sale of thrift stamps and war-saving stamps. The campaign for the sale of these small government securities was begun about the first of 1919, or about a month after the stamps were actually placed on sale. The scheme got off to rather a poor start as the advertising matter for the campaign was not ready nor did publicity begin until about a month after the stamps were placed on sale. The fact that the war ended before the campaign began caused it to lag from the start. The intention had been to have begun it earlier, but the Victory Loan took precedence.

During the year in which the stamps have been on sale, less than three million dollars' worth have been sold, and it has cost about 14 per cent. to sell them, which is considered by the finance department too high to make it a practicable proposition. Hereafter, the idea will be to dispose of the remainder of the issue of stamps, which is understood to have been fifty million dollars, through the school teachers of the country. The teachers will be asked to push the sale among the school children, and will be given a small commission on the sales. So that while the idea is not being abandoned, it is really becoming largely educative in its purpose.

Newsprint Supply

The newsprint situation in Canada is attracting some interest owing to the fact that the minister of finance, Sir Henry Drayton, has taken cognizance of the complaints, coming principally from western consumers, that the supply to them has been restricted, while large shipments have been made to the United States. It is understood that Sir Henry Drayton considers that the first duty of the Canadian newsprint manufacturers is to look after the wants of Canadian consumers, whose requirements are comparatively small. It has been intimated from the other side of the line that if the Canadian mills were not allowed to ship all they desire to the United States, that country might retaliate by reducing Canada's coal supply. As Canada consumes only about 5 per cent. of the United States' coal production, it would seem that no complaint could fairly be made if we retain 15 per cent. of the newsprint production for our own consumers.

Agricultural Production

The agricultural statistics just issued showing the value of Canadian field crops for 1919 illustrate pretty forcibly what is the basis of the wonderful prosperity which still attends Canada. The estimate of the value of all crops for the year is by far the highest in our history, amounting to \$1,452,787,000; and this will have to be revised upward when the final returns received by the farmers for the wheat crop are published.

The value of the wheat crop is put at \$373,086,000. This is within a few million dollars of last year's crop. The final figures received by the farmers will not be known by anyone until the entire crop is disposed of; but the fact that the price has been recently advanced will certainly mean that the above total will be increased by from thirty to forty million dollars. The estimated price of the statistical department on which the above total is based, is \$1.90 per bushel; but the final price received by the farmers will run considerably higher.

There is still a good deal of wheat in the hands of the farmers. The Wheat Board can control the price and market the crop, but it cannot commandeer wheat which the farmers choose to hold, and as the farmers who have wheat this year are pretty well able to hold it and know that the American crop has fallen ofl, there is not much doubt that a good deal of the crop is being held back. Some figures published within the past few days as to the amount of wheat shipped and the price received were not official and were prepared under a misapprehension. They have created considerable excitement among the western trade. No official figures have been given out and neither the government nor the wheat board are likely to give out any until the whole of the 1919 crop has been disposed of. While the price is not definitely known, it was stated some time ago on pretty good authority that the price received for the shipments in the early autumn, was \$2.44 seaboard, which would be about \$2.30 to the farmer. It is known that the millers have been paying the latter price, and the export price would be no less. The millers price just fixed is \$2.80, and the farmers will be receiving a corresponding price, which will probably be about 15 cents less.

American Insurance Companies

It is estimated by officials of the Finance Department that American insurance companies hold over one-third of the total life insurance in force in Canada. Twenty years ago they held 28 per cent.; and ten years ago, 27 per cent. Sir Henry Drayton pointed out not long ago that Canada is under insured, the average amount held in Canada per head being \$225, which is considerably lower than in the United States. The amount has been increasing pretty rapidly in late years, however, up until the opening of the war. For the years preceding the beginning of the new century the average amount of new business written yearly was around six million dollars; in the years preceding the outbreak of war it had reached fourteen million dollars a year. In 1914 it dropped off the same amount, and did not come back until we began to feel the effect of munition making and other forms of wealth production. In 1917 this was shown to the full when there was an increase of fifty million dollars over 1916.

There has been a big increase in industrial insurance in Canada all of which has gone to foreign companies, principally to the American organizations as none of the large Canadian companies do much in this line. The higher rate of interest earned by life insurance companies here, and the fact that the rate of exchange has been so strongly against us has led the American companies to keep their funds here for investment to a large extent.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Department of Public Information, operated by the Dominion government, closed on December 31st. The activities to be continued are related to the publicity work that is being carried on in Great Britain and the United States. These will be transferred to the Department of External Affairs. The office of director of public information was created in November, 1917. In September of the following year an associate director was appointed, and the functions of the director, M. E. Nichols, and the associate director, George H. Locke, were merged in the Department of Public Information.

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CITY AND CORPORATION MANAGEMENT

Comparison Between Public and Frivate Administration-Failures of Former Have Been Numerous

By D. MITCHELL, City Comptroller, Edmonton, Alta.

THE raison d'etre of Citizens' Research Leagues, Institutes and Citizens' Associations, I imagine, is that very often the important-the practical-thing to be done seems to be more clearly apprehended by those who compose the members of these associations than those who sometimes are supposed to be closest in touch with the subject-matter in hand, and that to such people too often it seems as regards public business, as if Nero fiddles while Rome burns. Let us be frank about it. We all know that there are some critics, of course, whose profound insight into public affairs is only equalled by their absolute incapacity to attend to their own business properly. But on the other hand, it will not be disputed that many of those who give of their time and talent to carrying on civic work feel that the best results are not achieved through lack of direct application of more scientific methods in their treatment of that work. When we consider the varied character of municipal undertakings, it is at once apparent that the qualifications demanded of aldermen and councillors are of an exacting nature. Municipal work carries with it something of its own reward, else its pursuit may well be considered as hardly worth the pains so far as public recognition is concerned oftentimes.

City Is a Public Corporation

An incorporated city is created for the benefit of the many—not merely of the few. In one respect it may be said to be monopolistic, and that is as the custodian of the rights and privileges which inherently belong to the people. It is a great public trustee corporation.

It has occurred to us that possibly it may be useful for a few minutes to study the analogy that exists, or perhaps ought to exist, between the conduct of the affairs of a town or city, and that of, say, a commercial corporation which is understood to be directed according to the most approved methods of efficient management.

We know that when an organized community has reached the stage of becoming incorporated either as a town or city, it secures under its charter certain rights and powers which are designed to promote the well-being of those who compose its citizens. Similarly with reference to an incorporated business, under its memorandum of association are embodied those objects for which the company has become registered. In either case, there are certain definite ends in view. The parallel may thus be extended to include a comparison between the two as regards:—

Commercial corporation.	City corporation.
Charter of incorporation	City charter.
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Revenue earnings from business	Revenue, from: (1)
	Taxation; (2) ser- vices sold.
Profits and dividends	Services supplied at
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	property; (a) fire
	and police services;
	(b) street lighting;
	(c) hospitals; (d)
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utility services.

The City in Industry

Civic administration comprehends many different forms of activity. There is perhaps a tendency in some quarters to extend the operations or enterprises of a city unduly. We have in addition to the general government, in many cases, the public services or utilities, such as electric light and power, water supply, street railway transportation, telephone, while others include such undertakings as municipal farms, public abattoirs, milk supply. We notice that the city of Winnipeg is apparently taking steps in the lastnamed direction. Unfortunately, the experience of some cities has not been particularly happy as to the success of their municipal ventures, while others seem to have achieved a very creditable record. The Toronto abattoir is a recent example of failure evidently on the one hand, while as a practical illustration of successful management we may refer to the case of the Winnipeg hydro-electric plant, which has had a phenomenal career. Similarly satisfactory re-sults in municipal ownership have been experienced in some of our own cities in Alberta, as you may know; but the public verdict on the merits of municipal ownership and municipal management generally is naturally contingent on their experience of the concrete results produced, and whether the service rendered to the community is up to the requisite standard of efficiency. No arguments however plausible in favor of municipal management of utility or other trading enterprise can possibly countervail against the evidence of poor service or an accumulation of deficits on the operations of civic undertakings where these occur; and it necessarily follows that civic authorities must accept the citizens' usually candid but well-informed estimate of these results. The remedy, if these are unsatisfactory, is obviously more skilled treatment and better methods of administration.

Lack of Efficiency

Tested by the average private corporation's procedure in transacting their affairs, the city's routine leaves much to be desired as to its management of public business and where official lethargy is present it should be exorcised unrelentingly.

Good management on the part of either a private corporation or of a city demands a sound financial policy in the first place. We are generally emerging from the embarrassments of the past few years of war and financial stringency, which have taught us many salutary lessons and which should serve to remind us in the future that a policy of "pay-as-you-go" can never become out of date, but is of permanent value in the economy of public administration. In the past, long-term borrowings had become an obsession. When we are told the net debt of Canada which, before the war was \$336,000,000, is now about \$1,800,000,000, there is certainly good reason to exercise caution, even if necessity is the only alternative, in assuming new financial responsibilities. It is more than probable that the temptation of most western towns and cities is to travel too fast.

Financial Estimates

This naturally invites attention to the importance of the budget or estimate system. A definite policy of ways and means is imperative and by the use of council appropriations only is it possible to control municipal expenditures; otherwise overexpenditures and unauthorized expenditures are bound to occur inevitably with resulting confusion. The budget system properly administered is the best guarantee for regulating civic undertakings whether of a capital or current nature. As you know, these appropriations are one of the distinguishing characteristics of civic accounting.

Amongst other prime factors which enter into capable civic management may be mentioned: Centralized purchasing of supplies; an effective appropriation and requisition system for all such; accurate accounting records and the principle of pre-audit as applied to the various stages both in incurring as well as discharging the city's liabilities. It implies the elimination of friction and wasteful methods. The numerous agencies of a city should be synchronized, so

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that all parts of the civic machinery will operate towards producing a high degree of efficiency of service to the public. Indeed it may be postulated that because an enterprise is conducted under municipal auspices is all the greater reason why a first-class type of service should be available; and it is even conceivable that inefficiency may sooner or later be regarded as a disqualification to the ranks of membership of those unions which now embrace most of the employees of a city. The co-operation of citizens (who are the shareholders in the concern) and of employees, however, is required to render obsolete the too frequent objection to municipal management—namely, that of incompetence.

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AMERICAN PAPER MILL TO USE CANADIAN PULP

According to a statement made by Mr. Geo. F. Whalen, of the Whalen Pulp and Paper Mills, who has just returned to Vancouver from the east, a \$4,000,000 paper mill is to be erected at Port Angeles, Washington, to use British Columbia pulp, and will be in operation next fall. Mr. Whalen has been after organizing capital for the new industry, and the money has been secured largely from United States capitalists.

Operation of this plant opens up another channel for better marketing of British Columbia pulp, according to Mr. Whalen. It enables the United States paper manufacturers to avoid the high duty on Canadian paper. Mr. Whalen states that the demand for pulp from British Columbia is very strong and increasing rapidly. The Canadian directors of the company are Mr. James Whalen and Mr. George F. Whalen.

SICKNESS INSURANCE RATES UP

As a result of unfavorable experience, companies writing sickness insurance have found it necessary to revise their rates on this line. In a circular to this effect, the Norwich Union says:—

"On and after February 1st next, this society is increasing its sickness rates for renewals and new business, to \$9, ages 18 to 50, and \$12, ages 51 and up. The renewals for the month of February are now being written at the increased rates, and will be forwarded you at an early date. The increase in sickness rates has become necessary, owing to the continued unsatisfactory experience in this class of business by the companies writing same, and we have no doubt that the public, realizing the heavy loss ratio during the last number of years, will understand the necessity of an increase in rates, especially when taking into consideration the fact that this is the only advance made by the companies, who have borne the burden of the epidemics and increased cost of doing business during the last few years.

The annual meeting of the Royal Securities Corporation was held in Montreal on December 29, about 50 representatives being present from the corporation's various offices.

UNION BANK ANNUAL STATEMENT

Evidence of the further progress of the Union Bank of Canada is given in the annual report for the year ended November 30th last, showing aggregate assets of \$174,989,057 compared with \$153,181,451 in the previous year, an increase of \$21,807,606 or 14.2 per cent. This strengthening of the Union Bank of Canada's position will be accepted with satisfaction by the shareholders, whose numbers were materially added to with the taking up of the \$3,000,000 new capital stock. During the year approximately eighty new branches were established. Another development was the formation of the Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation, which is jointly owned and controlled by the National Park Bank of New York and the Union Bank of Canada.

Liquid assets total \$76,062,432, compared with \$72,368, 327, and are the equivalent of almost 50 per cent. of the bank's liabilities to the public. Profits for the year were \$932,256, compared with \$824,174 a year ago, an increase of \$108,082. Before the close of the fiscal year, with the recent sale of the new stock issue, the paid-up capital was brought up to \$7,968,150, but it is understood that since the books closed for the fiscal year the full amount of \$8,000,000 was reached. The premium on the new stock amounted to \$1, 781,170 and this, with a further amount of \$218,830 from current profits was transferred to reserve. As a result the reserve account was brought up to \$5,600,000, giving the institution a combined capital and surplus of \$13,600,000, compared with last year's figures of \$8,600,000.

Deposits made a striking gain, the combined total of non-interest-bearing and interest-bearing deposits reaching \$135,496,514, compared with \$127,242,698. There was a falling off in the total of non-interest-bearing deposits from \$58,805,207 to \$51,119,804 but there is an increase of \$15,939,-219 to \$84,376,709 in the aggregate of interest-bearing deposits. As the Victory loan, which caused heavy withdrawals, closed in November, this gain is notable.

Comparative figures of the bank's statement follow:-

	1918.	1919.
Balance brought forward	\$ 106,624	\$ 126,298
Net profits	824,174	932,256
Premium on new stock		1,781,170
	\$ 930,798	\$ 2,839,725
Dividends	450,000	568,330
Transferred to rest	200,000	2,000,000
Written off bank premises	75,000	
War tax on circulation	50,000	58,172
Balance carried forward	126,298	198,222
Paid-up capital	5,000,000	7,968,150
Rest account	3,600,000	5,600,000
Circulation	12,134,649	13,945,123
Deposits (demand)		51,119,804
Deposits (savings)		84,376,709
Coin and notes	16,053,753	14,678,725
Current loans in Canada	74,021,028	86,529,156

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United Kingdom 5½% (Aug. 1, 1929)	941/2	95
United Kingdom 5½% (Feb. 1, 1937)	861/4	863/4
City Paris 6% (Oct. 15, 1921)	92	93
French Cities 6% (Nov. 1, 1934)	921/8	921/2
Dominion of Canada 5½% (Aug. 1, 1921)	98	99
Dominion of Canada 5½% (Aug. 1, 1929)	931/2	941/2
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Saskatchewan Legislature Has Large Program

Act to Govern Provincial Borrowing — New Village Act — Seed Grain Loans — Rural Municipalities Act Amendment — Bill to Regulate Sale of Shares, Bonds or Other Securities of Companies

CONSIDERABLE legislation will be placed on the books by the Saskatchewan legislature at its 1919-20 session, according to the number of bills already introduced. The session opened on November 27th. Among the more important government bills are the new Village Act, amendments to the Succession Duties Act and new regulations for provincial borrowings. Most of these bills have passed the second reading, though latest information received does not indicate any to have been finally passed.

The Homesteads Act provides that every transfer, lease, etc., of a homestead shall be assented to by the owner's wife. This is not to apply in the case of transfers to a railway company, however.

The Supplementary Revenue Act, 1917, is amended so that "the moneys at the credit of the supplementary revenue fund shall be withdrawn from time to time under the authority of an appropriation of the legislature, and, in case and in so far as such appropriation is insufficient for the purposes of this Act, such moneys may be withdrawn under the authority of one or more special warrants."

The payment of bounties for the killing of prairie wolves, which was authorized in 1913, but repealed in February, 1919, will be resumed under the "Act to Provide for Payment of Certain Wolf Bounties" of the present session.

The Public Revenues Act (1917) is amended, paragraph 2 of section 2 being changed to read, "Rateable property in cities, towns, villages and rural municipalities means land, but not the improvements thereon."

A bill has also been introduced to amend the Wild Lands Tax Act, 1917, providing that there shall be associated with the wild lands tax commissioner, for advisory purposes, a committee of two members, to be appointed annually by the executive of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

A bill to amend the City Act provides, among other things, that a by-law for proportional representation may be submitted.

Seed Grain Loans

As already mentioned in these columns, new legislation for seed grain advances has been introduced. Loan company machinery and money is to be used, and the government may guarantee repayment if it sees fit. Such advances are to be a charge on the mortgaged land, without registration, and are to have the priority enjoyed by the original loan. Not more than \$250 per quarter section is to be advanced in this way. In addition, the mortgagee is given a lien upon the 1920 crop, or the 1921 crop where there is already a lien on the 1920 crop under the Seed Grain Act of 1917.

In an amendment to the Chattel Mortgage Act, new provisions as to the registration, etc., of such mortgages are set forth.

Municipal Income Taxes

A bill to amend the Town Act provides that a town may make a grant to a licensed hotel for the purpose of maintaining a public rest-room; may tax the income of married persons over \$1,500 and of others over \$1,000; extends to personal representatives of deceased soldiers the benefits enjoyed by returned soldiers in connection with the sale of property for taxes; and provides for certain poll tax exemptions.

The "Attachment of Debts Act" lays down new regulations for the issue and service of garnishee summonses, etc. An "Act respecting Absconding Debtors" provides for the attachment of goods of a debtor where the creditor has reason to believe he is about to abscond himself or remove his property. An "Act respecting Arbitration and Reference" defines methods of arbitration, valuation, etc. The Minimum Wage Act, 1919, is amended in one or two clauses, and also the Factories Act. "The Dairy Products Act" provides for the issue of licenses to operate creameries, etc., for which purpose the applicant must furnish a bond to insure the payment of those who sell to him. A department of agriculture is also to be established under the "Department of Agriculture Act."

Rural Municipality Borrowing

Important amendments to the Rural Municipality Act, 1917, are also slated. Section 211 is amended to read: "Whenever the council of a municipality is authorized by the local government board to borrow any sum of money as herein provided, the council may thereupon issue a debenture or debentures to secure the amount of the principal and the interest of the loan so authorized, or of any less sum, upon the terms specified in the by-law; and the debenture or debentures and the coupons thereto attached, when signed by the reeve and secretary-treasurer of the municipality and the debenture or debentures sealed with the corporate seal thereof and signed and sealed by the local government board, and in addition countersigned by the minister or deputy minister as hereinafter provided, shall be sufficient to bind the municipality and create a charge or lien upon all municipal property and rates and taxes in the municipality."

The advantages extended to returned soldiers in connection with the sale of lands for taxes, are also extended to the representatives of deceased soldiers. New clauses also affect the poll tax and the business assessment.

Private Bills

Among the private bills introduced were the following: An Act to extend the time for issuing debentures under certain by-laws (616, 621, 624, 625, all passed in 1913) of the city of Saskatoon; an Act to incorporate the "Capital Securities Company, Ltd."; an Act to incorporate "Les Soeurs de Notre Dame de la Croix."

The Village Act

One of the most important bills introduced is the "Village Act." New villages must have an area of not more than 640 acres, and must have a population of at least fifty. The Act is to apply to summer resorts incorporated as villages with certain exceptions, such as that they may not issue debentures. Where a village is part of a school district, the standing of the latter is not to be affected, and the village is to collect the school taxes for the municipality. The minister of municipal affairs is also empowered to disorganize a village if he sees fit. In such cases he may appoint a person to settle the assets and liabilities, and if the former' are insufficient, further taxes may be levied to meet the deficit.

The village secretary-treasurer, who is to be appointed as soon as possible after the organization of a village, "shall, before entering upon his duties, give security to the council by a bond or policy of guarantee of any corporation empowered to grant securities, bonds or policies within the province for the integrity and faithful accounting of public officers or servants, or persons occupying positions of trust, and such security shall be for such an amount as the council deems expedient, and shall be renewed at the beginning of each year, or changed at other times whenever renewal or change is required by the council." Members of the council are to be jointly and severally liable if they fail to see that such a bond is furnished.



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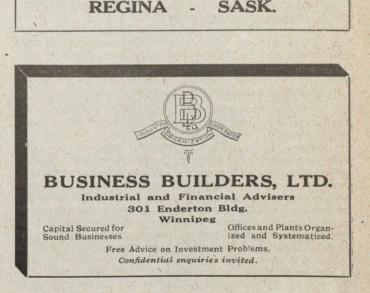
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Village Borrowing

Temporary borrowing from "any person, bank or corporation" is authorized to meet current expenses until such time as taxes are levied. In any year the total so borrowed is not to exceed 60 per cent. of taxes for the year. By-laws to authorize the issue of debentures must be in the form prescribed by the local government board, and application for approval must be made after the first reading. Public notice must also be given in the village, and if one-fourth of the electors demand a poll, such poll must be provided. The village secretary-treasurer must also furnish the local government board with a statutory declaration, showing the total value of assessable property in the village as shown by the last revised assessment roll. Debentures are to be countersigned by the board. The Act also states the form in which the debentures are to be issued. This process of approval by the board, signing by the overseer and by the secretary-treasurer of the village, and countersigning by the minister or his deputy, makes the debentures binding on the village. The debenture debt of any village is not at any time to exceed 10 per cent. of assessable real property, the interest rate is not to be more than 8 per cent., and the debentures shall not run for longer than fifteen years.

Village Taxes

The Act provides that, not later than July 1st each year, the village assessor shall assess all real and personal property and income. Land is to be assessed at its fair actual value, buildings and improvements at 60 per cent. Businesses are to be assessed, not on the stock in trade, but per square foot of property, for which purpose the assessor is to fix a rate, which may be different for each class. The rate shall not exceed \$10 per square foot, except in the case of banks, loan companies and other financial institutions, in which case such rate shall not exceed \$15 per square foot.

The following property is to be exempt: Property of the Crown; property specially exempted by law; Indian lands; church property; personal property to the amount of \$300 other than income; public cemeteries; school and hospital property; agricultural societies' property; village property; public libraries; income up to \$1,500 in the case of married persons and \$1,000 in the case of single persons; household effects, etc.; grain. Income taxes may be levied on assessable income from real property, wages or salary, but those who come under the business assessment shall not be assessed for income from such business, and those who pay a license to do business shall be liable for business taxes. A soldier's property is exempt for one year after discharge. Provision is also made for the sale of land for taxes.

Estimates of expenditure are to be prepared as early as possible each year and the tax rate fixed, the uniform rate not to exceed 15 mills in any one year unless to meet debenture coupons.

For What Province May Borrow

"The Saskatchewan Loans Act" defines how provincial borrowing is to be done in future. Loans may be raised, after appropriation by the legislature and authorization by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, for capital expenditures as follows:—

"(a) Public works, including the purchase or construction of public buildings, permanent improvements thereof, their furnishing and equipment, and the acquisition of lands;

"(b) Public improvements, including the construction and improvement of public highways under "The Highways Act";

"(c) The construction and extension of telephone systems and telegraph systems; "(d) Purchase of drainage district debentures and advances for the execution of work of any description under "The Drainage Act, 1918";

"(e) Agricultural, industrial and commercial undertakings, and advances for such undertakings;

"(f) Any purpose for which authority to raise money by way of loan is given by an Act of the legislature;

and, if considered expedient, such sums may be borrowed in advance of the fiscal year for which the appropriation has been made."

Manner of Raising Money

Continuing, the bill lays down the methods of borrowing as follows:---

"3. The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may authorize the provincial treasurer to raise by way of loan upon the credit of the province, in such manner and at such times as may be deemed expedient, by the issue and sale of securities of one or more of the classes hereinafter specified, such amounts as will realize the net sum authorized or required for any or all of the following purposes:—

"(a) Capital expenditure appropriated by the legislature for any of the purposes mentioned in section 2 hereof;

"(b) Any object or purpose authorized by any Act where the authority to borrow the amount required is not subject to appropriation by the legislature;

"(c) Payment of the principal or interest of any loan or any bonds, debentures or other securities, guaranteed by the province of Saskatchewan;

"(d) Repayment, renewal or refunding, from time to time, the whole or any part of any loan made or securities issued under the provisions of this or any other Act, notwithstanding that the issue of securities for such purpose may have the effect of increasing the amount of the public debt.

Character of Securities

"(a) Saskatchewan government stock, bearing such rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent. per annum as may be deemed expedient, payable half-yearly, principal and interest to be made payable at such times and places as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may direct, and to be charged upon and paid out of the consolidated fund, the stock to be subject to these conditions:—

"(i) The stock may be redeemed at any time at the option of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, provided six months' previous notice has been given by registered letter to the registered holder of the stock at his address as it appears on the register;

"(ii) The stock shall be subject to such regulations as to the inscription, registration, transfer, management and redemption thereof as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may prescribe;

"(iii) The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may direct that the whole or any part of the stock be inscribed and transferred in a register kept in Canada, in the United Kingdom or in any foreign country at such place and by such bank, officer or person as he may appoint;

Charge on Consolidated Fund

"(b) Bonds or debentures of the province of Saskatchewan, which shall be in such form and for such separate sums, and shall bear such rates of interest as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may direct; principal and interest to be payable at such times and places as he may approve, and to be chargeable upon and payable out of the consolidated fund; the said bonds or debentures to be subject to such regulations with respect to their inscription, registration, transfer, management and redemption as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may prescribe;

"(c) Treasury bills in such sums and for such rate of interest or discount as may be deemed expedient, principal and interest to be payable at such times and places as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may direct, and to be chargeable upon and payable out of the consolidated fund;

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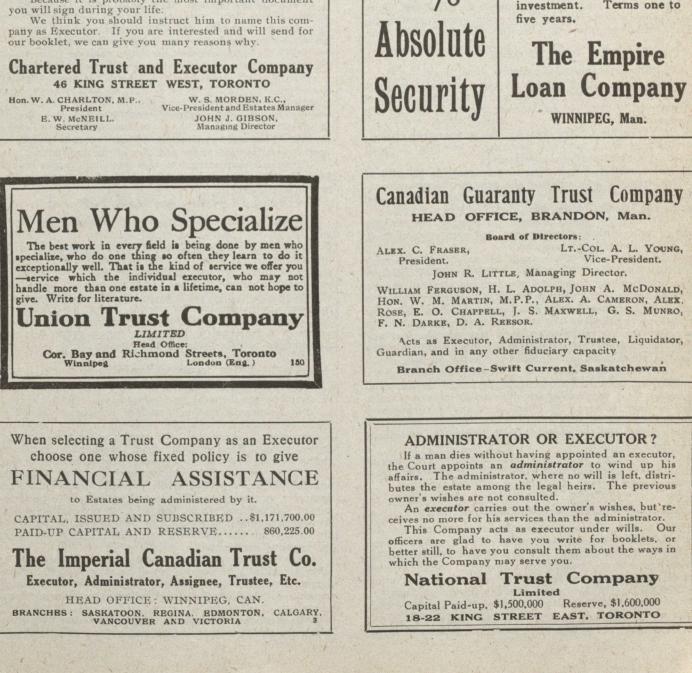
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"(d) Temporary loans by way of a line of credit to be obtained under agreement from any chartered bank or from any person, corporation or government, in such sums upon such terms, for such periods and upon such conditions as may be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

Hypothecation for Temporary Funds

"5.—(1) Pending the sale of any securities or in lieu of selling or disposing of the same, the Lieutenant-Governorin-Council may authorize the provincial treasurer to raise by way of loan on such securities such sums of money, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient, and to deposit, hypothecate or charge such securities as additional security for any such loan, and to give as security for any such loan securities in any form authorized by section 4 hereof, and to enter into any agreement for the purpose of carrying out the terms and conditions of such loan as may be deemed expedient.

"(2) When securities issued under this or any other Act have been pledged as security for a loan and the loan has been paid off and the pledge redeemed, the securities shall not be deemed to have been extinguished, but shall be deemed to be still alive, and may be reissued and sold or pledged as if the former pledging had not taken place.

"(3) The provincial treasurer shall make an annual report to be incorporated with the public accounts, and which shall include a statement of the facts in connection with the hypothecation of provincial securities during the fiscal year.

How Marketed

"6. The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may:-

"(a) Make regulations for the issue and sale of securities of the province, the management of the public debt and the payment of principal and interest thereon in the currency of any country;

"(b) Provide for the creation and management of sinking funds or other means of securing repayment of loans raised by authority of the legislature;

"(c) Appoint one or more fiscal agents in the city of London, England, or elsewhere, and arrange the rate of compensation to be allowed them for negotiating loans and paying the interest of the debt;

"(d) Pay the sums necessary to provide the sinking fund or other means of repayment, and such compensation, out of the consolidated fund; and

"(e) Provide for the manner of executing provincial securities, and that the signature of the provincial treasurer upon provincial securities and the coupons attached thereto may be lithographed or engraved, the securities being in such case countersigned by the deputy provincial treasurer or such other official of the treasury department as may be appointed for the purpose, and may also provide that any securities shall be countersigned for identification by any bank, corporation or firm designated for the purpose.

"7. No person employed in the inscription, registration, transfer, management or redemption of any of the aforesaid securities, or in payment of any dividend or interest thereon, shall be bound to see to the execution of any trust expressed or implied to which such securities are subject, or shall be liable in any way for anything by him done in accordance with the regulations.

"8. All money raised by the issue and sale of any of the aforesaid securities shall be paid to the provincial treasurer and shall form part of the consolidated fund.

Exempt from Provincial and Local Taxes

"9. Securities issued under the authority of this Act and the interest thereon shall be free from provincial taxes, succession duties, charges and impositions; and moneys invested in province of Saskatchewan securities and the interest thereon shall be exempt from municipal and school taxation.

"10.—(1) The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may under the great seal authorize any person to make any declaration and take any steps necessary to record Saskatchewan government stock or any portion thereof under and in accordance with the provisions of the Imperial Acts known as the "Colonial Stock Acts, 1877 to 1900," or any amendments thereof.

"(2) The provincial treasurer may, out of the consolidated fund, pay, satisfy and discharge any judgment, decree, rule or order of a court in the United Kingdom which, under the provisions of section 20 of "The Colonial Stock Act of 1877," or any amendment thereto, is binding upon the registrar of Saskatchewan government stock in England, and with which he is required to comply.

"11. The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may do or cause to be done all things which may be required by any stock exchange with reference to the securities referred to in this Act and to their issue, in connection with any quotation or listing of such securities upon such stock exchange.

Substitution of Securities

"12.—(1) The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may change the form of any part of the debt of Saskatchewan by substituting one class of security for another, but, except where a security bearing a lower rate of interest is substituted for one bearing a higher, no such substitution shall be made if the effect is to increase either the principal or the interest of the debt.

"(2) Where a security bearing a lower rate of interest is substituted for one bearing a higher rate of interest, the amount of the debt represented thereby may be increased by a sum not exceeding the difference between the values of the respective securities at the date of substitution.

"(3) No substitution of securities shall be made unless the consent of the holder of the security for which another is substituted is obtained, or such security is previously purchased or redeemed by or on account of Saskatchewan; and such substitution may be made by the sale of a security of one class and the purchase of that for which it is desired to substitute it.

"13. This Act shall apply to all loans heretofore or hereafter authorized under any Act of the legislature: "Provided that nothing in this Act shall impair or pre-

"Provided that nothing in this Act shall impair or prejudically affect the rights of the holders of any securities heretofore issued."

"Blue Sky" Law

Another important bill is one to regulate the sale of sale of shares, bonds, or other securities of companies. Government and municipal securities are exempt from its provisions, as are also "stocks, bonds, debentures or other securities authorized by the board to be sold or listed on any stock exchange which has been approved for the purpose of this section by the board, or to the sale of shares in any company incorporated under section 22 of the Companies Act, chapter 14 of the statutes of 1915, or to the sale of shares of a fraternal or benevolent society where the sale is restricted to the members of the society."

How Securities May be Sold

The provisions as to marketing require that a certificate be obtained from the local government board. The bill says:—

"4. No person shall sell or offer or attempt to sell in Saskatchewan any shares, stocks, bonds or other securities of a company, other than the securities hereinbefore excepted, without first obtaining from the board a certificate, and in the case of an agent a license, as hereinafter provided.

"5. No person shall print, publish, issue or distribute any advertisement, prospectus, circular, letter or other document containing an offer to sell or request to purchase any of such shares, stocks, bonds or other securities unless the company whose shares, stocks, bonds or other securities are offered for sale shall first have obtained from the board the required certificate.

"6.—(1) Every company whose shares, stocks, bonds or other securities it is desired to sell or offer for sale, or the person desiring to sell the same, shall file with the board, together with a filing fee of ten dollars, the following documents:—

"1. A statement showing in full detail the plan upon which the company proposes to do business, and specifying



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the branches of business included in the objects of incorporation where it is an incorporated company, or in the purposes of the copartnership or unincorporated association, as the case may be, which it intends to carry on;

"2. A copy of all contracts, bonds or other instruments which it proposes to make with or sell to its contributors;

"3. A statement showing the location of the head office of the company, an itemized account of its actual financial condition and the amount of its property and liabilities, and such other information touching its affairs as the board may require;

"4. In case of a copartnership or unincorporated association, a copy of its articles of copartnership or association, and all other papers pertaining to its organization.

"(2) The company or such person shall also file with the board:

"(a) where the company has not been organized under the laws of Canada or of any province thereof, a copy of the laws of the state, country, territory or government under which it exists or is incorporated;

"(b) in addition thereto, a copy of its charter, memorandum of agreement or, association, articles of incorporation or association, or constitution and by-laws, and all amendments thereto.

"7. All of the above described papers shall be verified by the oath of a member of a copartnership or unincorporated association, or by the oath of a duly authorized officer, if it be an incorporated company or association. Such of them as are of record in a public office shall be further certified by the officer of whose records they form a part, as being correct copies of such records.

May Make Detailed Examination

"8. The board shall examine the statements and documents filed, and if deemed advisable, shall make a detailed examination of the company's affairs, at the expense of the company or of the person desiring to sell the said shares, stocks, bonds or other securities, as hereinafter provided.

9.-(1) If the board finds that the company is solvent, that its memorandum of agreement or association, articles of incorporation or association, or constitution and by-laws, its proposed plan of business and proposed contracts provide a fair, just and equitable plan for the transaction of business, and appear to indicate the probability of a fair return on the shares, stocks, bonds or other securities by it or by such person proposed to be offered for sale, the board shall issue to the company or person applying a certificate reciting that the company has complied with the provisions of this Act, that detailed information in regard to the company and its securities is on file in the board's office for public inspection and information, and that the company is permitted to sell its shares, stocks, bonds or other securities, or a limited and defined amount thereof in the province; and such certificate shall also recite in bold type that the board in no wise recommends the securities to be offered for sale by such company.

"(2) The fee to be paid the board upon the issue of such certificate, or for its renewal in case the certificate for any reason lapses, shall be five dollars.

"10. If the board finds otherwise than as mentioned in the preceding section, it shall refuse the certificate and so notify the company or person applying. Such refusal shall not debar the company or such person from renewing the application at any subsequent period.

"11. The board may grant a certificate under this Act in respect of any class or classes of stocks, bonds, shares or securities of a company, and exclude others therefrom.

"12. A company shall not, nor shall any person, either as principal or agent, transact business in form or character similar to that set forth in section 4 of this Act, until such company or person has obtained a certificate as provided by section 9 hereof."

Further clauses provide against changes in the charter, method of doing business, etc., contrary to the declarations filed. Agents must secure a license annually, upon payment of a fee of \$1, and must "produce the said license to every one with whom he proposes to do business." Annual statements must be filed each year. The board may conduct an examination into the affairs of any company making application, the expenses of which the company must pay. It may appoint a receiver for any company it considers unsound. It is also provided that securities may be sold without a certificate, when such sale "is not made in the course of continued and successive acts." Mining stocks, on which the return is difficult to estimate, may be sold under a special certificate, but advertisements, etc., must carry the words "development stock," conspicuously displayed.

NORTHWESTERN LIFE DECLARES BONUS

A pleasant surprise awaited the office and field staff of the Northwestern Life Assurance Co., when each employee was presented with a cash Christmas bonus ranging from 20 to 35 per cent. of his or her salary. It was announced that the company would, beginning with the new year, introduce a group insurance system for its entire staff, those in the first year to receive \$250 cf life assurance, those in the second year \$500, those in the third year \$750, and those in the fourth and later years \$1,000. The company will pay the entire cost of this insurance.

Beginning with the new year, the company will enter the group insurance field, issuing policies for any number of employees without medical examination, a feature that has been previously applied where less than fifty people were employed.

CANAL DEEPENING IS OPPOSED

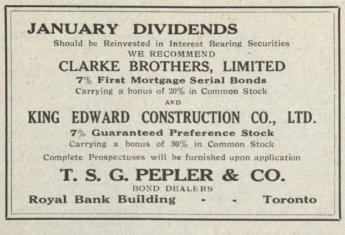
The deepening of the St. Lawrence canals, to admit ocean vessels, is being opposed in New York State, because of the probable diversion of traffic from the Erie canal which connects Buffalo with New York harbor. An editorial in the "New York Journal of Commerce," of December 15 says:---

"The executive committee of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation seems to put upon reasonable ground its objection to having our national government join with Canada in constructing a waterway from the lakes to the wide and deep part of the St. Lawrence River, so that shipping could proceed across the Atlantic without any change of cargo. It would be a costly piece of work, and it is estimated that this state would have to contribute to it somewhere from thirty to fifty million dollars. The assumption of those who favor the Canadian plan and our sharing in the cost of establishing it, is that it would be a general benefit of high value to the commerce of the country as a whole with Europe, whatever might be the effect upon the costly canal system of this state.

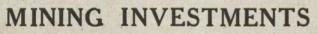
"The ground taken by the Board of Trade and Transportation is not based upon the belief that the costly scheme of long-distance shipping through Canada would divert trade from the canal system of the state. It expresses the conviction that if there was reasonable assurance of benefit to our trade as a whole, it would not oppose it, though it might draw somewhat from the canal activity through the state and down the Hudson River. But it is convinced that it would not have any such effect, at least in any way corresponding to the cost, on account of the long distance and the obstacles to the commerce on that route. But, if it did not divert commerce or hurt the traffic of our canal system it would be worthless to the commerce of the country, while increasing the burden of government expense and indebtedness, a large proportion of which this state and especially this city has to bear."

Dominion Appraisal Co., head office 10 Wellington Street East, Toronto, has opened an office in the C.P.R. Telegraph Building, 4 Hospital Street, Montreal, under the management of H. S. Meir, the vice-president of the company. THE MONETARY TIMES

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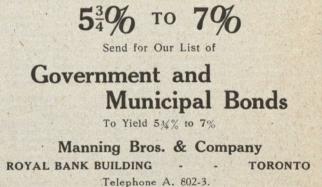
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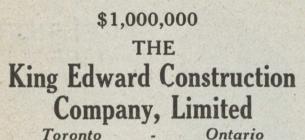
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NOVA SCOTIA CROPS GOOD

In Spite of Bad Weather, Estimates Compare Favorably With Figures for Other Years

THE 1919 crop report for Nova Scotia, based upon returns from 293 correspondents, has been issued by the provincial department of agriculture. The season, in contrast to many previous ones, was favorable both for the general farmer and the fruit grower, and although wet conditions of August and September interfered seriously with the harvesting operations and reduced the aggregate yield of the field crops, the year is regarded as one of the best agricultural years in the history of the province.

The hay crop was 25 per cent. greater than that of the previous year. The total crop was estimated at 1,279,836 tons. The oat crop yielded 5,633,078 bushels. Satisfactory as this return is, it would have been from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. higher, had it not been for the prolonged rains which reduced the crop, especially on poorly drained lands. The return is estimated at 605,610 bushels; 312,096 bushels of barley; 12,900 bushels of rye and 413,694 bushels of buckwheat were raised, together with 173,024 bushels of mixed grain.

Roots and Vegetables

Except in one or two small areas the increased acreage under potatoes was maintained, there being an increase in acreage of about 10 per cent. over two years ago. The estimated yield is 8,561,798 bushels. Crops of turnips and other roots were about 75 per cent. of an average crop. The turnip crop was estimated at 9,996,257 bushels and the mangels at 1,099,935 bushels. There was a reduction of about 2 per cent. in the acreage under garden produce. Conditions were extremely favorable for the hardier garden crops, such as peas, beets, carrots, etc., but the tenderer crops, such as squash, pumpkins, beans, etc., were extensively injured by June and July frosts and the frost of September 10th.

While a few correspondents report pastures only fair the great majority report pastures decidedly above average. At the same time livestock, while in better condition than for several years, did not improve as much as might have been expected. The total production of creamery butter during 1919 was 2,126,000 pounds, an increase over the previous year of 363,636 pounds.

Correspondents from every county report an increase in the apple yield of from 50 per cent. to over 250 per cent., as compared with 1918. For the larger fruit-producing counties the average estimate is about 225 per cent. ahead of the previous year. This represents from the fruit shipping-counties a gross yield of at least 1,500,000 barrels.

During 1919 the total acreage under crops, exclusive of apples, was 2,023,633 acres.

AFRICAN BANKING CORPORATION

The African Banking Corporation Ltd., 64 Wall Street, New York, have received the following cable from their London office: "Board of directors have recommended final dividend for the year ended 30th September last 5 per cent. less income tax being at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum and 9 per cent. for the year and payable 16th January, 1920."

MANITOBA PLANS FINANCIAL CHANGES

Following upon an extensive inquiry into provincial and local taxation, conducted by the Manitoba Taxation Commission, important new legislation will probably be in troduced at the session of the legislature to open late in January. It is understood that numerous drastic changes will be put forward in the method of provincial taxation, most important of which will be recommendation for a provincial income tax and a considerable increase in succession duties. A tax on the net income of business houses in the province may also be recommended.

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NEW MONTREAL BROKERAGE FIRM

A new stock brokerage firm under the name of Leggat, Chipman and Cassils, has commenced business in Montreal at 82 St. Francois Xavier St. Mr. Arthur R. Chipman, a member of the firm, has been elected a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange. The other members of the firm are: Lieut.-Col. Wm. Leggat, formerly assistant manager of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Angus S. Cassils, who up to recently was a member of the firm of Molson and Robin.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

Net profits of the National Bank of Scotland, for the year ended November 1, 1919, were £326,664, and a balance of £72,428 was brought forward from 1918. Dividends at the rate of 16% per annum, less income tax, required £112,-000; £100,000 was transferred to reserve, and £10,000 each to heritable property account and to officers' pension fund; this left £167,092 carried forward for 1920. The balance sheet now shows assets totalling £41,370,380, some of the items being gold, coin, notes, etc., £5,236,080; call and short loans, etc., £4,887,026; government securities, £11,219,927, bills discounted, £5,912,875; current loans, £9,617,148. Paidup capital is £1,000,000, reserve £1,000,000, circulation £3,-248,796 and deposits £34,294,546.

MOST OF WHEAT CROP SOLD

Removal of the embargo against Canadian wheat by the United States, does not affect the status of the Canadian Wheat Board, said Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, on December 26. He also estimated that two-thirds of the 1919 crop has already been sold as follows:—

Great Britain, 33,395,300 bushels for \$77,188,240; United States, 4,688,987 bushels for \$9,311,154; France, 3,073,916bushels for \$6,936,715; Italy, 1,119,290 bushels for \$2,462,025; Australia, 2 bushels for \$5; Newfoundland, 72 bushels for \$190; New Zealand, 15 bushels for \$45; Gibraltar, 1,659,484bushels for \$3,928,146; Alaska, 2 bushels for \$8; Belgium, 1,730,374 bushels for \$4,092,048; Greece, 2,666,540 bushels for \$79,315 bushels for \$110,183,265.

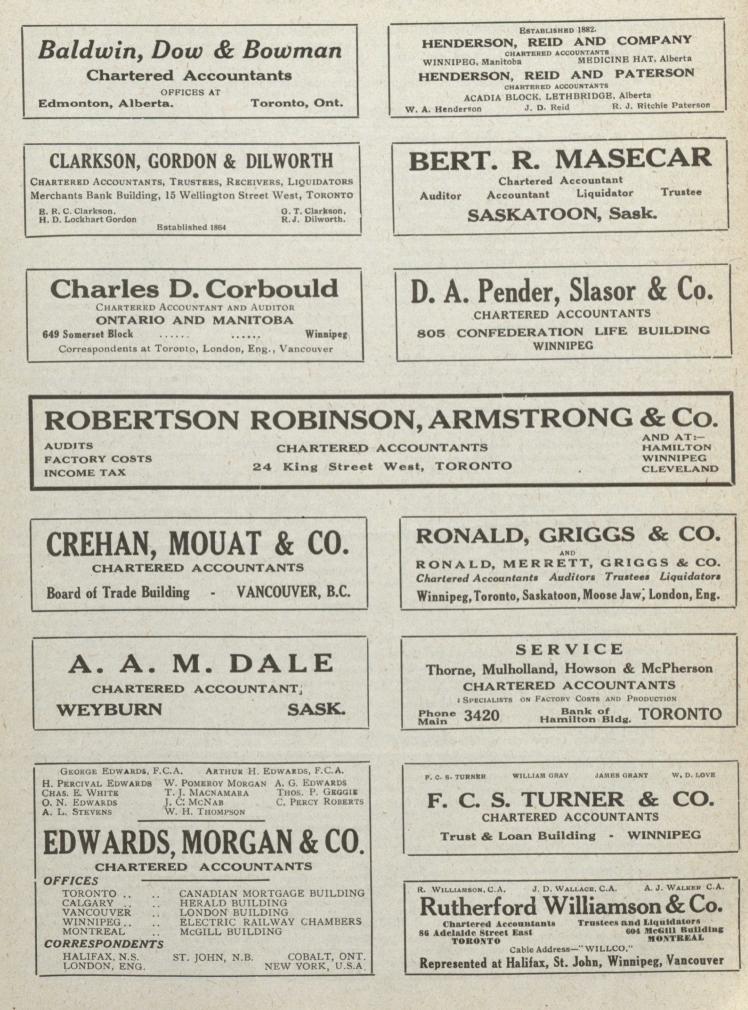
CUBAN-CANADIAN SUGAR STOCK OFFERING

The unsold balance of a \$4,000,000 8 per cent cumulative preferred stock issue of the Cuban-Canadian Sugar Co., is being offered by the Royal Securities Corporation at 100 and accrued dividends. The stock carries a bonus of one common share with every four preferred shares.

The Cuban-Canadian Sugar Co. is being organized to acquire all the securities of the Rio Cauto Sugar Co. which was successfully operated for a number of years, at Ingenio Rio Cauto. Net earnings for the year ended September 30th, 1919, after deducting interest charges and taxes and writing off \$454,402 for maintenance and depreciation were \$397,355.

The company has an authorized capital of \$20,000,000, of which \$9,000,000 is to be issued now. There will be outstanding \$1,500,000 6 per cent., notes maturing \$750,000 on June 30, 1920, and \$750,000 on June 30, 1921.

Details of the offering are given elsewhere in this issue.



ALBERTA'S INDUSTRIAL POSSIBILITIES

Attention Attracted to Manufacturing This Year, and Some Developments Expected—Natural Resources of All Kinds

BY D. L. CAMPBELL Secretary, Calgary Board of Trade

A BIG factor in the development and continuing prosperity of a new country is the possibility of producing food for those who already inhabit it, and for the increased immigration, which must in some cases precede, but which in all cases must attend upon development. The province of Alberta, the newest in substantial settlement of the western provinces, is blessed with agricultural productivity that has not yet been nearly measured. From 'a condition which caused it to be looked upon and characterized as a part of the "great American desert" hardly a generation ago, Alberta has been developed so that in 1917 the value of the products of the farm, the dairy and animal industry totalled \$403,332,576. Needless to say, agriculture is, and will continue for many years to be, the basic industry of the province.

Outlook for Manufacturing

Those who have made a study of conditions within the province have come to the conclusion that, while Alberta is probably too far from the sea coast to develop into a province of great factories, yet there are many conditions which warrant the expectation that a great deal of manufacturing of different kinds will be carried on before many years. In August, 1919, a remarkable congress was held in the four Alberta cities of Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton for the purpose of studying the possibilities of industrial expansion and of acquainting those engaged in industry in other parts of Canada and in the United States with these possibilities. Considerable newspaper publicity has already been given to this Industrial Congress, which, it is hoped, will be repeated during the year 1920. Some information to be considered may be found in the following suggestions as to industries already established and raw materials available.

Plants for converting live stock and the products of the soil into manufactured products naturally were the first to be established, and large packing houses are doing a thriving business in Calgary and Edmonton. Flour milling has shown very considerable expansion during the past few years and the industry is developing rapidly.

Fuel Supply Good

The coal production in the province of Alberta for 1918 was in the neighborhood of 7,000,000 tons, but as yet the coal fields have been but sparsely developed, as there is a limit to the distance that soft coals can be shipped, and only sufficient is producd to take care of the population of the western provinces. The cities of Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Calgary and many of the towns and villages in southern Alberta use natural gas very extensively in their homes.

Oil has been discovered in commercial quantities in the southern part of the province and is now being marketed, while prospecting on an extensive scale is being carried on in the northern part of the province, where it is expected tremendous oil fields will later be opened up.

Other Raw Materials

Timber is available, particularly along the western boundary of the province, and plays an important part in industrial life. Clay and clay-shales abound in the province, and are being utilized to a small extent in the manufacture of pottery, sewer pipe, brick, cement, etc. The proximity of natural gas areas simplifies the problem of fuel used in the manufacture.

The fisheries in the province are being developed to some extent, and undoubtedly increasing quantities of freshwater fish will be made available for the people of Alberta as transportation facilities are extended into the north country. Iron ore is a mineral that exists in the province, but in what quantities has never yet been determined. With the vast areas of coal and natural gas, with sulphur and limestone available for smelting, the presence of iron ore in quantities is of great importance. The future will probably show whether the hope of the present-day prospector will be realized or not:

Mention of some of the raw materials available for manufacture is of interest, looking toward future development. At present industries are established which turn out such products as cured meats, butter, cheese, spices, sash and doors, overalls, certain machinery parts, pottery, cement, brick, lime and many other commodities used within the confines of the province. Railway facilities for the distribution are particularly good, and, with increasing agricultural development, Alberta looks forward with confidence to the future.

BETTER WATER SERVICE URGED

Improvements in the water service are necessary if Winnipeg's fire-fighting equipment is to be adequate, according to a special committee of the city council which on December 18th made an inquiry into the fire department. Evidence was received from Fire Chief Buchanan, from A. H. S. Stead, of the Fire Underwriters' Association, and others. Mr. Stead stated that he had found that the firemen were sometimes blamed for faults in the equipment.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS IN CANADA

The Employment Service of the Department of Labor reports that returns from the Dominion and Provincial offices of the Employment Service of Canada for the week ended December 6th, show an increase in placements, as compared with the returns of the preceding week. During the week the 93 offices reported that they had referred 7,152 persons to regular positions, and that 6,148 of these had received employment. This represents a decrease of 215 as compared with the previous week when 6,363 persons were placed. In addition 1,308 casual jobs were supplied, as compared with 1,310 of the week ended November 29th.

During the week 9,011 applicants were registered, of whom 672 were women and 8,339 were men. This represents an increase of 6 in registration, when compared with 9,005 applicants of the preceding week. The number of vacancies notified by employers totalled 7,884 of which 1,348 were for women and 6,536 for men. As compared with the 7,575 vacancies notified during the preceding week, this shows an increase of 309 vacancies. Of the placements in regular employment 403 were women and 5,745 were men. The number of returned men reported as placed was 2,203.

Of the placements in regular employment 23 were reported by Prince Edward Island offices, of which 3 were within the province and 20 in other provinces, as compared with 61 during the preceding week; 155 by Nova Scotia offices, all within the province, as compared with a total of 173 the previous week; 240 by New Brunswick offices, 222 within the province and 18 in other provinces. This compared with 283 the preceding week. Quebec offices reported 581, of which 435 were within the province and 146 in other provinces, compared with 621 reported the preceding week. Ontario offices made 2,148 placements as compared with a total of 2,106 the previous week. Placements reported by Manitoba offices totalled 825, of which 639 were within the province and 186 in other provinces, as compared with 821 the preceding week; 635 were reported by Saskatchewan offices. 519 within the province and 116 in other provinces. as compared with 738 the week previous; 586 by Alberta offices, 534 within the province and 52 in other provinces, as compared with 680 the preceding week. British Columbia offices reported 955 placements during week, as compared with a total of 880 during the preceding week.



MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT

Entrance of Municipalities into Public Utility Field Has Brought New Problems—City Commission

and City Manager

BY ANGUS LYELL

THERE is an agitation in the city of Lethbridge to abolish the existing form of commission government and to introduce an administration under a city manager. Lethbridge was one of the first cities in western Canada to adopt commission government and now it is one of the first to consider seriously the advisability of the appointment of a city manager. Calgary is also operating under the commission plan, but last year voted for its continuance. Considering the state of its finances, however, it is reasonbaly certain that the question of appointing a city manager will come up again at an early date.

Quite a number of cities both in Canada and the United States have adopted the commission plan of administration. This means that men are elected by popular vote to act as commissioners for a term of one or more years, each commissioner having direct charge of one or more of the city's departments. Where a city is operating its public utilities water supply, light and power, street railway and so on these utilities are placed under the management of the commissioners.

Commission Plan Not Satisfactory

It was about the year 1912 that the efficiency of the system began to be questioned in the United States. The criticism made was that commission government was too complex; that under it responsibility for inefficiency, where inefficiency obviously existed, could not often be attributed to any particular official; that the duties and consequent responsibility of the commissioners were usually divided and obscure; that there was no chief executive, as in the case of an industrial or financial corporation—a man to whom those interested in the undertaking can go in the case of serious complaint; that the work of the commissioners was rarely efficient, they having to legislate in the interests of the city as well as operate its business undertakings and to rely on popular vote for the position they held.

From this criticism developed the plan of taking from the commissioners, or other officials elected by popular vote, the work of the administrative or operative departments, placing this directly under a city manager, appointed by the members of the council or aldermen. The underlying idea was to place the affairs of a city on a basis as near as possible to that of a business organization, where the shareholders elect directors, as the ratepayers aldermen, and the directors, a general manager, to carry on the business of the undertaking, the directors advising on matters of policy and procedure, as would the members of the council where there was a city manager.

Powers of a City Manager

In the city of Dayton, Ohio, the city manager plan has been in operation for a number of years, and it is interesting to study the powers of the manager as enumerated in the city charter. These are given as follows:—

(a) To see that the laws and ordinances are enforced.

(b) To appoint and, except as herein provided, remove all directors of departments and all subordinate officers and employees in the departments in both the classified and unclassified service; all appointments to be upon merit and fitness alone, and in the classified service all appointments and removals to be subject to the civil service provisions of this charter.

(c) To exercise control over all departments and divisions created herein, or that may be hereafter created by the commission.

(d) To attend all meetings of the commission, with right to take part in the discussion, but having no vote.

(e) To recommend to the commission for adoption such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient.

(f) To keep the commission fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of the city, and

(g) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or be required of him by ordinance or resolution of the commission.

Such powers are comprehensive, but the object of having a city manager is to have one man who will be directly responsible to the city council for the administration of the city's affairs, and without wide powers efficiency could not be obtained. Under this plan, there would be but three men reporting directly to the council—the city manager, the auditor and the legal adviser.

Debt is Chief Problem

In western Canada, and in the east also, the big problem facing most cities is that of the payment of the debenture indebtedness. Taxation has been increased from time to time until it is becoming a burden, and it is nothing uncommon, in quite a number of cities, to hear prominent business men remark that the best solution might be the appointment of a receiver to act for the debentureholders. In past years, in the boom days, there was far too lavish expenditure. Streets were opened up, miles and niles of pavement laid, water and light systems installed—for what purpose? For the so-called development of the city, which, in other words, often meant the unloading on some poor suckers of vacant lots. The city council was sometimes in the control of real estate and other, more or less, unscrupulous speculators.

Even to-day, in most cities, it is difficult to get able men to accept a place on the city council. This is not because the position of alderman is one that generally carries no salary, but because the position is one which is usually not held in high regard. Even the post of commissioner-where there is commission government-attracts but very mediocre men, the salary notwithstanding. Take, for example, one of the leading western cities, where there are two commissioners, operating street railway, waterworks and other utilities. Inquire into the business history of the commissioners, and then fairly consider whether the city would not be better off under the other plan, that of having a city manager. Each of the commissioners receives about \$3,500 and the mayor about \$5,000. This would provide about \$12,000 to be paid to a business expert for the management of the affairs of the city.

Qualifications are Broad

Recognizing the tendency of the day in the appointment of city managers, some of the leading universities in the United States, such as the University of Michigan, have arranged complete courses of study to help qualify men for the position. The range of subjects is usually wide, comprising certain branches of civil, mechanical, chemical and electrical engineering, municipal administration, public finance, corporation problems, public service industries, business administration, principles of accounting, municipal accounting, mathematical theory of investments, city planning and civic improvement, and the law of municipal corporations and that of public officers.

The city manager would be expected to put the affairs of a city on an efficient business basis. He might, and in most cases would, have to reorganize the accounting system, the methods of budget preparation, the assessment of taxes, the repayment of the bonded debt. There would be departmental reorganization, introduction of centralized purchasing, the proper keeping of records, and so on. There would also be problems pertaining to city planning, paving, building regulations, public parks and open spaces; the police and fire departments; and the operation of street railways and other utilities. The position is one that calls for expert knowledge, coupled with tact and diplomacy; and, as far as I can see, if receivership is to be avoided in several of our cities and a sound financial system established, it will be necessary to appoint, in the near future, expert city managers.



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MORTGAGE AS SECURITY FOR DEBT

Position of Parties When Mortgagee Becomes Absolute Owner-British Columbia Court of Appeal Divided

A RECENT case before the British Columbia Court of Appeal was that of Royal Bank vs. McLeod, in which the rights of parties to a mortgage, where the mortgagee subsequently became the owner of the lands in question, were settled.

The facts of the case, which, as regards the appeal, were not in dispute, are as follows: McLeod had become indebted to the Quebec Bank in the sum of \$95,000, and was sued for the balance which remained after crediting on the debt \$9,000 realized from the sale of certain land held on mortgage by the Quebec Bank as security. In 1912, in addition to promissory notes, McLeod assigned to the Quebec Bank certain land which had been agreed to be sold to him as further security for his indebtedness, and another loan of \$21,000 was made to him. On June 25th, 1914, demand was made for payment, but by an agreement between the bank and McLeod three months' further time for payment was granted, and, in case of final default, McLeod executed a quit claim deed and release of his equity of redemption in the land which he held by agreement of sale. The payments were defaulted, and by a special provision in the quit claim deed the bank became owner of the land. The assets, etc., of the Quebec Bank being later sold to the appellant, the Royal Bank became entitled to the indebtedness of McLeod to the Quebec Bank, and on default sold the land and credited the money received on McLeod's debt.

Was Effect Like Foreclosure?

The point in dispute was whether all that had occurred would bring into effect the same results as if a decree of foreclosure had been obtained in respect of a single security for the whole debt and the land sold, thus placing it out of the bank's power to revest the title to the land in McLeod if he later made payment of the total indebtedness.

The reasons for the decision of the trial judge are in the following terms:---

"It seems to me settled law that a person, who was once a mortgagee, but who, by foreclosure decree or otherwise, has become the absolute owner of the mortgaged property, cannot sue for the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage without reopening the foreclosure; and if, by a sale of the mortgaged property to a third party, he has put it out of his power to reconvey that property to the mortgagor upon redemption, he should, in the language of Idington, J., 'n Mutual Life Assurance Co. v. Douglas (1918), 44 D.L.R. 115 at 122, 57 Can. S.C.R. 243 at 253, 'be restrained from proceeding to enforce that common law right, whether by suing upon the covenant'—or other promise to pay—'or in way of asserting a proprietory right over any property he had held by way of collateral security to his mortgage.'

Bank's Title to Property

"The general release clause in the instrument of transfer of the equity of redemption (ex. 6, June 25th, 1914), has, in my opinion, no relation to the circumstances here. It was simply intended to make the bank's title to the mortgaged property more absolute, if that were possible. But the absolute character of the title acquired by a (former) mortgagee does not affect or prevent the reopening of the foreclosure in case the (former) mortgagee afterwards sues for any part of the debt. And, as I have already intimated, where the foreclosure cannot be reopened by reason of the mortgaged property having passed into the hands of the *bona fide* purchaser for value the right to sue is forever gone.

"The action must be dismissed with costs, and the defendant is entitled to the declaration and injunction asked. for in his counterclaim, with costs."

On appeal, Macdonald, C.J.A., and Eberts, J., held to dismiss and McPhillips and Martin, J.J.A., held to allow the appeal. The reasons given by Macdonald, C.J.A., for dismissing the appeal are that the mortgagees (the Quebec Bank) obtained absolute title to the land by the release of the equity of redemption to them, and that, therefore, the relation of mortgagor and mortgagee ended unless foreclosure proceedings on the mortgage were reopened, but that this latter plan was impossible because the land had passed into the hands of a purchaser for value (the Royal Bank); that the quit claim deed releasing the equity of redemption must be taken to have been a settlement of the indebtedness, for if the right to redeem has been lost by reason of the release of the equity of redemption, the land takes the place of the debt and is held free from any right of redemption; that, therefore, the debt was extinguished and the appeal should be dismissed (Eberts, J., assenting).

Dissenting Judgment

McPhillips, J.A., in his judgment, said that the land was one only of several securities held by the Quebec Bank, and at most could only be security for the debt, which was past due when the assignment of the agreement for sale was taken; that this security did not fully cover the debt, and that, therefore, it could not be considered as a full settlement of the indebtedness and a release of the other securities. The sale by McLeod to the bank was absolute, and, therefore, the amount realized was to be considered as a protanto reduction of the whole indebtedness (Martin, J.A., assenting).

The two decisions are thus directly opposed to one another, Macdonald, C.J.A., deciding that the whole indebtedness was cancelled, and McPhillips, J.A., deciding that the indebtedness was lessened only by the amount derived from the sale of the land.

The appeal was dismissed.

QUEBEC AND ST. THOMAS GET NEW INDUSTRIES

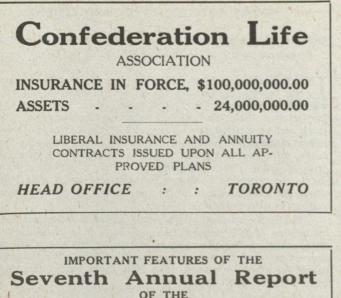
Very Few New Developments—Large Properties Transferred in Hamilton

T HIS being the holiday season, very few announcements of new plants, extensions, etc., are being made by manufacturing concerns. Those in the United States, which have been contemplating branches in Canada, are watching the strengthening farmers' movement, and it is fairly certain that some downward revision in the tariff will be made, not at the coming session of parliament, but possibly at the next.

A large Detroit automobile concern is to build a plant at St. Thomas, Ont., which, it is announced, will take care of the entire Canadian trade. Options have been taken on a site, and work on the factory will commence in the spring. Arrangements are being made for railway spurs into the plant.

The National Steel Car Corporation, Ltd., recently organized under Dominion charter, has taken over the plant, business equipment, assets and liabilities of the National Steel Car Co., Hamilton. The new company is purely Canadian, having as president, R. J. Magor, second vice-president of the National Steel Car Co. The National Steel Car Corporation, Ltd., will continue to manufacture railway cars, having on hand two large orders and others about closed, and the motor truck department will have a greatly increased capacity. The minimum production for the coming year is placed at 1,500 motor trucks.

The Pion property on Prince Edward St., Quebec, Que., has been sold to the Colonial Hide Co., of Boston, one of the largest American hide corporations, with branches in all parts of the United States and Canada. Heretofore, this company has had a branch in Quebec, in conjunction with other branches in Halifax, St. John, Ottawa, etc., but lately they decided to go into the manufacturing business in the city, on a very much larger scale, and for this reason secured the above-mentioned property for the purpose. It is estimated that over two hundred hands will be employed as soon as the new machinery can be installed. The company will manufacture the products of hides, which includes oil, greases, glue, etc.



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NEW INCORPORATIONS

Victory Gold Mines, Ltd.—Commonwealth Gold Mines, Ltd. —Salada Tea Company of Canada, Ltd.

The following is a list of companies recently incorporated, with the head office and authorized capital:---

Druid, Sask.—Druid Rink Association, \$3,000. Quebec, Que.—Pruneau and Co., Ltd., \$90,000. Campbellford, Ont.—F. F. Long, Ltd., \$40,000. Souris, P.E.I.—Souris Roller Mills, Ltd., \$25,000. Laurel, Ont.—Laurel Stock Yards Co.; Ltd., \$1,000. St. Thomas, Ont.—St. Thomas Boxes, Ltd., \$20,000. Stratford, Ont.—Stratford Nut Krust, Ltd., \$20,000. Hamilton, Ont.—Coulter Wood Products, Ltd., \$50,000. Kingsville, Ont.—Brown Woollen Mills, Ltd., \$20,000. Charlottetown, P.E.I.—McNutt and White, Ltd., \$30,000. Newboro, Ont.—Rideau Electric Canning Co., Ltd., \$40,000.

Eckville, Alta.—Eckville Mutual Telephone Association, \$12,000.

Huntsville, Ont.—Anglo-Canadian Concert Band, Ltd., \$200,000.

Owen Sound, Ont. — Aluminum-Steel Products, Ltd., \$250,000.

Lethbridge, Alta.—South Saskatchewan Ranching Co., Ltd., \$500,000.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Mitchener McGeary, Ltd., \$24,000; Colonial Supply Co., Ltd., \$10,000.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Moose Jaw Real Estate Exchange, Ltd., \$50,000; Forbes, Ltd., \$10,000; Maybee Furnishing Co., Ltd., \$300,000.

Regina, Sask.—Hemphill's Trade Schools, Ltd., \$100,000; New York Broadview Farms Co., Ltd., \$25,000; National Biscuit Co., Ltd., \$50,000; Ryan Motors, Ltd., \$200,000.

Edmonton, Alta.—Northern Box Co., Ltd., \$20,000; Kelly Coal Co., Ltd., \$30,000; Uncas Cattle Co., Ltd., \$20,000; Union Sawmills, Ltd., \$50,000; Pollard Bros., Ltd., \$125,000; Blackstone Coal, Ltd., \$500,000.

Montreal, Que.—Company Incorporations, Ltd., \$20,000; Kerhulu et Odiau, Ltd., \$375,000; Franco-Canadian Automobile Co., Ltd., \$10,000; St. Rose Preserving Co., Ltd., \$99,-000; Club des Retours du Front, Incorpore, \$50,000.

Winnipeg, Man.—Commonwealth Gold Mines, Ltd., \$2,-000,000; Victory Gold Mines, Ltd., \$3,000,000; The Pas Lumber Co., Ltd., \$1,000,000; Sherbrooke Motor Co., Ltd., \$60,-000; Elite Manufacturing Co., Ltd., \$20,000.

Calgary, Alta.—Richardson Spence, Ltd., \$20,000; Economy Culvert and Road Supply Co., Ltd., \$50,000; Alberta Truck Transportation Co., Ltd., \$150,000; Davis Dabro Farm and Ranch Co., Ltd., \$1,500,000; Rands Garage, Ltd., \$20,000; Fuels, Ltd., \$20,000; the Multiple Signs, Ltd., \$200,000; Carter Co., Ltd., \$20,000; Superior Auto Specialties, Ltd., \$30,-000; Gold-Stabeck Co., Ltd., \$20,000.

Toronto, Ont.—Wilkins Automatic Regulator Co., Ltd., \$100,000; Interlake Tissue Mills Co., Ltd., \$1,000,000; Salada Tea Co., of Canada, Ltd., \$2,000,000; March Gold, Ltd., \$1,-500,000; Bowes Export, Ltd., \$20,000; Murray Building, Ltd., \$300,000; Lansdowne Nut Krust, Ltd., \$20,000; Carpquist Signs, Ltd., \$500,000; St. Clair Nut Krust, Ltd., \$20,000; Excelsior Fur Co., Ltd., \$40,000; Muntz and Beatty, Ltd., \$100,-000; Dominion Chemical Products, Ltd., \$300,000; McLaurin Development Co., Ltd., \$50,000; Silver Bullion Mines, Ltd., \$1,500,000.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS

The following were the shipments of ore, in pounds, from Cobalt Station for the week ended December 27th, 1919:--Dominion Reduction Co., 65,000; La Rose Mine, 65,696.

Dominion Reduction Co., 65,000; La Rose Mine, 65,696. Total, 130,696. The total since January 1st is 23,890,388 pounds, or 11,945.19 tons.

INDEX NUMBER OF COMMODITIES

October Figure Shows Decline of Almost One Per Cent. Compared With September-Still Ahead of Last Year

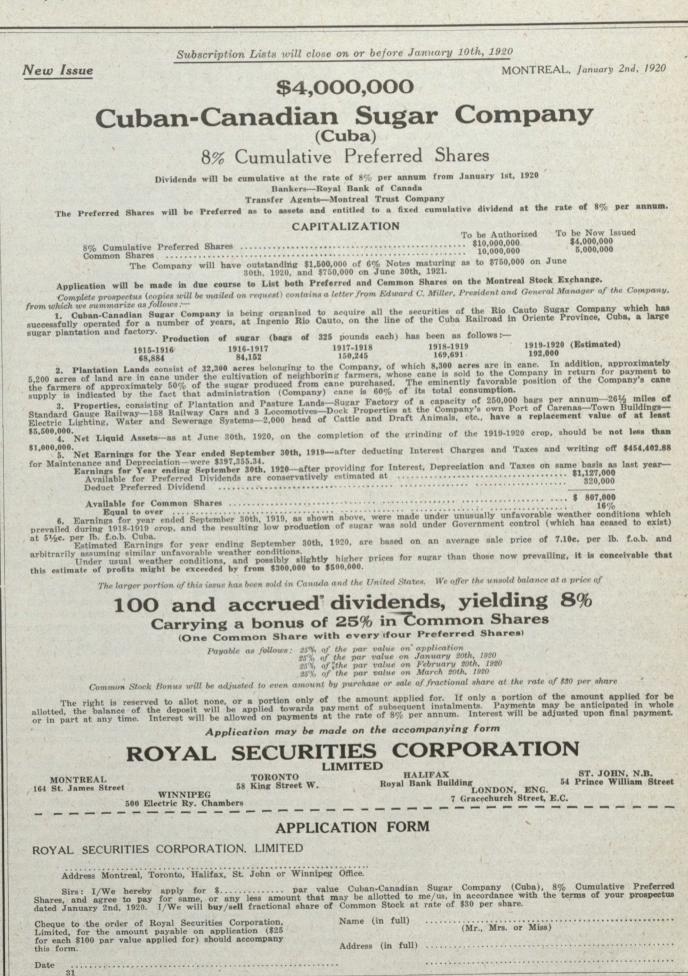
I N wholesale prices the index number for October, according to the Labor Gazette, stood at 299.6 as compared with 301.5 for September, 289.6 for October, 1918, and 134.6 for October, 1913. The chief change was the decrease in live stock and meats, but there were also slight decreases in fish, hides, metals and paints. Increases occurred in dairy products, miscellaneous foods, textiles, lumber and the miscellaneous group. Over the one-year period, it will be noticed, there are very few decreases, metals and implements being about the only group. The increase in the case of hides and leather is also noticeable.

The index number of wholesale prices is based upon the quotations of 271 commodities, one having been dropped in 1915, and is the simple average of the percentages which the current prices of the several commodities bear to their average prices for the base period, 1890-1899, these being, therefore, made equal to 100.

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(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	Commod- ities	*Oct. 1919	*Sept. 1919	*Oct. 1918		
1. GRAINS AND FODDERS: Grains, Ontario. Western. Fodder. All	6 4 5 15	330.6 344.2 283.8 318.6	336.0 356.4 267.0 318.4	371.3 300.9 247.5 311.3		
II. ANIMALS AND MEATS: Cattle and beef. Hogs and hog products. Sheep and mutton Poultry. All III. DAIRY PRODUCTS.	6 6 3 2 17 9	342.8 359.5 214.2 327.7 324.2 314.7	$\begin{array}{r} 351.9\\ 399.1\\ 228.1\\ 478.1\\ 361.5\\ 297.2 \end{array}$	354.8 :65.7 300.7 399.9 354.4 275.9		
IV FISH: Prepared fish Fresh fish All	6 3 9	$211.1 \\ 242.7 \\ 221.6$	203.3 245.2 217.3	253.3 260.3 264.0		
V. OTHER FOODS: (A) Fruits and vegetables Fresh fruits, native. Fresh fruits, foreign. Dried fruits. Fresh vegetables. Canned vegetables. All. (B) Miscellaneous groceries and provisions	5 3 4 6 3 21	158.4210.6265.1229.4204.9213.3	$158.0 \\ 208.6 \\ 266.1 \\ 284.2 \\ 230.6 \\ 233.4$	165.2 233.1 275.8 289.0 228.7 238.0		
(a) Miscellaneous groceries and provisions Breadstuffs Tea, coffee, etc. Sugar, etc. Condiments. All VI. TEXTLES : Woollens.	10 4 6 5 25	$\begin{array}{r} 274.0\\ 215.0\\ 306.7\\ 225.9\\ 262.8\end{array}$	274.0 218.9 294.0 229.9 261.2	$\begin{array}{r} 266.5 \\ 191 \\ 9 \\ 300.1 \\ 253.2 \\ 259.9 \end{array}$		
VI. TEXTILES : Woollens Cottons. Silks Jutes. Flax products. Oilcloths. All	5 4 3 2 4 2 20	$\begin{array}{r} 389.2\\ 344.5\\ 204.6\\ 631.6\\ 458.0\\ 272.5\\ 378.8\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 378.4\\ 329.2\\ 182.0\\ 631.5\\ 458.0\\ 272.5\\ 369.6\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 429.4\\ 359.9\\ 149.5\\ 609.5\\ 413.3\\ 230.8\\ 374.4 \end{array}$		
VII. HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES: Hides and tallow Leather Boots and Shoes All	4 4 3 11	562.0 318.5 339.7 412.8	582.8 318.5 339.7 420.1	373.3 265.0 224 6 293.3		
VIII. METALS AND IMPLEMENTS : Iron and steel. Other metals. Implements All	11 12 10 33	$\begin{array}{c} 204.4 \\ 197.0 \\ 237.9 \\ 211.9 \end{array}$	201.3 263.2 243.7 214.8	281.0 270.1 242.3 265.3		
IX. FUEL AND LIGHTING: Fuel. Lighting All	6 4 10	231.6 245.3 237.0	280.8 245 3 2:6.6	253.0 2368 246.5		
X. BUILDING MATERIALS : Lumber Miscellaneous materials Paints, oils and glass All [*]	14 20 14 48	340.9 223.1 420 8 315.1	$\begin{array}{c} 331.2 \\ 222 9 \\ 4 5 9 \\ 313.7 \end{array}$	277.6 238.1 334.5 277.7		
XI, HOUSE FURNISHINGS: Furniture Crockery and glassware. Table cutlery Kitchen furnishings. All XII. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.	6 4 2 4 16 16	$\begin{array}{r} 447.8\\ 404 9\\ 163 4\\ 252 9\\ 352 8\\ 224.7\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 447.8\\ 394.2\\ 163.4\\ 253.8\\ 250.3\\ 222.9\end{array}$	311.0 367.7 155.1 272.3 296.0 276.8		
XIII, Miscellaneous: Raw Furs Liquors and tobacco Sundries All	4 6 7 17	1190.0 292.2 210 7 469 9	1118.0 286 8 211.7 451.6	721.7 218.3 223.7 339.0		
All commodities	267†	299 6	301.5	289.6		

*Preliminary figures. †Four commodities off the market, fruits, vegetables, etc. One line of spelter was dropped in 1915.

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NEWS OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Toronto's Finances in Sound Condition—Montreal Debt High —Lack of Sinking Funds is Reason—Saskatoon Tax Collections Increase

Kenora, Ont.—The financial report of the town for the period from January 1st to December 15th, 1919, shows that assets exceed liabilities by \$240,155. Total tax collections amounted to \$108,584, while the amount collected from tax sales totalled \$4,274. The total net debt has now reached the sum of \$221,677. Advances from sinking fund, including sinking fund liability to bondholders of \$191,232, amount to \$45,194.

Mimico, Ont.—According to the financial statement of the town, assets up to December 15th, 1919, totalled \$491,323, and liabilities \$476,771, leaving an excess of assets over liabilities amounting to \$14,551. Receipts amount to \$309,019 and the payments amount to \$294,738, including \$14,281 cash in the bank. During the year the council of Mimico passed forty-two by-laws.

New Westminster, B.C.—The city can still borrow \$886, 563 in addition to its present indebtedness, and without taking into consideration the question as to whether the sinking fund in hand should be considered as having reduced to total bonded debt for that purpose. The total general bonded debt is \$4,496,000, which includes \$389,000 for schools. The city's total borrowing power is \$4,993,563, and it has borrowed \$4,107,000 against that, leaving a balance to go on if the ratepayers see fit.

Montreal, Que.—The statement is made by E. R. Decary, chairman of the Administrative Commission, that one of the principal causes of the city's financial troubles was the failure of the past administration to provide sinking funds to pay off the millions borrowed. Figures submitted by Mr. Decary show an enormous increase in debt since 1910 of nearly \$73,-000,000. The figure in 1910 was \$49,102,727 and in 1919 \$122,000,000. Accumulated sinking fund amounts to \$6,100,-000, and debt charges amount to about \$7,000,000. The debt per capita is \$175.

Saskatoon, Sask — Tax collections for the first eleven months of 1919 totalled \$914,774, compared with \$793,241 for the same period in 1918. Of these collections, for 1919, \$892,-050 was for straight taxes and \$22,723 for penalties. In 1918 \$772,947 was for taxes and \$20,293 for penalties. It is anticipated that before the end of December large collections will be made, taxpayers realizing that by payment before the end of the year they will escape the 2½ per cent. penalty on the 1919 taxes, which is added quarterly on arrears. If not paid before November 15th, 1920, these arrears are taken into the list for the tax sale.

New Toronto, Ont.—The financial statement of the municipality up till December 15th, 1919, shows excess assets over liabilities of \$46,755. Receipts amounted to \$270,905, which includes \$79,989 of current and other taxes. The expenditures are as follows:—

The expenditures of the New Toronto Hydro-Electric system for the year amount to \$95,720. Actual receipts amount to \$83,145, with a bank overdraft of \$12,574. The assets of the system are \$35,094, and the liabilities

The assets of the system are \$35,094, and the liabilities \$19,755. Waterworks system assets are \$213,441, and liabilities \$206,534. Expenditures were \$15,388, and receipts \$153,063, with a bank overdraft of \$823.

Winnipeg, Man.—The Bank of Montreal has virtually refused to allow the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company to pay a portion of the \$635,179 owing to the city in taxes, and if the bank does not change its attitude within a week a writ against the company will be issued. Such was the statement made at the weekly meeting of the city's finance committee.

The bank, it was stated, was again being asked by the company to allow payment. It was also explained that the company, when waited upon by a committee from the city, agreed to pay the 1917 taxes, with the exception of some pavement charges in dispute, and approximately figured at \$120,000. The company also promised to pay its 1918 taxes by May 1st, which would mean another \$225,000. Edmonton, Alta.—The net result of operation of the utilities for the month of November is a surplus, after providing for capital and depreciation charges, of \$17,221 as compared with a deficit of \$8,480 for the corresponding month of last year, or, in other words, an improvement of \$25,701.

The gross earnings for the eleven months ending 30th November amounted to \$1,912,322, while operation and maintenance cost \$1,073,140, showing a surplus on operation of \$839,182 as against \$694,966 for the same period of last year; and after meeting capital and depreciation charges, there is a net surplus on all the utilities, inclusive of the deficit on the street railway, for the eleven months of \$137,919 as compared with \$2,528 for the corresponding period of 1918.

The street railway for the month of November shows a net surplus, inclusive of capital and depreciation charges, of \$1,526, against a net deficit for that month last year of \$25,-546. The net deficit on the street railway for the eleven months of this year amounts to \$53,283 as against \$132,267 for the period of last year.

Toronto, Ont.—The financial statement of the city for the year ended December 31st, 1918, has been submitted by Finance Commissioner Bradshaw. The city's capital assets at the end of the year amounted to \$150,209,418, including sinking fund assets of \$28,073,357; Consumers' Gas Company stock, \$31,587; war expenditures rights and benefits, \$6,769,-848, and permanent properties, improvements, etc., \$115,334,-625. The gross capital indebtedness of the city was \$105,-125,387, the major portion of this, \$104,122,200, being the city's gross funded debt, part of which is repayable by annual instalments and part at the end of specific terms of years out of accumulated sinking funds, and the balance, \$1,003,187, being the city's obligation to the Toronto Harbor Commissioners, which is repayable by the city to the commissioners, under agreement, in forty annual instalments.

Toronto's war expenditure, which will practically be cleared off this year, is stated approximately at \$13,500,000, or about \$135 for the head of each family group in the city. The amount embraces \$5,250,000 expended for life insurance on the lives of volunteer citizen soldiers, \$2,250,000 for patriotic, relief and other grants, 1915 to 1918, \$1,500,000 for wages of enlisted civic employees, and \$500,000 for interest and debt incurred for war purposes and for protection of city property.

"The city's financial condition is unquestionably sound," remarks the commissioner. "Sufficient revenue is derivable to meet running expenses; the enjoyment of a high credit enables such necessary capital to be obtained as may be legitimately required; adequate provision has been made for retiring all funded obligations as they become due; moneys receivable by the city do not, to any extent, remain overdue an unreasonable length of time; and funds are available for discharging all current indebtedness.

"That the unpaid taxes and accounts receivable at the close of 1918, namely, \$5,197,653, were not unduly large will be recognized from the fact that the total receivable for 1918 was about \$30,000,000, made up of about \$25,000,000 of taxes and general revenue, chiefly due in the last seven months of the year, and approximately \$5,000,000 carried over from the previous year.

"Since the outbreak of the war many large projects advanced prior thereto had either to be entirely given up or temporarily postponed, while during its progress practically none but extremely important new undertakings were entered upon, or even considered. The extensive programme of capital outlays, however, commenced before, and in various stages. of progress at the beginning of hostilities, had to be completed, and necessitated providing, with \$4,500,000 for war purposes, no less than \$35,000,000 of new capital in the war years, 1915-1918, inclusive, while in the two years previous, 1913 and 1914, over \$31,500,000 of new capital had to be provided, making a total within the past six years of over \$66,-500,000. Of this tremendous capital expansion, equivalent to 64 per cent. of the city's present funded debt, begun practically in 1912, \$38,900,000 was for non-self-sustaining purposes. This was so abnormally great, compared with the prevailing assessment, that if there had been no increase in assessment, the 1918 tax for debt charges alone, apart from

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GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL BONDS

Manitoba Disposes of Bonds—York Township Places Issue— Otherwise Week was Quiet

T HIS week was featured by the sale of a \$4,000,000 6 per cent. 5-year issue of Manitoba bonds at 102.81, Canadian payment, to the Merchants Bank of Canada, which means that the province pays about 5.35 per cent. for its money. This exceptionally good price is of course made possible by the exchange situation, and United States investors are eager to buy high-grade securities.

York Township has sold five blocks of debentures amounting to nearly \$600,000 on a very favorable rate. Verdun turned down all bids for the third time and will seek aid from the province.

Practically all of the large issues placed last month have been absorbed by the public. Alberta's issue is meeting with a good reception, the underwriters state. The offering is being made at a price of 97.75, to yield 5.80 per cent. Some of the January offerings are:—

Borrower.	Amount.	Rate %.	Maturity.	Tenders close.
Assiniboia, Man	\$ 161,506	5	Various	Jan. 5
Sherbrooke, Que	342,500	Various	Various	Jan. 5
Nanton, Alta			10-instal.	Jan. 15
Red Deer, Alta		6	10-instal.	Jan. 16
Rivers, Man	9,000	6	20-instal.	Jan. 21

Rivers, Man.—Tenders will be received until January 21, 1920, for the purchase of \$9,000 6 per cent., 20-instalment debentures. (See announcement elsewhere in this issue.)

Assiniboia R.M., Man.—Tenders will be received until January 5, 1920, for the purchase of bonds totalling \$161,506 as follows: 1—5 years, bearing 5 per cent. interest (wells), \$4,663.04; 2—7 years, bearing 5 per cent. (sidewalks), \$538.64; 3—20 years, bearing 5 per cent. interest (waterworks), \$57,115; 4—20 years, bearing 5 per cent. interest (sewers), \$99,190.—Frank Ness, Kirkfield P.O., Man.

Debenture Notes

Sifton, Man.—A by-law for the borrowing of \$40,000 for good roads, has been passed.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—Money by-laws totalling \$92,-000 for various improvement purposes, have been passed.

Galt, Ont.—The Hydro radial by-law was passed, and also a by-law to raise \$30,000 by debentures for a central heating plant.

Nelson, B.C.—The city council has decided to submit a by-law at the approaching election for a new water system costing \$50,000.

Perth, Ont.—Ratepayers will be asked to vote on the raising of \$75,000 by debenture issue, for the purpose of erecting a hospital.

Levis, Que.—The city council has approved of the bylaw for the raising of \$80,000 for roads, and ratepayers will be asked to vote.

Guelph, Ont.—A by-law to borrow \$50,000 for improvements to Royal City Park will be submitted to electors at the coming elections.

Dresden, Ont.—The town council plans construction of waterworks system, at an estimated cost of \$10,000. A bylaw will be submitted.

Sarnia, Ont.—Two money by-laws, one for \$35,000 for a municipal plant, and the other, \$35,000, for waterworks, have been endorsed by ratepayers.

Capreol, Ont.—On January 15th a by-law to provide for borrowing \$20,000 for the construction of an electric light plant will be submitted to the electors. Clerk, W. H. Mathews.

Guelph, Ont.—Two money by-laws were passed at the elections as follows: To issue debentures to the amount of \$855,235 as Guelph's share of the Hydro scheme, and to raise \$75,000 for the construction of a new gas container. Kincardine, Ont.—A by-law to provide \$40,000 to install a hydro-electric power system and to rebuild the electric light system will be submitted to electors at January municipal elections.

Stouffville, Ont.—A by-law to raise \$20,000 for the purpose of building an electric power line to connect the village with the Metropolitan line at Bond Lake, a distance of about seven miles, will be submitted to the taxpayers at the municipal election.

Bedford, Que.—As a result of the passing of a by-law, an issue of bonds to the amount of \$30,000 will shortly be issued, to provide for the purchase of the Bedford Light Co., Ltd., and the purchase of the municipal water system, which is in the hands of that company.

Verdun, Que.—Following the rejection of two more tenders for the city's bonds, the council, on the motion of Alderman Rheaume, authorized the city treasurer to communicate with the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council with a view of obtaining his permission, through the minister of municipal affairs, to sell the city's bonds at private sale, at a minimum price to be fixed by him.

Hamilton, Ont.—The following money by-laws have been passed: \$70,000 for the purchase of fire-fighting apparatus, \$50,000 for the development of Mountain highways, \$150,000 for the development of Scott Park as an athletic field, and \$850,000 for the construction of a central storm overflow sewer. It was decided to issue debentures for \$15,000 for the purchase of a school site on Concession Street in the township.

Toronto, Ont.—The following money by-laws have been passed: To issue debentures for the sum of \$1,000,000 for the erection of a live stock arena at the Exhibition grounds; authorizing the proposed Transportation Commission to raise \$5,000,000 by debentures to cover extensions and equipment for the street railway system; authorizing the deposit with the provincial Hydro Commission of debentures to the amount of \$4,000,000 as the city's share of guarantee for the securities issued covering the erection of the proposed Toronto and Eastern Hydro radial railway to Bowmanvlle.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—The proposition has been made to abolish the business license, and to substitute a business tax. This would increase the assessment to about \$750,000 annually, it is estimated. As the city act provides that a city may borrow up to 20 per cent. of its assessment, the passage of the by-law, it is hoped, will increase the city's borrowing power by a sum from \$140,000 to \$160,000. The city has for some time past been at the end of its borrowing power and the council has been seeking various ways and means of increasing the assessment in order to extend the borrowing power.

Sales of the Week

North Bruce Township, Ont.—Messrs. A. E. Ames and Co. have been awarded the \$12,000 10-year 6 per cent. bonds. The price paid was 99.43, and the funds are required for telephone extension purposes.

Strathroy, Ont.—Messrs, A. E. Ames and Co. have purchased a block of \$64,451 5½ per cent. 20-instalment bonds at 95.09, which price is on about a 6½ per cent. basis. Some of the bids were:—

A. E. Ames and Co	95.09
Wood, Gundy and Co	95.07
W. A. Mackenzie and Co.	95.07
R. C. Matthews and Co.	
Canada Bond Corp	94.83
C. H. Burgess and Co	94.57
W. L. McKinnon and Co	94.48

York Township, Ont.—Messrs. A. Jarvis and Co., in joint account with R. C. Matthews and Co., have purchased five blocks of bonds as follows, paying 98.73 and accrued interest: \$211,314.68 6 per cent. 10-instalments, for local improvements; \$38,600 5½ per cent. 25-years, for public school purposes; \$60,000 5½ per cent. 25-years, for school purposes; \$172,650 5½ per cent. 25-instalments, for public school pur-

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NEWS OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE

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any war debt, would have been practically eight mills. Clearly, the city's future was being too heavily and unjustifiably mortgaged. Notwithstanding increases in the assessment, the tax required to cover the debt charges (including those on war debt) increased from approximately 5 mills in 1914 to over 7½ mills in 1918. Had there been no curtailment and no increase of assessment, the burden of overhead charges would to-day have been extremely heavy. In addition to the general debt charges of 7½ mills, the special rate for local improvement debts averaged 3 mills on the 1918 assessment, which really means that on the average the taxpayer was called upon to pay 10½ mills for debt charges in 1918. Unless there is an unusual yearly increase in assessment, it will be a very considerable time before the rate for fixed charges on non-self-sustaining works, etc., is appreciably lowered.

"Debentures were sold during 1918 amounting to \$6,898,-108, all of which were issued in connection with capital commitments of prior years. Of these, \$6,117,700 had been authorized in 1917, but remained unnegotiated at its close. The remainder, \$775,403, was authorized in 1918 to cover the cost of completed local improvements, the construction of which had been authorized in preceding years. On \$3,966,693 of these debentures, the annual debt charges, \$399,299, are practically all met by general taxation, while on the balance of \$2,926,410, the annual debt charges, \$297,500, are provided either by revenue from the services for which the debts were incurred or by special local improvement assessments. "Certain of the fixed assets are revenue producing, the services which they represent being wholly or partly selfsustaining. The income from the city's waterworks system not only rendered that great utility self-supporting in 1918, but produced a surplus of \$546,616, which was applied to the reduction of general taxation. For all the charges involved in the investment in the comparatively new and expanding Toronto Hydro-Electric system the city is completely reimbursed by the commissioners from earnings of that wellmanaged and well-equipped enterprise, which is admirably serving the citizens. The franchise revenue from the Toronto Railway more than met the expenses and charges on account of the pavement of the right-of-way by \$62,039, this surplus also being applied in reduction of taxation.

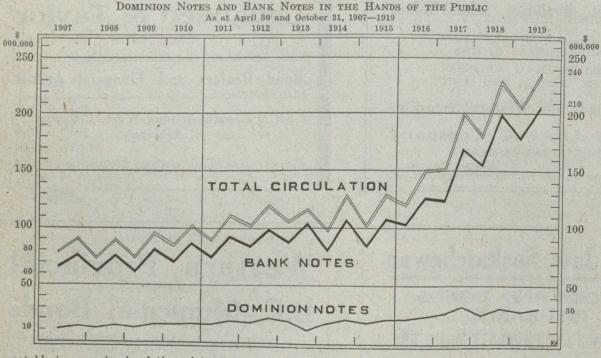
"Against the substantial funded debt there were reserved sinking and other funds, amounting to \$27,797,470, provided out of revenue, which reduced the liability to \$76,324,730. In addition to the redemption funds, the sinking fund included two other miscellaneous items, viz., sundry minor amounts raised by debenture loans, but ultimately found not to be required to meet the cost of the respective works, and proceeds of sales of certain city assets, amounting together to \$204,400, which sum is also available for the liquidation of the funded debt. The total sinking fund of \$28,073,357 is comprised of city of Toronto bonds, \$25,409,336; Dominion government securities, \$450,487; loan to Toronto Harbor Commissioners, \$975,000; accrued interest on investments, \$483,-448; and cash, \$755,086. The actual net interest earnings of the sinking fund amounted to \$1,235,182, being at the average rate of approximately 4.62 per cent."

BANK AND DOMINION NOTES

Commenting upon the increase in circulation shown in the October bank statement, the December Commercial Letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce says:—

"The bank statement for October showed a very large increase in deposits and current loans, both of which were the result of preparations for the Victory Loan. There was changes in the demand for currency, and the increase in the amount in circulation since the war began are shown in the diagram below:----

"The top line shows the actual amount of paper currency in the pockets of the people at the end of April and October in each year commencing with 1907, the panic year. It



early in 1914, when bank-notes were still redeemable in gold, there was a marked decline in the volume of currency owing to the depression in business. Later in the year. bank-notes were made legal tender and a decided expansion took place, only to be followed by a sharp contraction caused by the crop failure that year in the west. As the industrial and miliefforts of tary Canada developed, aided by the bountiful harvests of 1915, govvernment credits on a larger scale

will be noted that

a notable increase in circulation of \$10,569,482 as compared with the previous month, and of \$8,879,671 as compared with October, 1918. The highest point reached during the month was \$242,509,573. The October increase is seasonal, but it may be observed that the requirements of the public are steadily increasing from year to year. The regular annual

became necessary, with the result that the seasonal contraction that year was not as marked. Since then, in proportion as government credits increased and prices rose, the demand for currency has also risen. In 1907 the circulation was \$10 per capita, and to-day it is fully three times greater, or about \$30 per capita."



MONTREAL AND TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGES

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poses; \$80,000 6 per cent. 25-instalments, for waterworks. Other bids received were:---

Wood, Gundy and Co	98.63
C. H. Burgess and Co	98.281
Dominion Securities Corp.	98.176
A. E. Ames and Co	98.09
National City Co. Ltd	97.296

Messrs. Housser, Wood and Co. bid on the separate lots as follows: 99 for block No. 1, 94.302 for block No. 2, 95.017 for block No. 3, 94.302 for block No. 4, and 99 for block No. 5. The total issue was for \$562,564.68.

Manitoba.—The province has disposed of an issue of \$4,000,000 6 per cent. 5-year bonds to the Merchants Bank of Canada at \$102.81, which is on a 5.35 per cent. basis. Four bids were received as follows:—

Merchants Bank of Canada 102.81

Continental Commercial Trust Co., Chicago ... 101.29

A. Jarvis and Co., Toronto, Illinois Trust Co., Mer-

chants Loan and Trust Co., First Trust Co. and

Lee, Higginson and Co., all of Chicago 98.38 The Hon. Edward Brown also states that an issue of \$500,000 telephone bonds has also been disposed of.

Saskatchewan.-The following debentures are reported sold by the Local Government Board:-

Schools.—White Cap, \$2,500; Bond and Debenture Corporation, Winnipeg. Dublin, \$1,000, Fransfield, \$2,400, Spion Kop, \$1,400, Woodlawn, \$2,000, Brobizna, \$1,200, Green Mount, \$600; Canada Landed and National Investment, Winnipeg. Jackson, \$900; J. H. Kern, Moose Jaw. Crimea, \$2,900; Great-West Life Assurance Co., Winnipeg. Davidson, \$18,000, Dubuc, \$2,000; Harris, Read and Co., Regina. Suffield, \$3,800, Walhalla, \$4,000, Rereshill, \$3,500, Amherst, \$4,500, Clashmoor, \$3,700; Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina. Black Diamond, \$7,000; T. K. McCallum, Saskatoon; Lac Cheval, \$2,400; Regina Public School Sinking Fund Trustees.

Telephones.—Luseland West, \$7,000, Duval Longlake, \$7,400, Good Luck, \$31,000; W. L. McKinnon and Co., Regina. Turtleford, \$45,000; T. D. Rourke, Regina. Fiske, \$13,500.

Rural Municipalities.—Lakeview, \$11,500; Harris, Read and Company, Regina.

END OF MANY ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL

The agreement of 1919 brought to a conclusion some war-time activities which had extended throughout the year. A large number of orders-in-council of the Dominion government were among these; in fact, only nine now remain, passed under the War Measures Act. These relate to government control of pulp and paper, sugar, coal and wool; orders governing silver coinage and gold export; trading with the enemy and internment of aliens, and the order relating to the War Purchasing Commission.

The business profits war tax also expired at the close of the year. This tax has been applied during four successive years, and has produced the following substantial totals each year:---

	Total
1919-20	(estimated) 30,000,000
1917-18	

An office and warehouse building is being erected by the Windsor Lumber Co. at a cost of \$20,000 on Crawford Avenue, Windsor, Ont.

HURON AND ERIE WINNIPEG PREMISES

The Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation, of London, Ont., have purchased the Northern Crown Bank Building on Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, and will shortly occupy up-todate offices on the ground floor, formerly occupied by the bank.

IMPERIAL TRUSTS DEAL POSTPONED

At the meeting of the shareholders of the Colonial Investment and Loan Co., held in Toronto on December 30th, it was decided to secure further information about the Imperial Trusts Co. before sanctioning the purchase of its stock. Another meeting will be held on January 30th.

TWO MORE BANKS DECLARE BONUS

The Standard Bank of Canada recently announced the distribution of a Christmas bonus to all its employees, amounting to 15 per cent. of the year's salary.

A Christmas bonus has also been granted to the staff of the Dominion Bank, and, in addition, special bonuses to married men. During the present year, outside of increases in salary to all employees, the Dominion Bank has distributed bonuses of 25 per cent. to the junior members of the staff, and 10 to 15 per cent. to the senior members; also extra distributions to married men.

TOO MUCH PUBLIC EXTRAVAGANCE

In a review of the financial situation in Canada during 1919, published in the Halifax Chronicle of January 1st, F B. McCurdy, M.P., criticizes the government financing, and particularly the terms on which the Victory Loan of 1919 was issued. He says the loan was marked by timidity on the part of the government when there need have been no such feeling. He asserts that the people have been expecting the government to lead in the example of thrift and economy, but that these homely virtues have been lacking. As an example of this, he quotes in a Canadian Press dispatch that one department of the government at Ottawa may cost 40 per cent. more to operate this year than last. He says, further, that there has been provincial government speculation in international exchange, and asserts that such governments, for the sake of obtaining slightly higher prices for their bonds floated in Canada, have incurred the obligation of repayment in New York funds.

Mr. McCurdy condemns absolutely the issue of the government bonds this year at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., when towns and municipalities with a much inferior credit were getting their money at a lower rate of interest, often at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This action of the government he ascribes to timidity, and says that its effect has been to make money dearer than it should be for all other borrowers. He expresses the belief that the money could have been obtained at 5 per cent. if municipalities got it at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. He says the borrowing era must come to an end, and that the government should proceed at once to rectify its financial position in the same way as a **private** individual would do who found his expenditures far exceeding his annual income.

Last year the Canada Trust Company, London, Ontario, issued a convenient legal diary. Another one is issued in similar form for 1920, but this year the information included in the volume is more of a business character, and this year's is accordingly called a "Commercial" edition. Figures are included showing the trade of Canada, the income tax rates, succession duty rates, sterling exchange tables, postal rates, etc.

INVESTMENTS AND THE MARKET

Abitibi Paper to Convert Debentures — Imperial Tobacco Profits Lower—C.P.R. Net Earnings Down—Large Surplus for Coniagas Mines

Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co.—A special meeting is called by the Royal Trust Co. for January 12th, 1920, for holders of first and second mortgage bonds for the purpose of considering the interest arrears and to modify the trust deeds.

Canada North-West Land Co., Ltd.—Notice has been given that a distribution on realization of assets No. 13 of \$5 per share has been declared, and that the same is payable on the 18th day of January, 1920, to shareholders of record on the books of the company at the close of business on the 20th day of December, 1919 (fractional shares not included).

Cape Breton Electric Co., Ltd.—The following is the earnings statement of the company for the twelve months ending October 31st, 1919:—

Gross earnings Operating expenses and taxes	Oct. 31, '19. .' \$577,493 . 448,513	Oct. 31,'18. \$501,328 373,764
Net earnings Interest charges	\$128,980 64,377	\$127,563 62,989
Balance (for reserves, replacements and dividends)	\$ 64,602	\$ 64,573

Lake Superior Corporation.—It is stated that a settlement has been reached in regard to the Lake Superior Corporation, and the bondholders of the Algoma Central Railway and of the Algoma Central Terminals. President W. H. Cunningham, on returning to Philadelphia from a meeting of the directors in New York, stated that word had been received from the London committee that the bondholders had accepted the proposal of the Lake Superior Corporation for full settlement and discharge of its guarantee obligations, under the mortgage of both companies. The bonds in the case of the Algoma Central Railway amounted to \$10,080,000, and in the case of the Algoma Central Terminals \$5,000,000.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—The annual report of the company covering the twelve months' period ended September 30th last, shows net profits of \$2,920,719, a decline of almost \$700,000 from the record level of 1918, but nearly \$500,000 over the preceding year. After the payment of the usual dividends on the preferred and ordinary shares, there remained a surplus from the year's operations of \$818,-769, which, added to the previous balance of profit and loss account, brought the latter up to \$2,859,935, after allowance is made for the payment of a final dividend for the current year of 1 per cent. on the ordinary stock. Although bills payable show an increase of \$1,350,000 over the total of a year ago, the position of the company as to working capital shows further strengthening, standing at \$10,141,534, compared with \$9,769,873 at the end of the 1918 period.

Abitibi Power and Paper Co.—Shareholders of the company have received a circular announcing that the 7 per cent. convertible debentures of the company will be retired on April 1, 1920, at 110 and accrued interest. This debenture stock of the company was offered to the public in April, 1918, at 87 and accrued interest, to yield over 8½ per cent., and was nominally due December 1, 1932. The company, however, had the option of retiring the debentures at 110 and accrued interest at any time on or before March 1, 1921, after which they were convertible at the holders' option into common stock at par. The retirement of the debentures will reduce the company's funded debt to \$5,400,700, which, with \$1,000,000 preferred and \$5,000,000 common, represents the outstanding capitalization of the company.

Canadian Pacific Railway.—A decline in net earnings for November of \$548,663, as compared with the same month last year is shown. The following is the statement:—

Gross Expenses	Nov. 1919. \$17,366,849 14,517,040	Nov. 1918. \$15,023,088 11,624,615	Increase. \$2,343,761 2,892,424
Net	\$ 2,849,808	\$ 3,398,473	*\$ 548,663

*Decrease.

The returns for the eleven months showed that operating costs outdistanced the increases in gross earnings. The ratio of working expenses to total receipts in the 1919 period stood at slightly in excess of 84 per cent., compared with 77.6 last year, the actual increase for the eleven months being in excess of \$18,500,000, the total having increased from \$110,095,467 in 1918 to \$128,652,616 in the current year. The net figures of \$31,250,860 are the lowest in any similar period in the past ten years.

Coniagas Mines, Ltd.—The financial report of the company for the year ended October 31, 1919, shows a surplus in the balance sheet of \$2,103,745. Total assets amount to \$6,562,837. Some of the principal items are: Capital assets, \$4,441,788; investments, \$1,592,542; current assets, \$174,611; cash in hand and in bank, \$184,235; current liabilities, \$204, 092; reserve for depreciation, \$255,000. The profit and loss account shows profit of \$645,352.

The average price realized for silver sold during the year was \$1.06 per ounce, as compared with 94¼ cents per ounce for the previous year. The output of silver was 940,267 ounces, compared with 954,264 ounces in the year preceding. The combined sales of ore from the mine at Cobalt and the production of reduction at the plant at Thorold aggregated \$3,574,456.

During the year three dividends of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. each or a total of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., were declared making a total distribution to shareholders to date of \$9,640,000, of which \$7,800,000 or 190 per cent. of capital, was paid as dividends, and \$2,040,000, or 50 per cent. of the capital as bonuses. No work has been done on the Porcupine property during the year.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Quotations furnished to The Monetary Times by A. J. Pattison, Jr., & Co., Toronto,

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Ames-Holden Tirecom.	40		Cockshutt Plow pref.	65	73.50	Imperial Oil	139	150	Ontario Pulp6's	106.50	
Amer. Sales Book pref.	40	75	Col'gwood Shipb'dg com.			Inter. Millingpref.		95	Robert Simpson, pref.		82
Belding Paulcom.	56.25	61	Grown Life 6's	93	97	King Edward Hotel.com.	69	75	Rosedale Golf	360	
	88	92	Crown Life	70	1	Kipawa Papercom.	52.50		South Can. Powercom.	20	23.50
Black Lake Bonds	30	35	Davies, William6's	98	102.50	Lambton Golf	420		Sterling Bank	100	109
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DIVIDENDS AND NOTICES

DOMINION TEXTILE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND

A dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. (134 %) on the Preferred Stock of the Dominion Textile Company, Limited, has been declared for the quarter ending 31st December, 1919, payable January 15th, 1920, to shareholders of record December 31st, 1919.

By Order of the Board.

JAS. H. WEBB, Secretary-Treasurer. Montreal, 15th December, 1919. 19

CANADIAN CAR AND FOUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one and threequarters per cent. (134%) . on the Paid-up Preference Stock of the Company for the quarter ending December 31st, 1919, has been declared payable on the 10th day of January, 1920, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the 26th day of December, 1919.

By Order of the Board.

A. C. BOURNE, Secretary.

PENMANS, LIMITED

Montreal, December 18th, 1919.

DIVIDEND NOTICE

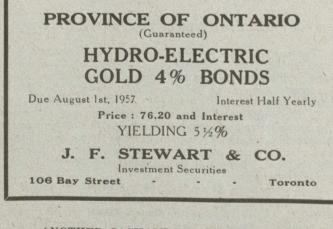
Notice is hereby given that the following dividends have been declared this day for the quarter ending January 31st, 1920: One and one-half per cent. (11/2%) on the Preferred Stock, payable on the 2nd day of February to shareholders of record of the 21st day of January, 1920, and one and three-quarters per cent. (1%%) on the Common Stock, payable on the 16th day of February to shareholders of record of the 5th day of February, 1920.

By Order of the Board.

C. B. ROBINSON,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, Que., December 17th, 1919. 46



ANOTHER CASUALTY COMPANY COMING

The Continental Casualty Co., of Chicago, will shortly apply for a license to write all casualty insurance lines throughout the Dominion.

DEBENTURES FOR SALE

CITY OF EDMONTON. ALTA.

Notice is hereby given that in view of the adverse financial market conditions, the city will not exercise its option as stated in a former notice to take up the following debentures:---

Issue	d Under			Next Interest
By-	Law.	Series.	Maturity.	Due Date.
683		A	July 1, 1920	Jan. 1st, 1920
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F. BARNHOUSE,

City Treasurer.

TENDERS FOR \$6,000.00 DEBENTURES

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to January 15th, 1920, for the purchase of \$6,000.00 Debentures of the Town of Nanton.

Said Debentures bearing 6½ per cent. interest payable in ten equal annual instalments of principal and interest. WM, ROBERTSON,

Town of Nanton, Alberta. Secretary-Treasurer.

TOWN OF RIVERS, MAN.

DEBENTURES FOR SALE

Nine thousand dollars of Electric Light Debentures, bearing interest at 6%. Total amount, including interest, to be paid by twenty equal annual instalments. Interest and principal instalments due and payable on the first day of August each year. Debentures are dated August 1st, 1919. Tenders will be received up to January 21st, 1920.

> E. J. FORMAN. Secretary-Treasurer, Town of Rivers.

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RECENT FIRES

Succession of Fires, Involving Heavy Losses, Continues-Beamsville, Ont.; Chambly Canton, Que.; Fairview, N.S.;

Fredericton, N.B.; Moncton, N.B.; St. John, N.B., and Woodstock, Ont., Suffered

Arborfield, Sask.—December 9—The rectory, close to the Catholic church, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$2,500. Insurance carried, \$800.

Athens, Ont.—December 28—Three buildings were destroyed, viz.: a three-story frame structure, owned by R. N. Dowsley and leased to the mission; the second was occupied by Geo. Flood, tinsmith; the third was also a frame building, owned by Miss Maud Addison, fruit and confectionery. Cause unknown. Insurance carried on the last-mentioned.

Beamsville, Ont.—December 29—The Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway barns, with three cars, were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$40,000.

Chambly Canton, Que.—December 24—Two buildings belonging to the Bennett Company, used for the manufacture of artificial leather, were damaged. Estimated loss, \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

Fairview, N.S.—December 24—Warehouses of the Canadian Oil Co., with three cars of paint and ten cars of oil, were destroyed. Two gasoline tanks were damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$100,000. Insurance carried, \$50,000.

Fredericton, N.B.—December 28—Gem Theatre, situated at the corner of Carleton and King Streets, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$25,000.

London, Ont.—December 27—Residence of Mrs. John Friend, 772 Colborne Street, was damaged. Cause, defective fireplace. Estimated loss, \$1,500.

Moncton, N.B.—December 25—Building of the Moncton Tramway, Electric and Gas Co.'s car barn, machine shop and a street car and sweeper were destroyed. Cause unknown. One death. Estimated loss, \$50,000. Insurance carried in the following companies: British American, North British and Mercantile Co. and the Fidelity Co.

Montreal, Que.—December 25—A shed at 15 Woodstock Street and a four-tenement house, occupied by W. Delphito and P. T. Hobin, were damaged. Cause, thought to have originated through hot cinders in the shed. Estimated loss, \$500.

Newcastle, N.B.—December 26—Building owned and occupied by P. J. McEvoy, liquor vendor, was destroyed. Insurance carried, \$3,500, covering the loss. Another building, owned by Dr. F. J. Desmond and occupied by R. M. Fandel, dry goods, with contents, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$6,000. Insurance carried, \$5,000.

Port Arthur, Ont.—December 26—The woodwork and interior of the big steel tug, "A. Conmee," was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$25,000.

Quebec, Que.—December 25—Building of the Quebec Abattoir Co., situated in the Limoilou Ward, at the northern limits of the city, was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$2,500, covered by insurance.

Russell, Man.—December 25—Queen's livery stables were destroyed.

St. John, N.B.—December 30—Building occupied by J. Marcus and Sons, furniture dealers, owned by Roger Owen, of the Union Assurance Co., England, and the American Cloak Manufacturing Co., owned by S. K. Cohen, and John Coffees, electrician, was damaged. Estimated loss, \$50,000, with little insurance.

St. Sauveur, Que.—December 26—The establishment of Myrand and Labrecque, located at 25 Renaud. Avenue, was damaged. Cause unknown.

Toronto, Ont.—December 25—A large three-story building at 346 Spadina Avenue, occupied by Miss Bernice and owned by Albert Ogden, was damaged. Cause, defective grate. Estimated loss, \$1,000. December 26—Building of the Ideal Shoe Store, situated at 204 Queen Street East, was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$3,500, fully covered by insurance.

December 29—Building at 452 Bloor Street West, was damaged. Cause, overheated stove. Estimated loss, \$750.

December 30—Six houses at Treford Place were damaged. Cause, defective stove. Estimated loss, \$1,600.

Victoria, B.C.—December 21—Building of J. M. Nagano and Co., Japanese fancy goods store, 1501 Government Street, was damaged. Cause, overheated chimney flue. Estimated loss, \$4,000. No insurance carried.

Woodstock, Ont.—December 27—Main mill of McKinney Lumber Co. was destroyed. Damage was done to much valuable machinery. Cause, sparks from boiler. Estimated loss. \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Brown's Flats, N.B.—December 10—Residence of Mr. William Thorpe, with contents, was destroyed. Cause, defec tive chimney. Estimated loss, \$3,000. No insurance carried.

Edmonton, Alta.—December 2—Residence of A. R. Wilson, 10942 90th Avenue, was damaged. Cause, overheated stovepipe. Estimated loss, \$2,010.60. Insurance carried, \$3,000.

Halifax, N.S.— December 14 — Building occupied by Messrs. George and Clifford Ramey, manufacturers of mineral waters, was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss. \$5,000. No insurance carried.

Montreal, Que.—Up to December 27th the Montreal fire brigade responded to 3,345 alarms, including 23 second alarms, one third alarm and one general alarm. Nineteen persons perished in the various fires, the most disastrous being that of the Dominion Park, August 10th, where the toll of death was eight.

Sarnia, Ont.—December 15—Building and machinery of the Asbestos Covered Metal Corporation were damaged. Cause, igniting of material used in coating. Estimated loss, \$21,000. Insurance carried in H. H. Robertson Co., Ltd.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—The fire loss for the year 1919 is \$150,000 less this year than during 1918, the losses this year amounting to only \$65,000.

St. Catharines, Ont.—December 21—Factory of the Dominion Electric Co. at 181 Church Street was damaged. Estimated loss, \$5,200. Insurance carried, \$3,300. An adjoining house of Mr. Kelly was also damaged. Estimated loss, \$1,-392. Insurance carried, \$3,000.

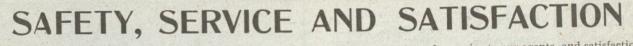
Victoria, B.C.—December 10—Lumber mill, with an adjoining dry-kiln, belonging to Moore and Whittingdon, was destroyed. Cause, overheated bearing. Estimated loss, \$45.-000. Insurance carried, \$24,000.

TORONTO SECURES TWENTY-FIVE NEW INDUSTRIES

The annual report of the Industrial Department of Toronto, for 1919, will disclose many interesting facts when issued. Since March last there have been no fewer than 25 industries brought to the city entirely through the efforts of the department.

In the majority of cases these industries are branches of parent industries in operation across the line. This means that instead of sending Canadian money to the United States, thereby still further affecting the balance of trade, practically the same goods will be manufactured in Canada, by Canadian workmen.

In one instance alone, that of the establishment of a firm manufacturing musical instruments, from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 will be retained in Canada that was formerly sent across the line. Another firm, manufacturing fire extinguishers, has a capital of over \$500,000, to establish its Canadian branch. These are only two of the 25 concerns which have been brought to Toronto through the activity of the industrial department.



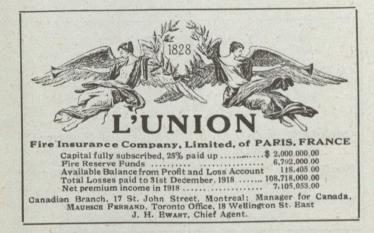
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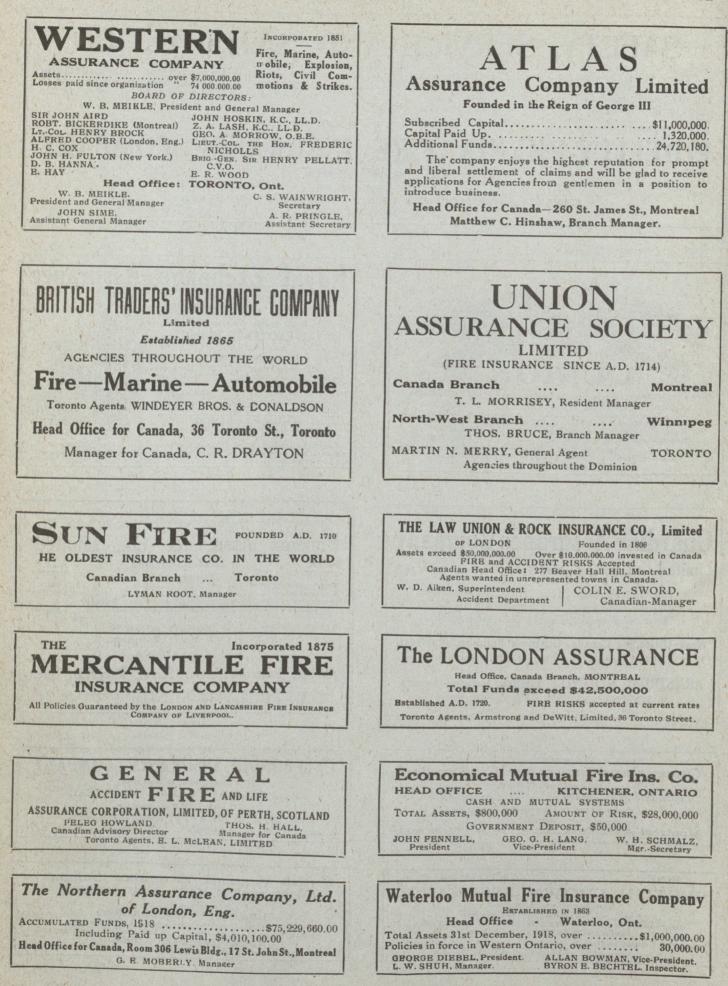
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