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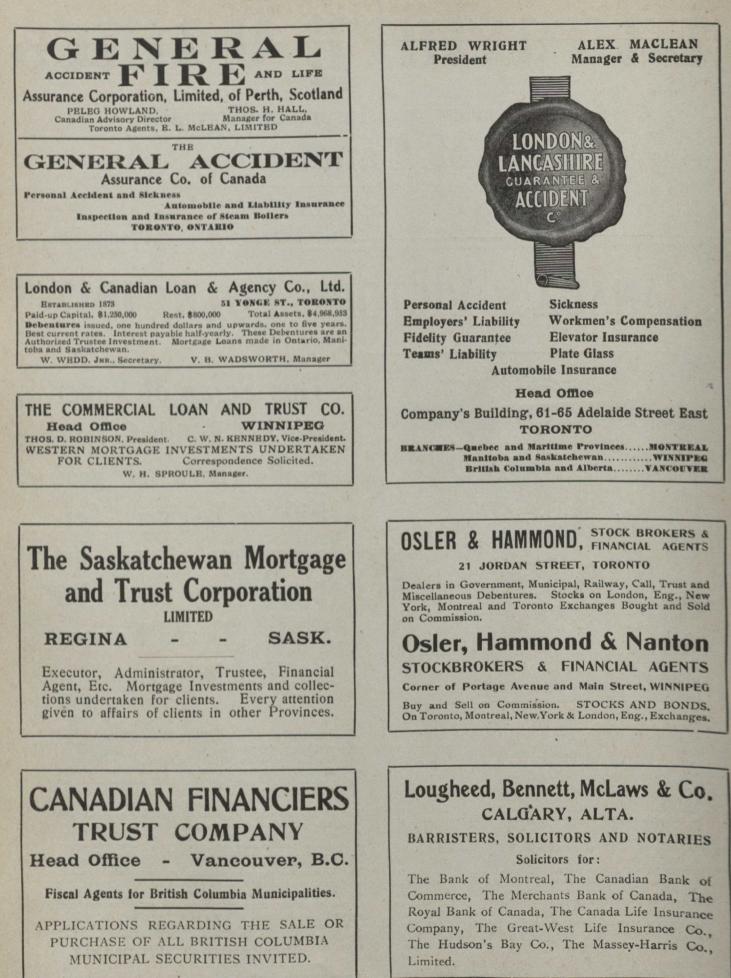
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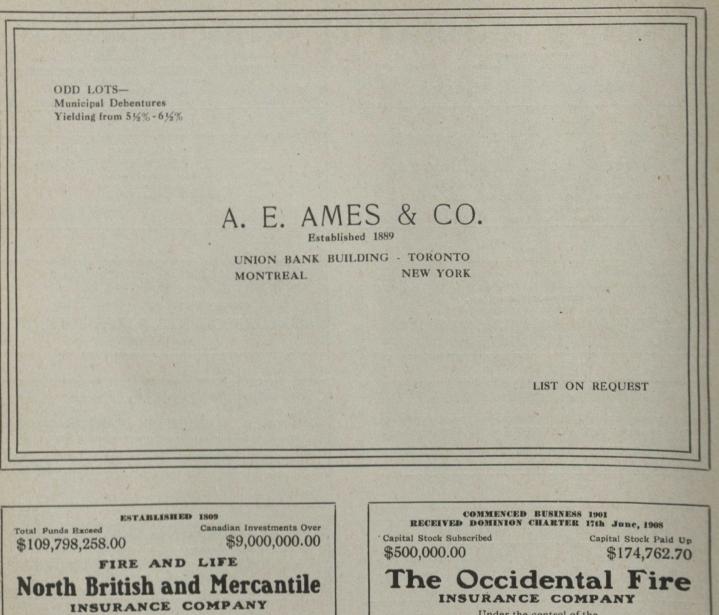
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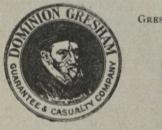
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Canada's Economic Future After the War

A^{LL} Nations Will Undergo Economic Struggle—Extension of the Canadian Preferential Tariff System Advocated—League of Nations May Be Constituted to Promote Free Intercourse Between Countries —Professor W. W. Swanson's Views of the War After the War.

THE war has profoundly affected the economic life of every nation in the world, and all signs point to an economic struggle for world supremacy at the termination of hostilities, such as has never before been known. It will be well, therefore, before discussing the economic outlook in Canada to consider the various methods used by the Great Powers to safeguard and strengthen their industrial and commercial interests. This is essential in view of the fact that during the course of the struggle economic instruments have been hammered out that will have a potent effect in controlling and conserving trade at the close of the war. Moreover, these instruments and methods so intimately touch the economic life of Canada and the United States that it is of imperative importance that they be thoroughly examined and appraised in order that measures may be adopted to cope with them effectively, by those who guide the economic life of America." This is the view expressed by Professor W. W. Swanson, Department of Political Economy, University of Saskatchewan, in an interesting article in the quarterly supplement of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, New York.

"It is possible that a League of Nations may be constituted at the termination of hostilities, to bring about some measure of harmony in the economic as well as in the political affairs of the world. If, however, the present alliance of the Western Powers, including the United States, falls apart, bitter trade wars in the future will be inevitable. We shall then return to a condition even worse than that existing before August, 1914, inasmuch as the balance-of-power idea will be superseded by a struggle for individual, national supremacy. It will again be a case of the survival of the fittest; and the struggle for economic as well as political supremacy will be more severe than anything hitherto experienced in the world. It goes without saying that Canada and the United States are equally interested in promoting free intercourse among the nations. Canada's economic life will lack any semblance of stability unless the agricultural products of the nation find a market abroad; and it is equally true that permanent prosperity in the United States depends in very great measure upon the maintenance of its foreign trade. Sane observers hope, therefore, that the peace that terminates the present war will be a real peace as well as a lasting one.

"It is not necessary to emphasize the fact that trade benefits both buyers and sellers alike—that the one class

does not, and cannot, gain permanently at the expense of the other. Should the economic programme adopted by the Allies at Paris in the spring of 1915, be actually put into practice, it would be a calamity not only to our present enemies but to the Entente Powers and the United States as well. Everything, therefore, depends upon the nature of the peace that shall be proclaimed. If the leaders of liberal thought and action in Germany should win in the struggle with the forces of reaction, it is not conceivable that the dream of the military caste, who hope to establish political and economic hegemony from the North Sea to the Persian Gulf, will ever become a reality. With the failure of such aspirations, it is safe to predict that the close of this colossal struggle will open up commercial and industrial opportunities to nations enterprising enough to take advantage of them, such as have never been known before. Although the present outlook is dark, nevertheless, it is to be hoped that there will be no war after the war.

"The war has introduced many novel and exceedingly efficient economic methods and practices. In former trade struggles to secure commercial advantages and a place in the sun, each of the old weapons-bounties, subsidized exports, preferential duties and Imperial tariffswas effective in its own way, and all of them wrought economic changes of considerable magnitude. German export bounties on sugar, for example, destroyed the value of sugar plantations in the British West Indies and in South America; and preferential duties constituted a favorite weapon in the hands of almost every European Power when seeking trade advantages. At the close of the Russo-Japanese war, Germany, by rattling the sword in its scabbard, was able to extort from Russia many heavy tariff concessions. All these methods, however, appear crude and clumsy in the light of developments since the outbreak of the present struggle. Perhaps the most efficient of these new economic weapons is the export monopoly.

"A nation can draw wealth from foreign countries, by making use of the export monopoly, whether the monopoly is one that controls the supply of copper, coal, rubber, cotton, wool, tobacco, potash or what not. It is well known, for example, that a British corporation, working in conjunction with large American interests, has been able to determine tobacco prices in Virginia and other tobacco-growing states. It will thus be seen that international trusts and combines, under the development of this scheme, may be able to get substantial control of the supply of basic products and thus determine their prices.

"It can readily be seen that export monopolies may be used, not only to tax foreign countries, but also to destroy important industries. This may be done by withholding, or materially reducing, supplies for the export trade. Germany has the cheapest and most extensive deposits of potash salts, essential to agriculture in almost every modern agricultural nation. Her coal supplies are imperatively necessary for the industrial needs of Russia, Sweden and the Scandinavian countries in general. The United Kingdom, either through its own resources, or those of its colonies, controls the supply of coal, wool, rubber and many tropical products. The United States holds a dominating position in cotton, copper and oil; Russia holds the same position with regard to grain for European markets. It may be seen at a glance that the Great Powers will be hard hit in any commercial war in which use is made of this weapon. To the small States it virtually means economic extinction.

"All the belligerents during the course of the war have been compelled to exercise strict supervision and control of importations. Already Germany has formulated a plan whereby, at the close of the struggle, its mercantile marine will come under the direct control of the State, and be subsidized heavily by government bounties. This is only a preliminary step in the direction of State socialism in Germany-an economic programme that seems to have been definitely determined upon in that country when hostilities shall have ceased. In any event it seems certain that there will be an intense struggle between the greater European Powers to get control of adequate supplies of the necessaries of life, and the raw materials of industry. Since the outbreak of war the United Kingdom has set up machinery under which imports are controlled by an import board; and even supplies forwarded to neutral European nations are regulated in amount, and final place of sale, by British officials. Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden have entered into arrangements with the United Kingdom under which they have set up import boards that work under agreement with the British government. It is scarcely conceivable that these novel, and highly efficient economic instruments, will be discarded at the close of the war. Rather, we may look forward to an era of commercial competition in which import boards will control national imports of copper, coal, steel, cotton, wool, oils, tobacco and a bewildering variety of other commodities used as the raw material for domestic industry. This has an important bearing upon the future economic development of Canada and the United States. It will seriously affect the agricultural interests of this continent, inasmuch as it may be expected that cereals, meats, cotton and wool will be imported by vast purchasing trusts in Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Import Board an Economic Necessity.

"One can easily see that a great national purchasing trust will control a vast body of demand, and hence will have much to say in determining prices. An import board may be used effectively to gain concessions from foreign countries, especially as the various boards that have been constituted since the outbreak of war are made up of business men, rather than bureaucrats. The manner in which the railways of the United Kingdom have been operated during the war by a central railway committee, shows what can be done along these lines when custom and routine are ignored, red tape thrown on the scrap heap, and business administration placed in the hands of competent business men. And as a corollary, it may be shown that taxes can be so imposed, under the advice and direction of import boards, as to destroy foreign industries and force other states into a position of economic dependence. It is readily granted that, from the point of view of international wealth and wellbeing, this entire programme is pernicious; but it will be put into effect nevertheless if the terms of peace are not so drawn up as to preclude the possibility of another struggle for world supremacy within a generation.

"The trend of developments, as outlined above, has been keenly observed by business men both in Canada and the United States; and already measures are under way to safeguard the economic interests of this continent. For the present, however, we shall confine ourselves to a brief study of the methods advocated to strengthen and expand the industry and commerce of the Dominion.

"Concerning the economic policy that may be expected to produce the greatest results for the welfare of the nation, there is a sharp contrast between the views of the great agricultural interests of Western Canada and of the financial and manufacturing elements whose stronghold is in the east. Western Canada, naturally enough, has been profoundly influenced in its economic thinking by the radical elements-and especially by the Non-partisan League-in the American West. As yet, however, no progress has been made among the farmers of Canada in carrying through, or even definitely formulating, a similar political programme. The prairie provinces are still divided on the old party lines with the radical elements in the Liberal party in the ascendancy. As one might expect, Western radicals, who are everywhere dominant, strongly support a peace which will establish an era of international goodwill, and are unalterably opposed to future trade wars. It is easy to understand how this should be, in view of the fact that the products of Western farms are marketed almost entirely in Europe, heavy exports going to Germany as well as to the Entente Powers.

Result of Recent Convention.

"The West relies upon domestic reforms and revitalized industry rather than upon tariffs and economic agreements for permanent prosperity. Just what it demands is seen from a glance at the programme drawn up and adopted by the Liberal party at its recent convention held in the city of Winnipeg. The delegates-some eight hundred in number-demanded an immediate, material reduction in the tariff on all British goods; and free trade between the United States and Canada in all foodstuffs and articles in general use on the farm, especially agricultural machinery. The convention favored a federal income tax and a heavily graduated federal inheritance tax. It demanded that the government take over immediately, and operate in the interests of the people, all the railways, telegraph and express companies in the country. delegates voted in favor of placing all the natural resources of the prairie provinces, now under federal control, in the hands of the various provincial governments, to the end that these might be developed and used in meeting interest and principal upon the war debt. It was insisted, further, that the banking system of the nation be revised in such a way that agricultural credit might be made available to meet the needs of farmers everywhere. It was demanded that combines in restraint of trade be broken up; and that the cold storage plants of the country be placed under public ownership and operation.

"Part of this programme has already been carried out by the federal government. The Dominion has recently imposed a sharply graduated federal income tax, and has announced its intention of securing five-sixths of the \$60,000,000 common stock of the Canadian Northern Railway still remaining in the hands of private interests. It will be recalled that the Dominion has for several years been a junior partner in this enterprise, having secured \$40,000,000 of the common stock in return for cash grants to the railroad.

Conscription of Wealth.

"As might be expected, the manufacturers, the banks and the big commercial institutions protest against the carrying out of much of this programme. They point out that Canada's national debt now approximates \$1,000,-000,000-a huge debt for a people with a population only a little in excess of 7,000,000. It is true that the natural resources of the Dominion are amazing, both in their extent and in their richness, but capital is imperatively necessary for their development. Not less than \$3,000,-000,000 has been invested in Canada by the United Kingdom and the United States, the interest and principal of which must be met by productive enterprise. The capitalist maintains that capital has already been sufficiently taxed under the excess profits tax; and that it will be fatal to the future prosperity of the nation to serve notice on foreign investors that capital is to be discriminated against in favor of labor and of the agricultural class. Leaders of finance and industry protest that this is class legislation, and that it virtually amounts to what the radicals have been demanding-conscription of wealth. The phrase, "conscription of wealth," so generally and so vaguely used, means simply the conscription of income and nothing more. In that particular the leaders of Canadian industry and finance are quite correct when they criticize the various taxes that have been imposed as confiscatory in nature. But to this the radicals of the country reply that the term does not frighten them; that the war must be financed either out of income or by borrowing, and that the former is the right financial practice.

Heavy Taxation Unjustified.

"It will be seen, therefore, that the same arguments are advanced in the United States as in Canada against heavy taxation of corporate and personal incomes during the course of the war. Western radicals reply to the above somewhat as follows: Objections to heavy war

PENSION RECULATIONS AMENDED

Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, this week announced increases in soldiers' pensions. He stated that the pension regulations applying to members of the Canadian expeditionary forces had been amended by an order-in-council approved by his excellency the governor-general. The amendments provide for an increase in pensions and allowances to, and in respect of, soldiers and sailors holding the lower ranks up to and including the rank of sub-lieutenant in the Canadian navy and lieutenant in the Canadian expeditionary forces. In his official statement he said in part:--

"The most important changes provide for increases in pensions and allowances. These changes will be considered as having come into force on the first day of April, 1917, and in this way all pensioners will be entitled to an extra cheque covering the difference between the pension paid since April 1st and the date on which the adjustment is made.

April 1st and the date on which the adjustment is made. "The changes will affect the pensions of soldiers and sailors, and their children, their orphan children, their widows and children, their dependent parents, and their younger brothers and sisters. The total increase in the taxation implies distrust of the spirit and staying powers of the common people as well as of the rich-a distrust entirely unjustified in view of the immense effort put forth by the United Kingdom and France in financing the war. The fact that 420,000 men have freely volunteered in Canada to fight the battle of democracy in Europe shows that the common people will stand want and deprivation, inasmuch as they are willing to sacrifice comforts and luxuries, and even life itself, in the struggle for freedom. Western radicals assert that the average man will not protest against heavy taxation, laid upon consumption, provided that war-born industries share their profits with the government to meet the requirements of war. They further contend that few new industries are launched in war time, and that the capital fund will be quite great enough to take care of replacements and betterments, as well as of essential new equipment.

"The counter proposals of the business interests, and notably of the manufacturers, of Canada," said Mr. Swanson in conclusion, "may be briefly set forth. They look forward to the organization of the Empire along Imperial lines, both for political and economic purposes, at the close of hostilities. They advocate the extension of the Canadian preferential tariff system, under which the United Kingdom will afford a free market, or preferential treatment, for Canadian agricultural and manufactured products in return for similar concessions by the Dominion. It is hoped and believed that the programme adopted by the Allies 'at Paris in 1915 will be put into effect; and that under its terms Canadian products will receive preferential treatment in France, Italy and Russia. It is expected that the United States will also enter this economic alliance. Thus the conservative and financial elements in Canada's public life would depend mainly upon the tariff as an instrument for stimulating trade and commerce, and for finding the funds to take care of the principal and interest of the war debt. Under the stimulus of a protective tariff it is hoped that capital will be attracted from abroad for the exploitation and development of the natural resources of the country.

"In addition, the manufacturers support the project of establishing a Canadian trade corporation, or great financial bank, for supporting and increasing the foreign trade of the country at the close of the war. This corporation would be modeled along the lines of the British trade corporation; and would gather data upon trade opportunities everywhere throughout the world, as well as establish agents abroad for the promotion of Canada's trade."

amount payable by Canada for pensions and allowances will be approximately 40 per cent. At the present time the annual expenditure involved is about five million dollars a year. With the increases now authorized Canada's outlay for pensions will be over seven million dollars during the fiscal year.

"A second change provides that disabilities shall be divided into twenty classes instead of six classes. In the future disabled men will be certain to receive a pension based directly on the percentage of the disability which they suffer.

. "A third is the authorization of an annual allowance for a married, disabled pensioner. Up to the present time the unmarried man received the same pension for disability as the married man."

The Canadian Export Paper Company, which has been in charge of the export of Laurentide, Abitibi and other mills and has dealt only in newsprint and pulp, has taken the agency of a number of other paper mills in Canada, such as the Provincial Paper Mills and the Howard Smith Paper Mills, makers of book and writing papers, of medium and fine grades, and will push these in connection with the sale of the other two lines.

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OUR VICTORY LOAN: \$150,000,000 Loan Should Be Twice Subscribed

"THE reason that a very large sum of money is needed in Canada is that we must do our share in carrying on the war and financing our own commerce, and that there is no other country under the sun but Canada to which we may at present look for our requirements." This statement was made by Mr. A. E. Ames, chairman of the Dominion executive of the Victory War Loan campaign, in an address to the Toronto Insurance Institute. "Great Britain had



SIR THOMAS WHITE Canada's Finance Minister, who will appeal next month for a War Loan of at least \$150,000,000

borrowed tremendous sums from her own people for war financing. She has had not only her own enormous expense for maintenance of the army and navy, but has had to make en-ormous loans to her allies. In ad-dition to what she has borrowed from own people, her the exigencies of war have been such that she has had to borrow on a huge scale in the United States-that country having agreed to loan to Great Britain and its overseas allies a total of \$3,000,000,-000 under stipulation that the money must be spent in the United States. To make this loan and to provide for her own heavy expenditures on her

menth for a War Loan of at least \$150,000,000 her own heavy expenditures on her army and navy, (including, of course, munitions and supplies), the United States is testing her own financial resources to the straining point; though, fortunately for civilization, the United States had become so rich during the last few years that her pockets are well filled. But although Canada has borrowed from the Americans, as before indicated, that borrowing market is shut to us entirely for an indefinite

period. "Canada, therefore, cannot, if she would still wish to, hold longer to the financial coat tails of any other nation, and must instead do her own financing. If we were not in a position to do this the future would look very black for us. In the midst of the gloom which the war has cast about us there is, however, one most satisfactory condition, namely, that Canada is richer, not only in her standing because of the vital help which her soldiers have rendered in the fighting, but is richer in material possessions.

"Her experience in this regard has falsified all prophecies made before the war. At that period it would have been incredible and was undreamed of that, after three years of war, deposits in the banks would be \$450,000,000 more than before the war commenced, and that during that time Canadians would have absorbed in addition, \$300,000,000 of Dominion government securities, and that, despite the fact of the government having borrowed such enormous sums of money, the wealth of the country has become so much greater that Canadians, as a whole, have a bigger surplus over their debts than ever before.

"It is seen, therefore, that we need to get the money in Canada because we have nowhere else to get it, and that it is needed for our expenditures in connection with the war and for giving credits to Great Britain for the buying of our grain and dairy products and other foodstuffs. The question of exchange is more or less complicated, and it may be sufficient if it is mentioned only that there is no question but that Great Britain cannot continue to buy from Canada, practically except as we arrange that she buy from us on credit; that is to say, Canada as a whole will have to furnish the money with which Great Britain can buy goods from our farmers and our manufacturers.

"Business in Canada prior to the opening of the war was very dull, and we should have had a very serious business depression following upon the stunning influence of war if there had not been placed in Canada a volume of war orders running into many millions.

"It is stated that the volume of war orders placed in

Canada by Great Britain and the allies, of which, of course, the bulk has been by Great was over Britain, one billion dollars up to the end of last year, and will exceed one billion five hundred million dollars by the end of this year. It will be readily under-stood that the scale of expenditure by Britain and Great the allies is greater than ever, and, so far as Canada's commercial interest in that phase is concerned, we have only ourselves to look to to ensure that the great business activity that has prevailed during the last two years throughout Canada shall not be brought to a sudden halt, thereby dislocating all industries and

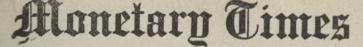


MR. A. E. AMES Chairman, Dominion Executive Committee, of the Victory Loan Campaign

creating at once a condition of stagnation and distress. "The necessity of procuring a very large sum of money for the Dominion government should, therefore, be apparent to every class of the community—the farmer, to whom outside world prices for his crop would be of no interest if money were not available to finance the purchase of it; he would be in the same position in that regard as the Russian farmer with plenty of wheat but with no means of access to the world's markets, and to the Argentina farmer whose price for grain is so very much lower than that on the Northern Atlantic, because of the scarcity of ships and the prohibitive freight charge for any produce with a long carry. The necessity for raising a great loan should be clear, also, to the manufacturer and every other class in Canada, because of the reasons previously stated or inferred. Heretofore producers have not had to consider world finance in marketing. The thing has been done for them. Whether it was done in normal times by magic or otherwise did not occur to them. In this period of crisis, the problem of how our produce and manufactures can be financed should become our personal concern

times by magic of otherwise did not occur to the finate in this period of crisis, the problem of how our produce and manufactures can be financed should become our personal concern. "The finance minister has had from time to time to borrow, temporarily, from the Canadian banks many millions of dollars. These advances he has, so far, been able to repay from time to time through proceeds of loans and through revenues. The finance department now owes a very large sum to the banks, and it is necessary that the Loan provide, not simply sufficient to pay for costs of the war and for credits for Great Britain for purchasing our produce and munitions, but, also, to pay off the Canadian banks. The finance department must keep itself sound with the Canadian banks, so that it can rightly ask and require from them temporary advances in very large amounts, to be again recouped them out of potential prospectus, should be raised, it is also most important that, while the Dominion-wide organization which is looking after the Loan is in being, the utmost effort should be made to supply the government with a full \$300,000,000," One Year

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Since the commencement of war between the United States and Germany, there has been a heavy depreciation in the quoted values of securities generally, including those of the highest grade which have heretofore found a ready market in competition with government issues. In many cases prices have shrunk to figures which are manifestly far below the prices which would prevail under any normal conditions. This shrinkage or marking down of values is partly due to the efforts of investors to sell other high-class securities for reinvestment in government bonds.

In view of all conditions, the United States Comptroller of the Currency has instructed national bank examiners that they need not at this time require national banks holding high-grade bonds of unquestioned intrinsic value and merit to charge such investments down to present abnormal figures; but an intelligent and conservative discretion will be exercised as to the prices at which national banks can safely and reasonably be permitted to carry such high-class securities, and as to what proportion of the depreciation should be charged off in any six months period. After the outbreak of the European war in 1914, the Comptroller of the Currency instructed national bank examiners that national banks need not be required to charge down the values of their high-grade bonds to meet the abnormal and sacrifice quotations which for a while were being made on the outside markets (the stock exchanges being closed) on securities which at that time were being thrown overboard regardless of real worth.

That office also endeavored to prevent the sacrifice by national banks, while the exchanges were closed and there was no general market for securities, of bonds and shares held as collateral for customers' loans.

The policy pursued proved fortunate at that time. After the first pressure was over and money conditions

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relaxed, the security market was re-established; the grave losses which were threatened by the temporary shrinkage in values were averted, and borrowers from banks were enabled to meet their obligations without the sacrifice of their collateral.

ECONOMY, CREDITS, PROSPERITY

The minister of finance announced last week that the financing of the exportable surplus of the Canadian wheat crop of this year has been satisfactorily arranged. This announcement follows the conference recently held at Ottawa between Lord Reading, representing the Imperial government, the Dominion government and the executive officers of the Canadian Bankers' Association. Since this conference the matter has been under further negotiation with Lord Reading through the minister of finance, resulting in the official statement noted above.

The amount involved is over \$350,000,000 and the satisfactory arrangement which has been made for its financing is of great importance to the western farmer who is thus assured of the price fixed for his grain. The transaction will also be of advantage to the whole of Canada because of its relation to general business conditions throughout the entire Dominion.

The Monetary Times understands that credits of \$100,000,000 have been arranged by the Dominion government for wheat purchases by Great Britain to the end. of the current year. Further advances will be made later.

Such transactions depend entirely upon our ability to finance them. Great Britain has purchased \$925,000,000 of munitions in this country since the war started. At the end of the year, the total will be \$1,000,000,000. In addition, she is buying ships, flour, oats, cheese, wheat, sugar, hay, cotton and woollen goods, leather and rubber goods, iron and steel manufactures, and so on, for war

purposes. She is spending more than \$2,000,000 with us daily. We must help to finance these purchases, otherwise they will cease. If this vast buying movement ceases, our prosperity will be immediately halted. In war time, our industrial and agricultural activities depend on war orders. Canada's Victory Loan, to be issued next month, must be heavily oversubscribed in order to help finance our share of the war and to establish credits here for Great Britain.

BONDS AS BUSINESS INSURANCE

Among large and long-established business firms there come times when credit is necessary but difficult to obtain. Even with the best sort of management, the small organization has greater difficulty in meeting these periods of business depression than the larger ones, though to both the task of borrowing money or getting credit during a slack time presents a cause of worry if it does not quite result in a failure.

Real estate can be mortgaged, chattel mortgages can be placed on store or factory furnishings and machinery. Money can be borrowed on stock on hand. Though helpful, all of these methods take time and are costly because all of them involve legal services of some sort and by none of them can the merchant ever get over 75 per cent. of the full value of the collateral he puts up. Often he gets less than 75 per cent.

There is one sort of collateral on which a man can always borrow from his bank, and that is sound bonds. Government, municipal, railroad, public utility, and industrial bonds, if they are high-grade issues, are always taken by banks for from 80 to 90 per cent. of their value.

Of all classes of bonds, Canadian government issues have the highest rating. Backed by a nation which has never repudiated a debt since its organization in 1867, a nation with excellent prospects and vast undeveloped resources, these bonds are the best investment ever offered.

The merchant who buys Canadian Victory Loan bonds is taking out business insurance. He is insuring against future periods of depression. Slack times do not cause the alarm in a business concern which has a safetydeposit box well filled with sound bonds that it causes to the man who boasts that he puts all his funds back into his business. A man may make 8, 10, or more per cent. on the money he invests in his business and then lose it all because he did not have the foresight to take less income on a part of his capital in order to insure his business against future needs.

The war bonds being issued by the Canadian government meet the needs of the man investing for business

MINING CORPORATION OF CANADA

A net profit of \$1,850,831.15 is reported by the Mining Corporation of Canada, Limited in its annual report. Of this total \$570,625 was paid in dividends and \$1,-280,206.55 was carried to surplus. A comparative statement of liquid assets shows a decided improvement in that respect. The following figures represent those totalled respectively on December 31, 1916, and on September 9, 1917: Cash in banks, \$846,367.70, \$1,338,117.78; ore in transit, on hand, moneys due by smelters, accounts receivable, \$804,512.10, \$1,214,-853.27; British, Canadian and French war loans, \$943,943.41, \$1,037,623.26; call and demand loans on bonds and stocks, \$60,637.80, \$103.065.52; profit and loss account, \$2,447,-582.65, \$3.519,768.15. In addition to the surplus shown by the profit and loss account as at September 9, 1917, two dividends and bonuses, totalling \$933,778.12, have been paid The merchant buying these bonds can do it without financially crippling himself in the least. Payment of these bonds can be made in instalments over several months. By taking a certain percentage of his profits each week to invest thus in Canada's Victory Loan bonds the effect upon his business is beneficial rather than detrimental.

Aside from the patriotic motives that will actuate those who buy these bonds are all these reasons that make these bonds the best investment offered to the Canadian people. The subscription lists of our Victory Loan will be opened next month.

GERMAN DIPLOMACY

According to the exposures by the American State Department, of conspiracies between the German foreign office and German Ambassador Bernstorff, in the United States, it was proposed to destroy the Canadian Pacific Railway at several points "with a view to complete and protracted interruption of its traffic." That was merely one of the plots conceived by the cut-throats and brigands who hold sway at Berlin. It is now clear that the German diplomatic service throughout the world has been working as an organized band of conspirators whose cunning, hypocrisy and deeds dwarf those of the most famous criminals.

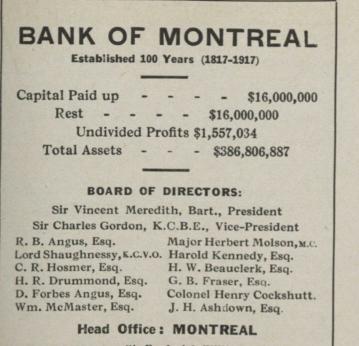
For many years before the war, every courtesy had been extended to German representatives in Canada. Several influential Germans resided here and undoubtedly had access to information which has since proved valuable in their plots against property and people in this country. About two years before the war, a German count spent over three months in Canada, ostensibly to obtain information for inclusion in a special Canadian issue of a German periodical. His three months' labors here were represented by a small, illustrated journal, for the preparation of which three weeks would have been ample. He was granted favors throughout the country, the railways especially granting him every facility to write his "stories." Now we learn that the Canadian Pacific was to have been destroyed at important points! There may not be any connection between the visit of this energetic Count and the Bernstorff-Foreign Office conspiracy but the circumstantial evidence is strong.

It is this underworld of diplomacy, sired by Prussian militarism, that we are out to destroy and as the German Foreign Office said of the Canadian Pacific Railway, "with a view to complete and protracted interruption of its traffic."

since the new year. The following are directors for the ensing year: Sir Henry Pellatt, J. P. Watson, W. R. P. Parker, G. M. Clark, D'Arcy Weatherbe, Lieut. Graeme Watson, Capt. R. E. G. Van Cutsem.

PULP AND PAPER COMPANY'S DIVIDEND

The management of the Riordon Pulp and Paper Company has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. by its subsidiary, the Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company, of Ticonderoga, N.Y. It is payable December 1 to shareholders of record on November 30. This dividend is the second at the same rate declared by Ticonderoga this year. The previous 10 per cent. was paid on June 15. This subsidiary company was obtained by the Riordon company in November, 1016.



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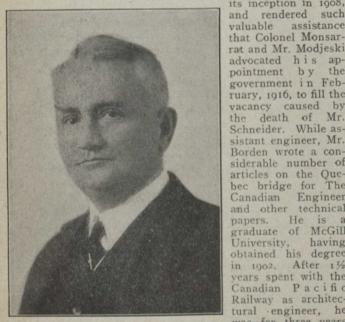
PERSONAL NOTES

SIR EDMUND OSLER is chairman of the Toronto Honorary War Loan Committee.

MR. J. F. WESTON, managing director of the Imperial Life Assurance Company, Toronto, will address the Ottawa Life Underwriters' Association next week regarding the coming war loan.

MR. W. WELCH, who for seven years has been agency manager of the Northern Life Assurance at Saskatoon, died suddenly last week. Mr. Welch was highly respected in the insurance field.

MR. H. P. BORDEN is the most recently appointed member of the Board of Engineers for the Quebec Bridge. He was assistant engineer of the Commission from the time of its inception in 1908,



valuable assistance that Colonel Monsarrat and Mr. Modjeski advocated h is ap-pointment by the government in February, 1916, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Schneider. While assistant engineer, Mr. Borden wrote a considerable number of articles on the Quebec bridge for The Canadian Engineer and other technical papers. He is graduate of McGill University, having obtained his degree in 1902. After 11/2 years spent with the Canadian Pacific Railway as architectural engineer, he was for three years assistant chief engin-

Mr. Henry P. Borden.

eer of the structural department of the Montreal Locomotive Works. He then rejoined the Canadian Pacific Railway as assistant engineer of the bridge department, resigning that position to join the Commission under Mr. Vautelet.

MR. E. F. HEBDEN, managing director of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, Mr. D. A. Macarow, general manager of the same institution, and Mr. F. W. Blackwell, vice-president, are touring the Western provinces. Other members of the party are: A. B. Evans, of the National Drug Company; Geo. L. Cains, of Greenshields, Limited; F. Howard Wilson, paper manufacturer; Andrew A. Allan, of the Allan Steamship Line, all directors of the Bank; and E. A. Fox, private secretary to the general manager.

HON. J. D. HAZEN, former Canadian Commissioner of Naval Service and Marine and Fisheries, has been chosen as commissioner to represent the Canadian government at Washington. At present the British ambassador handles all Canada's diplomatic business for the United States. Form-erly, communications between Washington and Ottawa had to go by way of London. Recently, the channel of communi-cation has been made more direct, but is still through the British embassy. Affairs between Canada and the United States have so increased in numbers and importance since war began and especially since the United States entered, that it is now proposed to carry out the long discussed plan of naming a Canadian commissioner for Washington. Mr. Hazen will be associated with the British ambassador but will have considerable opportunity for independent initiative, it is explained. He was premier of New Brunswick, is a lawyer by training, was with Prime Minister Borden at the last Imperial Conference in London, and has had much business with Washington over fishery sealing and marine matters.

MR. T. H. PURDOM, K.C., president of the Northern Life Assurance Company, London, Ont., is making a business trip in Western Canada, calling on the company's branches. He will go as far as Prince Rupert, B.C.

MR. F. C. T. O'HARA, deputy minister of trade and commerce, left Ottawa for Washington on Tuesday. He will confer with the United States Priority Committee in regard to steel and other exports from the United States to Canada.

MR. J. H. HUGHES, for many years with the Northern Life, formerly at Brandon, and latterly at Winnipeg, has been appointed the company's agency manager at Regina. Mr. Hughes reports encouraging conditions in the capital city of Saskatchewan.

SIR JOHN AIRD, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was in Winnipeg this week conferring with Mr. Vere C. Brown, superintendent of Western branches. He will attend a conference of the executive committee of the Canadian Bankers' Association, who will meet Sir Thomas White to-day.

MR. AMBROSE MONELL has resigned as president and director of the International Nickel Company to assist the government in a military capacity. Mr. W. A. Bostwick has been elected president of the company to succeed Mr. Monell, and Mr. R. C. Stanley, the general superintendent to the com-pany's Orford works, has been elected a director of the company.

QUEBEC RAILWAY LICHT, HEAT AND POWER

A very satisfactory financial statement of the Quebec Railway Light, Heat and Power Company was submitted to the shareholders at the recent annual meeting. The company's fiscal year ended on June 30th last, and for that period gross earnings from operation for the year were \$1,832,031 as compared with \$1,731,732 in 1916, an increase of \$100,200. After adding miscellaneous income of $$2_{30},8_{50}$, there is a total revenue from all sources of $$2_{00},8_{50}$, being an increase of $$9_{4},28_{1}$. The operating and maintenance expenses were \$1,155,969, as compared with \$1,029,750 in 1916, an increase of \$126,218. The fixed charges and taxes amount to \$706,326, leaving a net surplus of \$200,587. After making provision for obsolete cars on Montmorency and city street railway divisions, discount account, etc., there remains a total at credit of surplus account to June 30th of \$684,572.

Sir Rodolphe Forget, M.P., in addressing the share-holders, stated that the properties and plant of the company and its various subsidiary companies have been maintained in the same high state of efficiency as heretofore, as evidence of which there was expended \$226,366 during the year on maintenance accounts. During the year there was expended \$302,663 on capital account.

The company's assets totalled \$23,671,346, made up as follows: Investments, stocks, bonds and interests in other corporations, \$19,193,017; treasury bonds, \$1,611,600; ad-vanced to controlled companies for construction, etc., \$1,s81,655; general construction, etc., \$528,820; cash on hand and in banks, \$127,072; accounts and bills receivable, \$437,-259; stores and supplies on hand, \$170,866; and prepaid ex-

penses, etc., \$21.054. Its chief liabilities are capital stock and bonds. These accounts stood as follows on June 30th last :-

Capital stock Less: Unissued	500	\$ 9,999,500
Bonds Less: In escrow to redeem	14,600,000	\$ 9,999,500
bonds of subsidiary companies\$3,659,000		
Less cancelled 144,000	3,803,000	10,707,000

Sir Rodolphe Forget, M.P., who is the well-known presi-Sir Rodolphe Forget, M.F., who is the well-known presi-dent of the company, has the active assistance of Mr. Lorne C. Webster as vice-president. The other directors are: Messrs. Chas. A. Lavigne, L. J. Tarte. Arthur Pichard, Paul Galibert, L. G. Morin and Chas. Donohue. Mr. W. J. Lynch is general manager of the company, and to his practical knowledge the company's good results are largely due. Mr Arthur LeMoine is the capable secretary.

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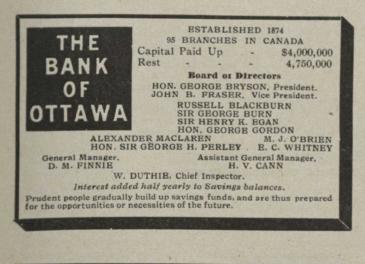
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LIABILITIES TO THE PUBLIC

		ASSE	TS		
					\$60,570,374
Other Liabilities -		-	-	-	1,490,147
Deposits		•	-	-	53,047,148
Notes in Circulation	•	-	-		\$ 6,033,079

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$10,858,736
Deposit with Government o/a Note Circu-	
lation	245,822
Government, Municipal and other Securities	11,856,046
Call and Short Loans	7,009,259
Current Loans and Discounts and other	
Assets	38,361,837
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How Canada's Victory Loan Will Be Sold

Outline of the Widespread National Campaign which Must Sell at Least \$150,000,000 of War Bonds to the People of the Dominion-Big Subscriptions of Previous Loans Must be Repeated, and Thousands of New Investors Obtained.

HE character of the national organization for Canada's Victory Loan was outlined by Mr. A. E. Ames at a meeting of the Insurance Institute of Toronto on Tuesday. Mr. Ames, who is chairman of the Dominion executive committee in connection with the loan, recalled that in the three former war loans made in Canada the competitive method was in use. "There was a scramble on the part of all bond sellers," he said, "to procure subscriptions through their individual firms. Of course, the feature of competition in business is valuable and should apply in all businesses, except such natural monopolies as public utilities; but I suppose that practically all of us would admit, that we might dislike to be considered socialists, that if there were any feasible way, consistently with our poor human nature, to provide for an equal distribution and maintenance of wealth and business generally, that would be the basis which might result in the greatest amount of comfort and happiness for the people as a whole. As yet, at all events, we are not so highly civilized as to be able to employ such methods in the conduct of all of our affairs, but it has appeared quite clearly that this cooperative principle is one for which the magnitude of the task before us and the circumstances associated with it alike are peculiarly fitted. In this connection it is, perhaps, safe to say that everyone actively associated with the organization has come to feel, even if all did not at first, that the principle of co-operation in this regard entirely outweighs and overrides that of competition.

Will Prevent Duplication.

"This will involve relief, especially to officers of insurance companies, and to all others who are in the class of obvious investors. While, therefore, during this campaign there must be a considerable distribution of unproductive literature, yet this will be spread over a very wide surface, and well-known investors will not be subjected to the receipt of, say, 26 different prospectuses and canvassing by 26 dif-

ferent people. "The minister of finance, after most careful survey of the whole situation, reached the conclusion that general organization work and co-operation throughout the provinces should be in the hands of a Dominion executive committee, composed of working people used to the distribution of securities, and naving, in their experience, a good start toward solution of such problems as would have to be dealt with prior to and during the progress of the campaign. The Dominion executive is, therefore, composed of a group which, for convenience of operation, are men resident in the cities of Toronto and Montreal, with the exception of Sir Augustus Nanton, resident in Winnipeg, and who is a most valuable member of the committee. The Dominion executive meets daily and is in constant touch in a consultory advisory and daily, and is in constant touch in a consultory, advisory and helpful capacity with all other committees.

Many Important Committees.

"To co-operate with this Dominion executive and to do everything in their power to help towards the success of the campaign, there have been appointed co-operative committees for the Dominion and for the provinces by the Bankers' Association, the Life Assurance Companies' Association, and the Mortgage Loan Association, in the membership of which latter are included trust, life and loan companies. The Fire Underwriters, as you know, have no Dominion-wide organization, but the Ontario and Quebec associations appointed, some little time ago, committees to co-operate in those provinces, and other fire underwriters' committees have been or are being formed in other provinces to give their support. "Other committees of Dominion-wide scope are as fol-

"The Dominion special subscription committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. R. Wood, with whom are associated a number of partners and expert salesmen in bond and stock exchange houses, and a few others specially qualified for the task. This task relates to the larger buyers of bonds, in so far as they are known, and the hope is that members of this committee may be able to procure from the list of investors of \$25,000 and over the fullest possible purchase of bonds. Upon these subscriptions, which, roughly, and without suf-ficient data for making an estimate, the guess is that they may amount to one-half the total subscription, there will be no commission paid by the finance department. The work of this committee is, therefore, of great importance, and is being undertaken with such discretion, energy and knowledge that its success is confidently predicted.

"The Dominion finance committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Gundy, who is also vice-chairman of the Dominion Executive, has charge of the apportioning and disbursing of funds amongst the various provinces necessary for organization and incidental expenses.

Publicity and Business Committees.

"The Dominion publicity committee, of which Mr. R. A. Stephenson, of Montreal, is chairman, has charge of the preparation and distribution of advertising matter and prospectuses throughout the Dominion. The advertising matter will consist of newspaper advertising, posters, and a number of other devices which it would be a pity to mention to you now, because of taking away from you the freshness of them as they first come out. It may, perhaps, whet your appetite to know—particularly the appetites of those of you fortunate enough to have young children as an excuse for attending the shows, that there will be a scenario relating to the loan for the moving picture houses.

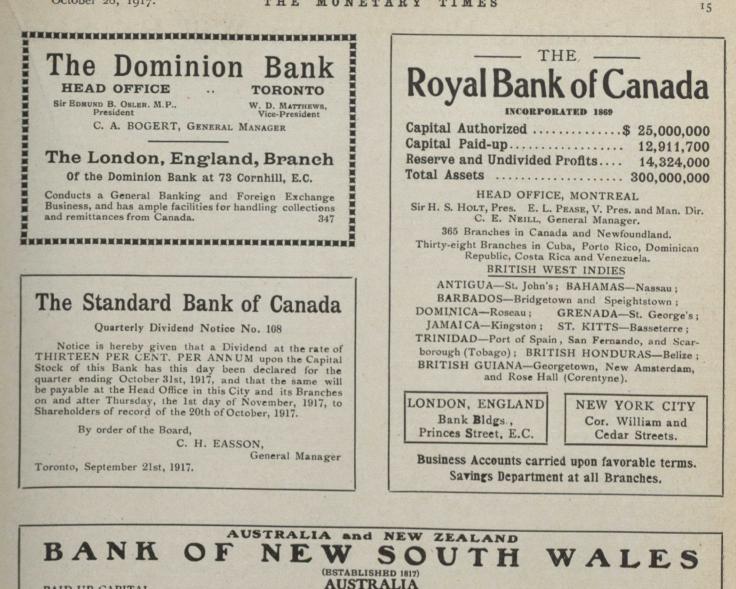
"The Dominion business committee, under the chairman-ship of Mr. W. S. Hodgens, has charge of the preparation of forms and records and other matters which are being relegated to them from time to time, this committee constituting a valuable factor in the organization.

"The Canadian Press Association have offered their services to the finance minister and are prepared to do invaluable service through their reading columns during the cams paign. It is hoped that any sacrifice there may be in connection with this service will be minimized by the growing news value of the incidents relating to the loan, through the inspiration arising from the knowledge that thousands of people in the cities, towns and villages will be working actively, intensely and continuously for the success of the loan. Mr. J. H. Woods, of Calgary, president of the Press Association, is personally, with Mr. Imrie, the manager, in charge of this work, Mr. Woods having moved to Toronto for the purpose, to stay until the close of the campaign.

Provincial Organization Committees.

"In an organization, which to be effective, must be complete, the question of comparison of importance of various factors does not arise. Too great importance, however, cannot be attached to the work of the provincial organization committees. In every province there is a separate provincial organization, through which the whole province is being organized down to the last detail. The chairmen for these provincial organization committees have been selected with great care and are considered most suitable for the tasks great care and are considered most suitable for the tasks they have, in co-operation with the other members of their committees. These chairmen are: Mr. William Farrell, Van-couver, for British Columbia; in Alberta, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, provincial treasurer, is honorary chairman, and Mr. William Toole, Calgary, chairman for Southern Alberta, and Mr. James Ramsey, Edmonton, chairman for Northern Alberta; James Ramsey, Edmonton, chairman for Northern Arberta, Sir Augustus Nanton, Winnipeg, for Manitoba; Mr. G. H. Sir Augustus Nanton, Winnipeg, for Manitoba; Mr. G. H. Wood, Toronto, chairman for Ontario; Mr. J. M. Mackie, Montreal (who is also vice-chairman of the Dominion Ex-ecutive), for Quebec, with Mr. J. W. McConnell, chairman for the Island of Montreal, and Messrs. A. P. Frigon and E. A. Macnutt for the rest of the province; Mr. C. H. B. Long-worth, Charlottetown, for Prince Edward Island; Hon. Senator W. H. Thorne, St. John, for New Brunswick, and Mr. Geo. S. Campbell, Halifax, for Nova Scotia.

"In connection with a number of provinces and cities there will be influential honorary committees, who will be of conOctober 26, 1917.



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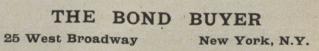
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siderable use by the influence of their names and help where called upon in different directions.

"All of these provincial committees have their own subcommittees, such as special subscriptions, publicity and business committees, whose activities are connected with work throughout the province, and in greater or less degree in cooperation with the Dominion committees of the same character. Each province is divided into a number of districts, and at the head of each of these districts is the strongest man qualified for the position that could be obtained. There will be a special committee in charge of each of the cities and of each of the counties, the idea being to canvass as completely as possible people living in every part of Canada, including those on the farms and those in the factories.

"Objectives are being arranged through consultation with the provincial committees for every province in the Dominion. It is hoped to arrive quickly at objectives which will satisfy every province not only as to its own amount, but, also, as to the objectives for all the other provinces, having regard, so far as possible, not only to what has been procured for previous loans, but also to current conditions in the provinces as varied from what they were relatively in previous years.

Relation of Committees.

"The relation between the Dominion executive and other Dominion committees and the provincial organization committees is one which naturally requires a large stock of patience and consideration. The situation is necessarily somewhat delicate. The attitude of the Dominion executive committee which they have tried to make apparent to the officers of the provincial committees is that of a clearing house of information and method. Obviously, it has been necessary for the finance minister to institute a general basis of campaign throughout the Dominion, but, equally obviously, there is considerable room for elasticity. The last thing, therefore, which any Dominion committee would wish to do is to interfere with any of the prerogatives and the initiative of the provincial committees. We feel, however, that our re-lation to the campaign is service to the whole situation, through conference with the finance minister as to various features regarding the loan and the campaign, upon the one hand, and through being of any assistance we can to the provincial committees. It will be readily understood that, this being the first time that anything of the magnitude of this organization has been got together in Canada in short order, there is a multiplicity of questions requiring solution. even though broad principles of policy have already been established and recognized.

Co-operation to Achieve Object.

"All the committees, however, are in the throes of organization and getting themselves fit for an intense campaign. Everybody is, so to speak, 'on his toes' with concentrated energy looking to do his best. It is a situation, therefore, where no one having a naturally short disposition can afford to humour it until the close of the books, and where everyone must bring into play all the active and latent sweetness of disposition of which he is possessed. We count upon this, are sure that it will not detract from forcefulness, and are getting evidence of it such as, possibly, might not have been expected from such a large body of keen, active men of independent habits of thought. The whole campaign is based

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"Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, has thrown himself into the campaign with great energy and helpfulness. His experience, his initiative, his speeches and availability for conference will be great factors in the loan's success.

"There will grow up with the loan a great deal of healthy rivalry. Provinces which have been given an objective which their committees feel may not fully gauge their relative importance to other provinces will no doubt furnish some surprises in their total purchases of bonds. There will be rivalries amongst cities and towns in the same class within each province, and with cities and towns of the same class in other provinces. For instance, Toronto and Montreal have already developed a friendly feud, and I hope there will be plenty of fuel to keep the feud alive until the books close. Hamilton and Ottawa should keep their eyes upon each other; Calgary and Edmonton are furnished with a fair battle-ground to fight out the question of supremacy; Saskatoon will want Regina to take notice of its success; Victoria will no doubt wish to test whether it may not furnish a greater response per head than Vancouver, while Halifax and St. John, and Sherbrooke and Three Rivers will have an admirable chance to pay off old scores.

Two Hundred Thousand Subscribers.

"It is felt that the character of bonds and the dependence of Canada for its prosperity upon the investments of her own people will cause a cumulative and, finally, a tremendous demand for the issue, and whereas, as mentioned at the first part of these remarks, there were just over 40,000 purchasers of the last Canadian domestic loan for \$150,000,000, it is hoped there will be over 200,000 buyers of bonds on this occasion. It will take a larger number of subscribers than that to bring Canada into line with the proportion of subscribers to their government loans in the United States and in Great Britain. This fact will be pressed home to the people of Canada during the campaign, and we do not think that Canadians who are quite able to approximate the record of these two countries will care to be found to be less enlightened.

"When this new loan was first mooted the idea was received somewhat coldly by practically everyone. It was felt that the previous loans had pretty well taken up the investing powers of the big institutions and individuals, who would not be able to subscribe as liberally again. The next stage was that it was felt that the big subscriptions must be replaced by that it was felt that the big subscriptions must be replaced by the task was confronted, the vital importance of it realized and the great amount of money really available in Canada recognized, it was felt that, not only should a very great number of new, smaller subscriptions be secured, but that the number of middle-sized subscriptions should be enlarged and. It is greatly to be desired that the pressure from the organization which has been brought into being will combine with a growing realization of the necessities and privileges of the situation to secure a success of which Canada will be proud and which will encourage Great Britain and our allies and somewhat discourage the common enemy.

Higher Percentage in Bonds.

"A feature that will be brought home to Canadians during the campaign is that, whereas during the last few years it has been the feeling amongst investors that their investments should be varied and only a certain proportion be held in government bonds, the percentage which Dominion government bonds hold to their total investments will need to be considerably increased, just because circumstances are such as to require it.

"This is everybody's campaign. Offers to aid have come from every direction. One of the provincial chairmen has written that he has yet to learn of anyone who will shirk any help that is asked of him. The Boy Scouts have proffered their services, which will no doubt be used, and while there has to be a general plan for such a campaign, and there are some directions of individual or institutional effort which would be impracticable through conflicting with the necessities of the organization, yet there are a thousand ways in which the general scheme may be assisted, and it will be the endeavor of those who have anything to do with the direction of the campaign to employ to the utmost all useful effort."

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UNIFORM PROVINCIAL INSURANCE LAWS

Provincial Insurance Superintendents May Meet at Winnipeg to Discuss This Matter

Uniformity of provincial insurance legislation is the topic of a suggested conference of the provincial insurance superintendents. The proposal is contained in a letter of Mr. A. E. Ham and Mr. A. E. Fisher, insurance superintendents respectively of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It is addressed to the insurance officials of the other seven provinces and suggests that the meeting shall be held in Winnipeg. The letter, in part, reads as follows:—

"That there should be uniformity in our various provincial insurance laws regarding contracts of insurance is the opinion of all who are interested in the business of insurance. The advantage of such uniformity, not only to the companies, but to the insurance public as well, is very patent.

"Undoubtedly, each superintendent has been approached by the insurance interests with reference to this matter, and we all appreciate, not only the advantage of uniformity, but the necessity of such a condition as well. The main reason why there is not uniformity in our laws of insurance contracts is primarily due to the fact that the insurance department of one province is not aware of the nature of legislation which is contemplated by some other department.

Action by Western Men.

"The western superintendents have, on several occasions, met and discussed various matters pertaining to uniformity of the insurance laws of the west, and to some measure, have been successful in obtaining uniform statutory fire and hail conditions in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and many other minor sections of their acts have been made uniform.

"We have, for example, the American Insurance Commissioners who meet once a year for the purpose of discussing insurance conditions that arise in the United States. You are well aware of the fact that at these meetings, or conventions as they are called, conference bills are prepared and drafted which, in turn, are presented to the legislatures of the various states, with the result that uniformity of contract laws and other insurance regulations have been secured.

Health and Accident Contracts.

"At the present time the casualty managers are asking for the standardization of health and accident contracts. The superintendent of insurance at Ottawa in the new insurance act for 1917, has inserted certain indefinite conditions that must form part of every contract, but it nevertheless remains for the provinces themselves to standardize.

"The western superintendents have been dealing with this matter, and have gathered considerable data, which would be presented at a meeting to be held at a later date.

"Appreciating the advisability of uniformity throughout the provinces, we would be pleased if you would bring this memorandum to the attention of the minister in charge of your department with a view of obtaining his permission for your attendance at that meeting. We would suggest that the first meeting be held in Winnipeg as, owing to its geographical position, it is the most convenient place for the superintendents to meet."

BUY AND SELL IN TRADING-ROOM

The Fort William and Port Arthur grain exchange are now doing all their purchasing and selling in the tradingroom, instead of privately as heretofore. Half-hour quotations are posted and all facilities have been provided for the use of the members. The first car of grain consigned to the local sample market was sold by the Bole Grain Company at a premium of 2¼ cents over the grade price.

Three Winnipeg grain men were admitted as members of the exchange on October 16th. The membership totals 172, and seats are selling at \$400. The membership has been limited to two hundred. The exchange will invest \$5,000 in the next Canadian war loan and \$5,000 in the Saskatchewan Greater Production loan.

FINANCING THE WAR

Canada Must Play Her Part by Economy and Conservation of Natural Resources

Weighty as are the blows which have been dealt the enemy, there is as yet no justification for slackening in the national effort to strengthen the battle line. In the production of supplies for this purpose, nature has been more than usually helpful, and has favoured us with good weather for harvesting and thrashing. It is, therefore, possible to in-crease the assistance we have been giving to the United Kingdom and to our allies in carrying the growing burden of the war, as the exportable surplus of this year's crops is very much greater, and our facilities for producing essential war material have become more efficient than they were a year ago. In the fiscal year ending 31st March last, we supplied the United Kingdom with merchandise amounting in value to \$742,000,000, by far the larger part of our total exports of \$1,151,000,000, and for the five months ended August her purchases from us were on a still larger scale. Last year, according to the government estimates, the value of our field products was \$820,000,000, while present indications are that this year the value will be \$1,100,000,000, which will account for the increase in our exportable surplus. For the same five months, the exports of manufactured goods had a value of \$289,716,536 as compared with \$153,022,063 in the corresponding period a year ago. These, too, were to a large extent exported to the United Kingdom.

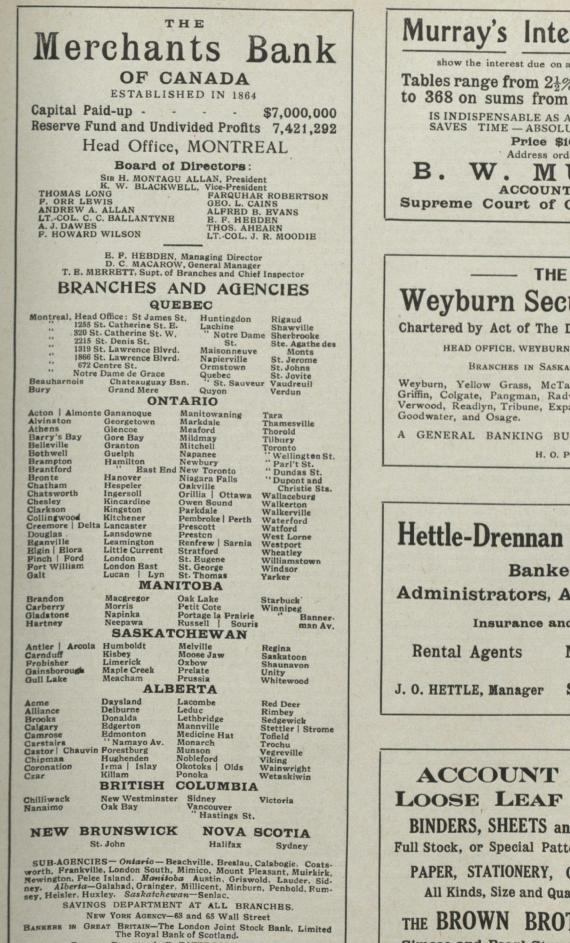
Relieve Financial Strain.

After three years of stress and strain, the United Kingdom has regulated her imports in such a drastic manner that only the most essential are now admitted. We should consider it a privilege to be in a position to supply so great a volume of these essential imports and should exercise it to the fullest extent in such a manner as to relieve, as far as possible, the strain upon the financial resources of the Imperial authorities. This can be done by extending further credit, the measure of which is not determined by the banks, or by the government, but by the sacrifices of luxuries and non-essentials which Canadians as a whole are prepared to make, and by their readiness to place at the disposal of the government the savings thereby effected. It does not indicate either a high or sincere resolve to render the utmost aid in winning the war if we live as in time of peace, demanding our customary enjoyments and conducting our affairs so as to oblige our allies to draw upon their stores of gold in order to pay for their purchases from us. Failure to put at the disposal of the government every possible dollar will add substantially to the difficulty of financing our part in the war and the sale of our crops.

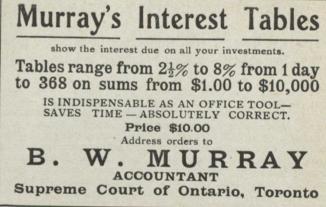
Britain's Cold Resources not Inexhaustible.

The gold resources of the United Kingdom available to meet the enormous balances against her are not inexhaustible. Since the outbreak of the war they have been subjected to an extraordinary drain, as is indicated by 'the gold movement to the United States, which for the 12 months ended June last reached \$977,176,026, of which \$950,000,000 came from British sources. This large sum did not suffice to meet her adverse balances in the United States and to protect exchange, and as is so well known, it was necessary to arrange very large credits for this purpose.

Her adverse balances in Canada are proportionately large. Our total exports of merchandise in the last three fiscal years amounted to \$2,419,953,679, and imports to \$1,808,485,635, the difference being \$611,468,044, which is about equal to the total of our obligations abroad during the same period for current interest and other indebtedness. Trade balances alone, therefore, would not necessitate abnormal gold shipments, and the moderate increase in the holdings of the metal in Canada may be attributed to borrowing in the United States. As that country is now engaged in the war, and is faced with no small problem in financing its preparations, borrowing there is becoming more difficult, as is made evident by the terms of the last Canadian loan. It remains for Canada to turn to her own resources, which have not yet been drawn upon to the extent of causing her people to make any financial sacrifice.—Candian Bank of Commerce monthly letter. October 26, 1917.



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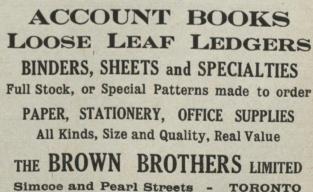
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CANADA AND MARINE INSURANCE

London Comment on Our Marine Insurance Association —Impossible to Make a "Lloyd's" in Canada

The Yorkshire Post publishes a paragraph which has puzzled shipping circles in London. It is as follows:--

"After an agitation which has been carried on for many years a marine insurance organization on the lines of Lloyd's is to be established in Canada. This new body is to be known as the Canadian Board of Marine Underwriters, it will appoint agents all over the world, and deal with legislation affecting insurance interests, arrange codes, and issue policies. The board will, naturally, become a real power in the insurance world, and not only will there, it is hoped, be friendly co-operation with the parent body, but a real effort will be made to reduce the charges for St. Lawrence traffic, now that, by better lighting and buoying, and the appointment of more efficient pilots, navigation on that river has been made safer than it was."

Written Under a Misapprehension.

The statements made in London seemed so confused that a representative of The Canadian Gazette called upon a wellknown member of Lloyd's to ask his opinion. He said that he had no idea of what movement there might be in Canada with regard to marine insurance, but that whatever it was, this paragraph was evidently written under a misapprehension. Lloyd's was a corporation, but as such it did no business. The business was done by the individual members of the corporation who were in competition for that business. In this respect Lloyd's was like the stock exchange or corn exchange. Members of Lloyd's were required, before being made members, to deposit money with the corporation according to the amount of business they intended to undertake.

"Lloyd's" in Canada Impossible.

Lloyd's was the result of long years of business in London, and the member could not see how it was possible to make a Lloyd's in Canada. The writer of the paragraph evidently seemed to think that it was itself an insurance corporation doing business itself. He himself did not think there was room for such a Canadian corporation even if it were feasible. The United States had companies which they called "Lloyd's," but they were merely marine insurance companies. Over 50 per cent. of the United States ships were insured at Lloyd's in London. As to the St. Lawrence rates, these were not arbitrarily fixed. Rates were worked out on the law of averages. The improvements made in the St. Lawrence route would necessarily lower the rates as time went on and the effect of the improvements became patent.

There was recently organized, as a branch of the Montreal board of trade, an association known as the Canadian Board of Marine Underwriters, whose special aim is to secure beneficial interchange of views upon, and consideration of matters pertaining to, the general conduct of marine insurance.

WAR BOND QUERY

Are Dominion war bonds subject to taxation by the Toronto assessment department? The question came up in the Court of Revision last week, when Mr. Robert L. Fraser appealed against the assessment on his income.

"I cannot see how we can possibly charge for Dominion war bonds," observed Commissioner Ardagh, reviewing an advertisement of the Dominion government to the effect that its war bonds would not be subject to taxation by the Dominion government.

"That does not apply to us," declared a representative of the assessment department, who contended that the Dominion government's guarantee did not cover provincial taxation.

Judgment was reserved. A higher court will probably decide the question.

The tax exemption clause in the war loan prospectuses reads as follows:-

"The issue will be exempt from taxes—including any income tax—imposed in pursuance of legislation enacted by the parliament of Canada."

ESTIMATES OF OUR GRAIN CROPS

Quality, Yield and Condition of Grain, Root and Fodder Crops

The estimates of the yield per acre of wheat, oats, barley and flax are somewhat lower than those reported at the end of August, and the reduction applies to all the provinces, according to the returns of the census office, Ottawa, for the end of September. The later returns, being based to a larger extent upon thrashing results, appear to indicate that the first estimates, based upon the appearance of the crops in the field, were too high. The total yield of wheat for Canada is now provisionally estimated at 231,730,200 bushels, the average yield per acre being 15³/₄ bushels, as compared with 16³/₄ bushels reported a month ago, and with 17 bushels the yield of 1916. Of oats the total yield is 393,570,000 bushels, as compared with 410,211,000 bushels in 1916, the average yield per acre being 29³/₂ bushels in 1917, as compared with 37.30 bushels in 1916.

Barley and Rye Yields.

Barley yields 51,684,000 bushels, as compared with 42,770,000 bushels in 1916, the average per acre being 21½ bushels els, as compared with 23.72 bushels in 1916. The yield of rye is 4,239,800 bushels, which is slightly more than the quantity returned a month ago; the yield per acred is 20 bushels, as against 19 bushels in 1916. For the three prairies bushels; as against 19 bushels in 1916. For the three prairies bushels; oats, 237,925,000 bushels; rye, 2,534,000 bushels. The total yields of the remaining grain crops, now reported for the first time this year, are as follows: Peas, 2,786,600 bushels from 151,030 acres, an average of 18½ bushels per acre; beans, 635,700 bushels from 43,000 bushels from 336,400 acres, or 12¼ bushels per acre; mixed grains, 15,741,000 bushels from 469,140 acres, 33½ bushels per acre; and corn for husk-ing 6,193,000 bushels from 173,600 acres, an average of 35¾

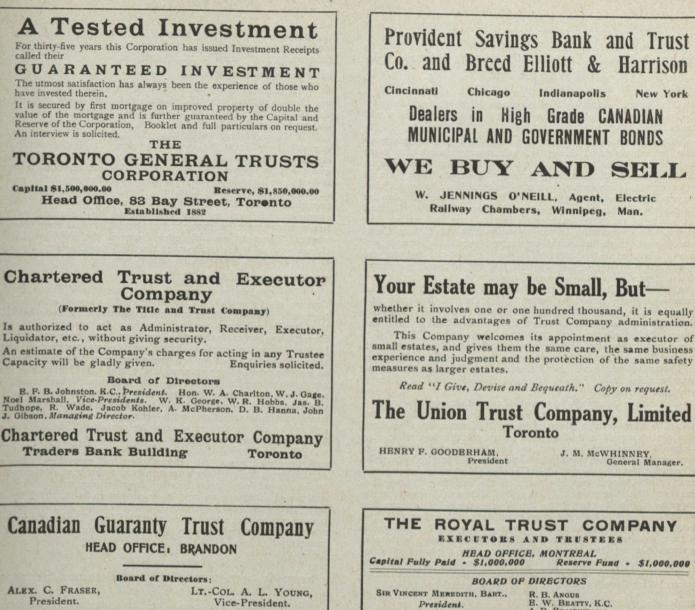
Figures High in Ontario.

Correspondents were asked to report on the quality of the grain crops at the time of harvest, as measured against a standard of 100, representing grain well headed, well filled, well saved and unaffected to any appreciable extent by frost, rust, smut, etc. The average results for the whole of Canada are as follows: Fall wheat, 76; spring wheat, 72; all wheat, 73; oats, 74; barley, 75; rye, 79; peas, 69; beans, 71; buckwheat, 63; mixed grains, 79; flax, 67; corn for husking, 67. The figures are generally high for Ontario, wheat being 80. at a grain barley 89. In Quebec wheat is 67 and oats are 74. In the prairie provinces wheat is 75 in Manitoba, 70 in Saskatchewan and 75 in Alberta. Oats are 62 in Manitoba, 57 in Saskatchewan and 56 in Alberta.

The condition of root and fodder crops, measured against a standard of 100 as representing a full crop, was, on September 30, as follows: Potatoes, 64; turnips, 72; mangolds, carrots, etc., 77; sugar beets, 76; corn for fodder, 72; and alfalfa, 81. The condition of the potato crop by provinces was on September 30 as follows: Prince Edward Island, 81; Nova Scotia, 77; New Brunswick, 57; Quebec, 47; Ontario, 81; Manitoba, 69; Saskatchewan, 71; Alberta, 89; and British Columbia, 70.

VESSEL "TENTO" LAUNCHED IN TORONTO

The Polson shipbuilding yards last week launched their eighth vessel turned out this year at Toronto. The "Tento" is an ocean-going cargo steamer, built purely for carrying ocean freight. Its principal dimensions are as follows: Length, 261 feet; breadth, 43 feet 6 inches; depth, 23 feet 6 deadweight capacity, 3,500 tons; mean draught, 19 feet 6 inches. The ship is of the single-deck type, built on the deep frame principle, with cellular double bottom all fore and aft. and peak tanks; four watertight bulkheads, two masts, six steam winches—one at each mast and derrick; steam and hand steering gear, electric light, evaporating outfit. The propelling machinery consists of triple expansion engines. THE MONETARY TIMES



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COLD STORAGE INVESTIGATION

Sir Joseph Flavelle Explains His Historic Remark, "To Hell With the Profits"

Sir Joseph Flavelle, at the resumed government inquiry at Toronto on the cold storage business in Canada this week, made the following statements:—

When he made his famous remark about profits going to "the hell where they belong," he meant only profits that were made by munition manufacturers who skimped expenditures on their plants, thus making delivery of orders slow. He is a poorer man than before the war-that is, in a sense of disbursement of money. He does not know how much richer he is-but the Davies Company stock is more valuable. He had not made a penny on munitions, directly or indirectly. He knew of no transaction in his 25 years with the Davies Company about which he would be embarrassed to answer questions. He accepted responsibility for the post-curing process. It was not a matter of morals. He had not personally secured any preferences for the Davies Company in the matter of war contracts. If Canadians used more of the rougher cuts of bacon the price would be lower. The Davies Company and the Harris Abattoir Company were in a rivalry that was not natural, and they would merge in the near future. He had offered his firm's services to Henry Denney, the War Office bacon buyer, the day after war was declared. His young men in the Davies Company had done a good stroke of business in beating American competition. Munition manufacturers were entitled to a fair profit, and Canada owed a debt of gratitude to them.

Referring especially to the shell manufacturers, he said:--"When I returned from England last December I was asked to wait over in place of going to Ottawa because there was a meeting of manufacturers called for the following day. I should think there were several hundred manufacturers present at the meeting, men who were engaged in the enterprise of producing munitions. Sir Charles Gordon, as vice-president of the board, was chairman of the meeting. After listening to the discussion, I was asked if I would speak at the meeting. I had come from the front where I had seen the conditions and been very deeply impressed by them. I had been sitting in London more or less continually for six weeks with a group of men in the ministry of munitions, who were responsible for framing the programme for the production of ammunition, and the share which we would have in Canada in the production of the ammunition was the matter which brought me into conference with these gentlemen.

Statement Slightly Changed.

"When I addressed the meeting I told them what I had seen at the front; of the conditions which I had found in London; of the promises which I had made on behalf of the Canadian manufacturer of the munitions which he would produce, and that I had made the promise based upon positive cables from Ottawa that the manufacturers had agreed to do so. I pointed out to them that at the moment we were behind, greatly behind, in the delivery of the munitions which we had promised; that I was concerned to learn from the meeting that we had together that some were hesitating to expend the necessary money to carry out the contract which they had undertaken te carry out, and that in consequence there was a possibility of the delivery of munitions not fulfilling, and I said: If it is profits in relation to what I have seen and what I have told you, then your profits ought to go to the hell to which they belong.

Would Say the Same To-day.

"And, Sir, I would say just the same to-day if it became a question as to whether a manufacturer would carry out his obligation to complete his munitions in accordance with his contract, or whether he would hesitate to make the necessary expenditure because he hesitated about the profit that he had. I would say exactly the same thing to-day, and having said that, Sir, may I also say this, because I would not have in my official relationship to the manufacturers any wrong done them: This country owes an obligation to the manufacturers of Canada in the production of munitions that very few realize. They all have the right to make a profit on the production of munitions, for they had the courage to expend exceeding fifty millions of dollars in plant to produce them. If it had not been for the courage and resource and purpose of the manufacturers of Canada in making these expenditures for the purpose of producing munitions, if they had not done so, we would not have as worthily fulfilled the duty which we have so honestly and worthily fulfilled.

Profits Proper and Natural.

"In place of the chairman of the munitions board believing the manufacturers of Canada should not have a profit on the production of munitions, he has sincerely and earnestly believed from the first that it was a proper and natural thing, and if they did not make a profit they could not have the courage to put in the necessary plant, and the munitions could not be produced. I appreciate that you should have given me an opportunity of making this explanation, because it has been associated all over the Dominion with the profits of the William Davies Company, and the insincerity of the president of the William Davies Company, who in one official capacity could say nobody else should have profits, and in his own capacity he thought he should have a good deal of profit. There is no cifference between the William Davies Company and the president of the William Davies Company. It is a common situation in either case.

Old-Fashioned Business.

"Twenty-five years ago I came into the William Davies Company. I found it an old-fashioned business in which integrity and good conducts were paramount. I have lived in that business for 25 years. I believe the standards that we found when we took over the business have been maintained. I know of no transaction—I can recall no transaction—during those 25 years, that under the most searching examination to get the truth of the transaction, that I would have the least embarrassment in answering any questions that might be asked me. We have sought to secure accurate knowledge of administration; we have never sought any advantage of combination or association with others, by combination with others, by attempting to control by reason of having any relation with other corporations.

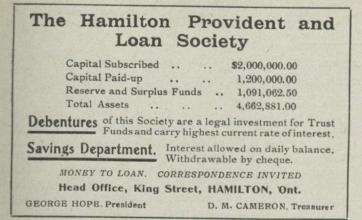
"We have tried to do our business well." said Mr. Flavelle in conclusion. "We thought we had won the confidence of the great body of the community. I think we deserved it, and I would personally like to bear tribute to the body of officers of the company who have grown up in it, and I believe have decently and faithfully carried out the spirit that was passed on to them by the original William Davies Company, when they came into occupation of the works of that company."

ANNUAL MEETING OF GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

In reviewing the results for the past year at the annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company at Montreal, the chairman, Mr. Alfred W. Smithers, said it was gratifying to note an improvement, although much remains to be accomplished before the property could be on a selfsustaining basis. This condition, however, could only be the natural result of constructing lines of transportation through hitherto unsettled and undeveloped country, and was the history of all other transportation lines. It was, therefore, encouraging to note marked improvement in these conditions from year to year, as the advent of the railway had made possible the discovery and opening of almost unlimited natural resources. Notwithstanding the stopping of foreigntion from the United States, well equipped financially for farming and other pursuits, continued to go into the new country, and, in addition to the increased acreage taken up, a number of lumber mills along the Fraser River, in British Columbia, had been built to supply the increasing demand for lumber on the prairies, all of which made traffic for the railway.

Mr. Smithers presided, and the following directors and officers were elected for the ensuing year: Directors—Alfred W. Smithers, Sir H. M. Jackson, John A. Clutton-Brock, Sir Wm. Lawrence Young, Howard G. Kelley, E. J. Chamberlin, W. H. Ardley, Frank Scott, W. H. Biggar, Hon. P. Dandurand, Wm. Molson MacPherson, J. E. Dalrymple, Peter McAra and J. B. Fraser. Officers—Howard G. Kelley, president; W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager: W. H. Biggar, vice-president; Frank Scott, vice-president and treasurer; Henry Phillips, secretary; W. H. Ardley, comptroller. October 26, 1917.

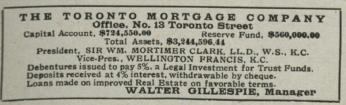
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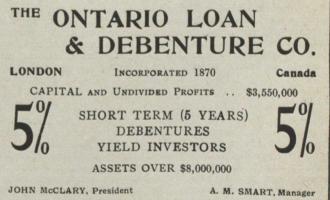
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Canada's Victory War Loan Must Succeed

Each Citizen's Help is Needed—Selling Organization is Nearly Complete—Funds to be Spent Here—Canadian Activities Depend Upon the Result of the Victory Loan.

THE oversubscription of our war loans are well-made silver bullets in the hide of Prussian militarism, autocracy and barbarism. The oversubscription of Canada's Victory Loan, 1917, will be another such bullet. Canada is willing to manufacture these bullets until peace is brought to the Empire and its Allies. The success of our war loans is a further indication of our resolve to fight the war to a conclusive finish. It is one of a hundred similar incidents occurring every day in the Motherland and in the outposts of the Empire.

While Germany is tangled in all sorts of financial difficulties, with the future dark and foreboding, and defeat looming in the distance, the British Empire is raising, with comparative ease, hundreds of millions for the conduct of the war.

The silver bullet is scoring heavily. The material at hand for its making is still sufficient to give the Hun an additional shiver. The coming Victory Loan will be our fourth war loan. The first, second and third were oversubscribed. The fourth must be made an overwhelming success.

WAR BONDS MUST BE BOUGHT

No Right to be More Careful With Dollars Than of Men at the Front

"You ask me what I think the most important financial question of the day, and I have no hesitation in saying that the necessity for economy and saving and making a success of Canada's Victory Loan, is by all odds the most important financial question before the people." This statement was made in an interview with *The Monetary Times* this week by Mr. J. P. Bell, general manager of the Bank of Hamilton, Hamilton.

Only 1 in 200.

"It has been said that only I in 200 of our population has invested in Canadian war loans to date, whereas in England I in 8 of the population, and in the United States I in 25 invested in the last war loan. It has been well said that nothing could be more cruel, more wasteful, or more inhumane than to wage war half-heartedly. Let each citizen in this country ask himself if he is waging this war with all the intensity of his being, and whether he has any right to be more careful of his dollars than of the young men of this country who have so nobly gone to do their part.

"It should not be necessary to put any special emphasis on the safety of the investment afforded by the Canadian Victory Loan. It has behind it the individual promise of the purchaser and of every other citizen of Canada, and is better secured than if issued against bags of gold stored in burglar proof vaults.

Credits Must be Advanced.

"From a purely selfish point of view it should commend itself, as it is known that the orders for shells and supplies of all kinds are not falling off because they have a sufficient quantity of them in Britain, but because the credit must be created to pay for them; and if we will lend the Canadian government the money they will in turn spend it here, and all will reap the benefit directly or indirectly.

"May I express the hope that every citizen will take a share of the new Victory Loan, even if it is only a \$50 bond which he can pay for in instalments during the coming months, and thus fulfil to some extent his obligations to his country." The proceeds of the Victory Loan, to be issued next month, will be used for war purposes only and will be spent entirely in Canada. The full subscription of the loan will enable us to establish credits here for Great Britain so that she may continue her purchases of at least \$2,000,000 a day in this country. She is spending here approximately \$1,000,000 a day for munitions alone. In addition, she is buying vast quantities of general war supplies, including our agricultural products. The full subscription of our Victory Loan will allow these purchases to continue.

We must oversubscribe the loan to finance our boys in the trenches, to bring the war more speedily to a successful conclusion, and to maintain the present prosperous conditions in Canada. For this loan more than any of the previous issues, the help of the small investor is needed. Subscriptions of \$50, \$100, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 may easily be those responsible for the success or failure of the loan. Only the combined efforts of every citizen can make this loan the success it must be made.

NATIONAL BOND-SELLING ORGANIZATION

Arrangements Nearly Completed—Manitoba and Saskatchewan Committees—Dividends in Victory Loan?

The final touches are being given the widespread organization which next month will sell the bonds of Canada's Victory Loan. A strong effort will be made to see that every home and every business in the country is a holder of these Victory bonds. On previous occasions, the lowest denomination was \$100. The Victory bonds will probably be purchaseable in denominations of as low as \$50.

The Canadian Bankers' Association has appointed eastern committees at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, St. John and Charlottetown, and central and western committees at Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria to co-operate with the Dominion executive war loan committee. The members of these bankers' committees are as follow:—

Eastern Canada.—Montreal—C. E. Neill, general manager, Royal Bank, chairman; H. B. Mackenzie, general manager, Bank of British North America; E. C. Pratt, general manager, Molsons Baak; Beaudry Leman, general manager, La Banque d'Hochelaga; A. D. Braithwaite, assistant general manager, Bank of Montreal; T. E. Merrett, Merchants Bank.

Quebec-N. Lavoie, general manager, Nationale, chairman; F. W. Smith, Union Bank; A. J. Welch, Royal Bank; W. M. Bancroft, Bank of Montreal; W. G. Hinds, Merchants' Bank; P. B. Dumoulin, Molsons Bank; H. Collette, Hochelaga Bank.

Halifax—D. MacGillivray, Canadian Bank of Commerce, chairman; F. St. C. Harris, Royal Bank; H. A. Fleming, Bank of Nova Scotia; Frank Hope, Bank of British North America; A. E. Nash, Bank of Montreal.

St. John—A. C. Skelton, Bank of British North America, chairman; J. M. Christie, Bank of Commerce; F. J. Shreve, Merchants' Bank; W. J. Ambrose, Bank of Montreal; R. H. Anderson, Bank of Nova Scotia.

Charlottetown-H. W. Binning, Bank of Nova Scotia, chairman; E. G. Coombs, Bank of Montreal; A. W. Hyndman, Royal Bank; G. W. Harrison, Bank of Commerce.

Central and Western Canada.—Toronto—H. V. F. Jones. assistant general manager, Bank of Commerce, chairman; J.

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"It had been my intention to quote some of the trade and financial statistics, but having recently had opportunity of studying, to some extent, the splendid review published by *The Monetary Times* on January 5th, I shall follow the precedent of some former presidents and omit these statistical statements."—ARTHUR HEWITT, ESQ., in presidential address before the members of the Toronto Board of Trade, January, 1917.

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"A great many thanks for the most interesting and valuable Finance and Trade Review which *The Monetary Times* have just published. I shall keep it by me for reference during the coming year as I know it will prove of great value on many occasions."—H. V. F. JONES, Assistant General Manager, Canadian Bank of Commerce.

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Winnipeg-H. B. Shaw, general manager, Union Bank of Canada, chairman; R. Campbell, general manager, Northern Crown Bank; F. L. Patton, Dominion Bank; V. C. Brown, Bank of Commerce; F. W. Ross, Bank of Nova Scotia; F. H. Reid, Home Bank; E. P. Winslow, Bank of Montreal; J. A. Wood, Bank of Toronto.

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Saskatchewan and Manitoba Organizations.

Hon. C. A. Dunning, provincial treasurer of Saskatche-wan, has been 'appointed chairman of the Saskatchewan pro-vincial committee for the Victory Loan. The other members are: Vice-chairman, Mr. D. M. Balfour; secretary, Mr. S. W. Harris; treasurer, Mr. H. W. Givings; Messrs. Arthur Hitch-cock and J. H. Kern, Moose Jaw; J. O. Hettle and A. H. Williamson, Saskatoon; G. E. Cork, John Rogers and G. H. Bradshaw, Regina H. Bradshaw, Regina.

The Manitoba organization has been completed. Outside The Manitoba organization has been completed. Outside of Winnipeg there are ten divisions, each under the care of an experienced bond salesman. The city of Winnipeg will be attended to by the general committee. The bond men who will have charge of the special districts are Messrs. J. A. Thompson, A. N. Strang, T. R. Billett, W. H. Gardner, G. M. Black, William Jennings O'Neill, George J. Seale, Robert McKay, John E. Botterell and D. I. Rossini. They will have charge of Manitoba districts as follows:— Mr. Thompson will have charge of the areas tributary to

Mr. Thompson will have charge of the areas tributary to the towns of Melita, Deloraine, Hartney, Boissevain and Baldur.

Mr. Strang will have charge of the areas tributary to the towns of Virden, Reston, Rivers, Souris, Brandon, Carberry and Glenboro.

Mr. Billett the following towns: Miniota, Russell, Birtle, Shoal Lake, Hamiota, Rapid City and Minnedosa. Mr. Gardner the following towns: Roblin, Swan River,

Minitonas, Gilbert Plains, Grand View, Dauphin and Winnipegosis.

Mr. Black the following towns: Swan Lake, Polit Mound, Manitou, Morden, Miami, Roland, Plum Coulee, Winkler, Altona and Gretna.

Mr. O'Neill the following towns: Letellier, Emerson, Steinbach, Lorette, La Broquerie, Stuartburn and Sprague. Mr. Seale the following towns: Holland, Treherne, Car-

man, Elm Creek, Morris, Sanford, Headingly and Rosser. Mr. McKay the following towns: Neepawa, McCreary, Ochre River, St. Rose du Lac, Arden, Gladstone and Mc-Gregor.

Mr. Botterell the following towns: Selkirk, Brokenhead, Oak Bank and Whitemouth.

Mr. Rossini the following towns: Portage la Prairie, Stonewall, Lundar and Gimli,

Pay Dividends in Bonds.

Mayor C. N. Clendening has been appointed chairman of the committee for Niagara Falls, Ont.. in the campaign.

Mr. Gordon M. McGregor, vice-president and managing director of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, is chairman of the Victory Loan committee for Windsor and adjacent border cities. Mr. William T. Gregory, of Leamington, will organize the rural portions of Essex County.

The Vancouver Mining Exchange members, at a recent meeting, pledged themselves to render whatever assistance they could toward making the loan a success.

The sinking fund trustees of Winnipeg, will probably take \$500,000 worth of the new bonds. Of the first loan, the sinking fund trustees purchased \$500,000; of the second issue, \$107,500; of the third, \$449,000. The city power department has also purchased about \$300,000.

A suggestion has been made that large Canadian cor-porations should declare their dividends in Victory Loan bonds. Many United States corporations took similar action, paying dividends with Anglo-French bonds.

NATIONAL SERVICE TO HELP LOAN CAMPAIGN

Mr. C. W. Peterson, secretary of the National Service Board, returned to Ottawa on Monday from Toronto, where he consulted the Central Dominion Loan Committee, with the object of co-ordinating the efforts of the National Service organization, which now has charge of the sale of war savinge certificates, and the work of the Victory Loan Committee. The National Service organization will help the loan cam-

paign. Recently the National Service Board has opened an office in Toronto, with an official and field staff in charge, with a view to working out a co-operative plan in industrial establishments, whereby war savings certificates could be purchased by employees on the instalment plan. During the first few weeks 27 large industrial establishments in Toronto district were canvassed by the National Service staff, and 6,500 men and women were induced to purchase war savings certificates, amounting to \$195,000. The present effort is an experiment, but it has proved so successful that it is planned to have a Dominion-wide organization. The propaganda has the double object of raising money for war purposes and the promotion of thrift.

LIFE INSURANCE MEN TO HELP WAR LOAN

The Canadian life insurance companies are co-operating with the finance minister in organizing for the Victory Loan The chief committee is composed of the president campaign. of each of the Canadian life insurance companies, the resident officers of the British and other companies, and the executive officers of the Life Underwriters' Association, with the president, vice-president and secretary of the Life Officers Association (Mr. D. E. Kilgour).

The following is the executive committee: Messrs. C. H. Carpenter, A. J. Meiklejohn, John A. Tory, A. Homer Vipond, J. F. Weston, A. B. Wood, J. B. McKechnie, E. J. MacIver and H. H. Kay.

Other committees are being formed in the provinces. Mr. D. E. Kilgour is now in Western Canada to co-operate in the work of organization. The life insurance salesmen will assist in selling the loan.

CHAMBLY COUNTY FIRES FIRST WAR LOAN GUN

The first public meeting in Canada's Victory War Loan campaign, for at least \$150,000,000, was held last Saturday under the auspices of the South Shore Board of Trade, Chambly County, Quebec Province. Among the speakers were Mr. J. H. Rainville and Hon. Walter Mitchell, provincial treasurer of Quebec. Various speakers first explained, in English and French, the reasons for issuing the loan. Hon. Walter Mitchell said that any man who fails at this time failed in his duty to Canada and to his king. We all had our "bit" to do, and there was more than one way in which , to do it. The man who went to the front, and in many cases made the supreme sacrifice does his "bit," but what were the others doing? The soldier sacrificed all, the others were being asked to invest in gold bonds that would bring in 516 per cent. The investment was a good one, and if every man in Canada had followed the example of France and England each one would be better off to-day. If the campaign educated the people to save, it would be doing more than raise the loan.

Mr. Mitchell also spoke of the necessity of greater production, for it must not be forgotten that there were 24,000,000

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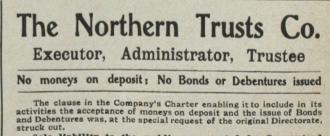
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men to-day who were consumers, when before they had been producers.

The provincial treasurer believed that there was too much waste, the ministers of agriculture of all the countries declaring that production must increase and consumption lessen. According to the latest returns there were deposits of \$1,392,000,000 in the Canadian banks. When war broke out there were only \$1,018,000,000. The cash in circulation now was \$338,000,000, or an average of \$42.25 for every man, woman and child in Canada based on a population of 8,000,-000, and Mr. Mitchell felt that the Victory Loan could well be subscribed by the people in the fight for civilization.

Mr. J. T. Hackett, K.C., said that it was the first time Canada needed money and had to look to her own people for assistance. Was the country to look in vain? It was not a sacrifice that was being asked, but an opportunity that was being given the people. The United States was raising money at 3½ per cent., free from taxation, and Canadians were to be paid 51/2 per cent. also free of taxation.

The following officers and committee were then unani-mously chosen for Chambly County: Joint chairmen, Messrs. L. E. Brais, F. J. McClure; committee—J. H. Rainville, Dr. E. M. Desaulniers, M.L.A., Mayors Gordon, Thurber, Hardy, Chalmers; Brusselle, of Chambly parish; Bergevin, Chambly Canton; Leonard, St. Bruno; Trudeau, St. Brazile; Du-charme, Chambly Basin; Bare, St. Hubert; and Messrs. John Smillie, Wayland, Williams, J. S. V. Dupras, H. J. Cross, Edmond Desalniers, Reginald Dore, C. T. Hedlar, W. P. Powell, A. F. Stratton, A. Benoit, B. Bernard, L. E. Kingston, V. Pigeon, Jos. Horsfall, L. Betournay, P. M. Wickham, E. F. Racey, J. H. Bartholomew, Chas. Roy, J. P. Lamarre, J. P. Hudson, T. M. Taylor, C. F. Bristol and Yvon Lamarre, with power to add to their number. The following officers and committee were then unani-

ATIKOKAN IRON COMPANY

The Port Arthur city council suggests the operation of the plant of the Atikokan Iron Company under government control, and a communication will be sent to Sir George E. Foster to that effect. A letter will also be written to the Atikokan Iron Company executive, saying that the city of Port Arthur is not satisfied with "the very abbreviated state-ment furnished," and that the council would like to know where the original amount of \$700,000 was pledged and for what purpose. The council also desires to obtain a detailed statement of bills payable to the banks for \$612,900, how the special loan of \$75,000 was used, and how accounts payable, amounting to \$11,201, were expended.

SEPTEMBER COBALT SHIPMENTS

The following are the Cobalt ore shipments for the month of September, 1917 :--

	Tons.
National Mines	. 27
Cobalt Silver Queen	25
Right-or-way Mines	FI.F
o blien mine	, 22
Temiskaming Mining Company	. 22.5
nudson Bay Mine	27.5
Bunalo Mines	. 32.5
Trethewey Mines	. 63
renn Ganadian Mimes	. 52
Kerr Lake	60
McKinley-Darragh-Savage Mines	226 5
Mining Corporation of Canada	. 86
Aladdin Cobalt Mine	. 64
Conlagas Mines	02
Nipissing Mining Company	. 015
La Rose Mines	. 130.5
Dominion Reduction Company	. 387.5
	. 301.5

Results of the British government's new system of continuous borrowing through the short-term national war bonds have so far exceeded expectations. Sales have averaged upwards of £20,000,000 per week.

PROGRESS OF LIBERTY LOAN

Over \$1,000,000,000 Worth of Bonds Officially Reported Sold—Some Big Subscriptions

More than a billion dollars worth of Liberty Loan bonds have been officially reported as having been sold. The official returns show that sales have aggregated \$1,008,686,000.

Unofficial returns indicate that not less than \$1,715,000,-000 worth of the bonds had been sold to October 19th. The estimate of an unofficial character crediting the people and banks with having bought \$1,700,000,000 is declared by treasury officials to be conservative, and they assert: "There is every reason to believe that the figure is larger."

The figures for sales up to the close of business October 19, and the unofficial estimates of subscriptions to that date, were given out at the treasury department as follows :-

City.	Official.	Unofficial.
Boston	\$ 115,300,000	\$ 150,000,000
New York	460,742,000	605,000,000
Philadelphia	30,528,000	120,000,000
Cleveland	115,250,000	125,000,000
Richmond	41,586,000	90,000,000
Atlanta	9,428,000	20,000,000
Chicago	122,597,000	325,000,000
St. Louis	11,956,000	100,000,000
Minneapolis	40,500,000	50,000,000
Kansas City	8,871,000	60,000,000
Dallas	7,753,000	15,000,000
San Francisco	44,175,000	55,000,000
Total	\$1,008,686,000	\$1,715,000,000

Some Big Subscriptions

Kuhn, Loeb and Company, New York, subscribed for their own account, \$10,000,000. The Prudential Insurance Company, of Newark, took \$2,500,000 additional. The Louis-ville and Nashville Railway Company subscribed for a total of \$6,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 was credited to the New York district.

Other big subscriptions are: New Jersey Zinc Company, \$1,000,000; Public Bank of New York, \$1,000,000; Empire \$1,000,000; Public Bank of New York, \$1,000,000; Empire Trust Company, for itself and customers, \$1,000,000; Con-tinental Insurance Company, \$1,000,000; Lincoln Trust Com-pany, for itself and clients, \$570,000; Miller and Company, \$500,000; American Beet Sugar Company, \$200,000; New York Cotton Exchange, \$100,000; J. K. Rice, Jr., and Com-pany, \$100,000; J. K. Rice, Jr., for personal account, \$100,-000; Pittsburg and West Virginia Railroad Company, \$250,-000; Tokio Marine Insurance Company, \$50,000; Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, \$1,000,000 (additional); Captain J. R. De Lamar, \$1,000,000; William B. Jovce, \$1,000,000; Charles P. Sanford, \$1,000,000; Cities Service Company, jointly with H. L. Doherty, \$1,000,000; Union Dime Savings Bank, \$500,000; West Virginia Pulp Company, \$500,000; Spencer, Trask and Company, \$500,000 (additional); and J. Spencer, Trask and Company, \$500,000 (additional); and J. S. Bache and Company, \$500,000.

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INSURANCE BUSINESS REVIEWED

Great Activity in Life Insurance—Mr. H. C. Cox Addresses Insurance Institute

"Until the line of demarkation between head office and field is done away with, until the main or ultimate objects of one department are without question the objects of all other departments, until then close and successful co-operation is impossible." This was the opinion expressed by Mr. H. C. Cox, president of the Canada Life Assurance Company, Toronto, at a meeting of the Insurance Institute of Toronto on Tuesday.

"During the past year," he continued, "the fire and accident companies have been still further solving the problems presented by the war, and, taking everything into consideration, have been very successful in conserving their losses and in maintaining a good volume of business. The government measure for compensation to injured workmen has been beneficial to the business, if anything, and it has never been anticipated that the regular accident business would be anything but advanced by the introduction of legislation to protect the employee. As in the case of government schemes for life insurance and annuities, the effect has, on the whole, strengthened the presentation by the companies and called attention by government sanction and endorsation, to the sound principle of insurance generally.

"The life insurance field has of late been active to a degree almost disconcerting. Our present machinery has been able to respond to the increased demand for life insurance protection only because of a general feeling of loyal and enthusiastic co-operation by one and all to make the most of the present opportunity. Men in the field and at head office have responded to an unusual degree, and realizing the value to the state of a good harvest of applications, have spared no effort to gather together the small sums from far and near which in their aggregate represent large premium income and increased assets for investment in national loans and sterling enterprises.

Attention to Detail Necessary.

"It is quite within the probabilities that before many years have passed, many of the younger members of this body will be engaged in executive work of increasing importance to the general business of insurance. The building process going on in our various institutions calls for the utmost care, and dedication of ability to the solution of the problems of the hour.

the hour. "Men connected with the insurance business become accustomed to thinking in millions, but this to the cautious executive only emphasizes the need for attention to detail. By that I do not mean to suggest that a man with large responsibilities should attempt to handle detail, but it is his duty to see that the detail is properly handled. It is the aggregation of smaller tasks performed by others which makes it possible for any man to hold a big job, and unless those small tasks are in capable hands, the whole structure may The ability to appoint the right men, therefore, to suffer. undertake the various departments of a business, in itself demonstrates the power of the executive. We are apt to stand in awe of big business ventures, but as we draw closer to them and realize that the largest business in the country is only the expression of the work of many men variously engaged, we realize that what appeared very large to us may be dissected, and brought down to a basis of understanding.

Just Dealing Between all Grades.

"All through a great organization are men, even to the remotest part of the field. who are accomplishing every day those difficult tasks of soliciting, or business management, which in the aggregate represents our success.

"In building an organization which is to be loyal and steadfast, we have only one standard, and that, I believe, has been recognized by most executives—a recognition of the principle of just dealing with and between the men of all grades who comprise the institution.

"It is inconceivable in these times that any one should imagine a different viewpoint as between a head office and an agency force, for example. It is unquestionably true that any apparent difference of viewpoint should be the immediate objective or the point of attack by those forces for good management which exist in every institution. "Viewing the many organizations at work around us, particularly in the realm of finance, one becomes more and more impressed with the spirit of co-operation everywhere apparent. Business houses and company managements which not many years ago might have appeared separated by immense distances from participation in any joint effort, have come together in these times of union for the common good, and have demonstrated what may be done by united effort to reach a common goal.

"There are many such organizations in Canada, some connected with the insurance business, such as this institute, the Life Officers' Association and the Life Underwriters' Associations in various parts of the country, and they have done much to raise the standard of business ethics. We have, as an outcome of the great war, some temporary organizations of all classes of business men, which have arisen out of the need for patriotic endeavor. The most recent, and perhaps the greatest of these—at least judged by the task before it—is the Association of Bond Brokers. They have in hand the perfecting of an organization which will reach from coast to coast, devoted to the task of raising a Dominion government loan of \$150,000,000."

BANK BRANCHES OPENED AND CLOSED

The following is a list of the bank branches opened and closed during September,-

Branches Opened—Six

*Cap-aux-Meules, Iles-de-la-					
Madeleine, Que,	La Banque Nationale				
*Ferme Meuve, Que	Banque d'Hochelaga				
*La Sarre, Que	Banque d'Hochelaga				
*Makamik, Que.	Banque d'Hochelaga				
*Montreal, Que. (Sherbrooke Street)	Bank of Montreal.				
*St. Anne de la Perade, Que	La Banque Nationale.				

Branches Closed—Four

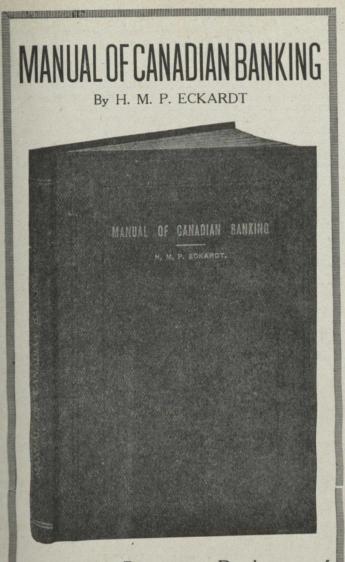
Laprairie, Que Ottawa, Ont. (Rue Wellington)	Banque Provinciale du Can-
Quesnel, B.C	ada. Bank of British North America.
Schumacher, Ont	Standard Bank of Canada.

*Sub-branches.

SAY TAX ON FIRE PREMIUMS UNFAIR

"When the Ontario government founded the fire marshal's department," says Industrial Canada, the organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, "it was decided that the cost of the department should be borne by the insurance companies, and, to that end, a provision was inserted in the bill, levying a tax of not exceeding one-third of 1 per cent. of fire insurance premiums collected in Ontario. Apparently, the insurance companies complained that they were being unfairly treated for an amendment was hastily added to the bill, imposing a tax of 1 per cent. on all losses collectable from unlicensed insurance companies. This tax must, of course, be paid by the individual or firm whose property is destroyed by fire, since the unlicensed companies, being outside Canadian jurisdiction, cannot be taxed. It needs no argument to show how absurdly unjust it is to make a man pay a heavy tax immediately after suffering a loss, to reinstate which he requires all his resources. In actual operation the tax has proved to be even more unfair than was at first apparent, and is now frankly discriminatory. The sums. received on account of fire losses alone were found practically sufficient to pay for the upkeep of the fire marshal's department, as a result of which a rebate of 80 per cent. has been made to the insurance companies. No rebate whatever has been made to the individual taxpayers, so that 80 per cent. of the cost of the fire marshal's department is now borne by a few unfortunate fire victims, while the balance is distributed amongst about a hundred or more wealthy insurance companies. And this is in spite of the fact that the fire marshal's Act expressly provides that the insurance companies be taxed for the purpose of maintaining the department.

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SASKATCHEWAN'S FARM LOAN BONDS

Provincial Government Issues a Financial Catechism for Investors

The Saskatchewan treasury department has issued two leaflets in connection with the Saskatchewan farm loan debentures. The first of these is in the nature of a prospectus, with a form of application for bonds attached, and the other explains very clearly the nature of the investment, with full information as to its purpose and all details of the project. An endeavor has been made to present the facts in simple language, free from legal and financial phraseology. It was deemed advisable to adopt the question and answer style of presenting the subject, dealing as far as possible with all the questions that would be likely to arise in the mind of the person who is considering an investment :-

Government Bond or Debenture.

Question .- What is a government bond or debenture?

Answer.--A government bond or debenture is a promise by the government, on behalf of the whole people, to pay a certain sum of money at a stated time, and to pay interest on it at certain fixed intervals before the principal sum is due. The whole of the resources of the province are behind such a security, and it constitutes the safest investment the government or anyone in the province can offer.

Question -Why should this particular issue be purchased by Saskatchewan's citizens more than any other?

Answer .- This particular debenture issue is designed to accomplish two definite ends:

That those citizens who have money to invest, even 1. for a short space of time and in small amounts, shall receive in interest more nearly what their money is worth.

2. That those farmers who must borrow on mortgage to develop the agricultural resources of the province shall be able to do so at a rate of interest lower than in the past and more nearly what the money is worth. Question.—How can it be possible to pay the lender more

and at the same time charge the borrower less?

Answer.-Bv reason of the fact that by this method wealth produced in Saskatchewan is kept at home working to build up this community and to develop its resources instead of becoming merged in the intricate and costly financial system of the whole country. Also to the fact that this is not a scheme for profit-making on the part of any cor-poration or individual, but an honest attempt on the part of the government of the province to improve the economic status of its people.

Rate of Interest.

Question .- What rate of interest will the government pay the investor?

Answer .- Five per cent., which is a higher rate than can be obtained on any security which is as gilt-edged, and which at the same time offers conveniences for repayment on notice.

Question .- I notice these debentures are not payable by the government for ten years. Suppose I invest \$500 and then have a poor crop next year or the year after and need the money?

Answer.—All you need to do in that case is to give the provincial treasurer three months' notice that you want your money and it will be forthcoming in full. Question.—How often will I receive interest?

Answer .- Every six months.

Question .- How do I collect the interest

Answer.-Attached to every debenture are interest coupons, one for each six-monthly interest date. Close to the date of the payment of the coupon, which is printed on each one, just cut the coupon off and take it to your bank, where you will receive its full value.

Question -How much or how little can I invest?

Answer .- The smallest debenture is for \$20. Others are for \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. You can buy as many or as few

of each as you desire. Question.—What is the money to be used for? Answer.—The money will be advanced by the provincial treasurer to the Saskatchewan Farm Loan Board, who in turn will loan it to farmers, receiving mortgages on farm lands as security

Question .- Will I have to look to the farmers who ultimately borrow the money for repayment of the debentures purchased by me?

Answer .- No. The government will repay you at any time on three months' notice and will pay you interest every six months

Ouestion .- How should I go about buying these debentures?

Answer .- Just fill out the form attached to the prospectus enclosed herewith and attach your cheque (which must be accepted by the bank), post-office order, money order or express order, for the amount you wish to invest, and send by registered mail to the provincial treasurer, loan office, legislative buildings, Regina. But if you prefer, go to any branch of the Union Bank of Canada or Northern Crown Bank, or to the secretary-treasurer of your town, village, or rural municipality, who will receive on behalf of the pro-vincial treasurer the money for the purchase of the debenture and in exchange give you an interim receipt, which carefully keep, as the same will secure you pending the issue from the treasury department of your debenture.

Possible Loss of Bonds.

Question .- If I buy several \$20 and \$100 debentures, can I later exchange them for a debenture or debentures of larger denomination if I desife to do so?

Answer .- Yes. Your debentures may be sent by registered mail to the treasury department, who will issue you such debentures of higher denomination as you may require. But if you do not like to risk sending these debentures through the mail you may write the provincial treasurer that you require to exchange your debentures, and also mention at the same time at which branch of the Union Bank or Northern Crown Bank you wish the exchange to be made, and when. Upon the receipt of your communication the treasury department will forward such debentures as you may require to the bank mentioned, where the exchange can be properly made by you.

Question .- How can I protect myself against loss of debentures?

Answer .- The provincial treasurer will be pleased to register the \$500 debentures and the \$1,000 debentures. This means that the back of the debenture will bear your name. A register is kept in the treasury department of the debentures registered so that in case of loss no other person may present these debentures for payment. This registration provision refers only to the principal sum of the debentures and not to the coupons attached to the same.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS

The following are the shipments of ore, in pounds, from Cobalt Station for the week ended October 19th, 1917:

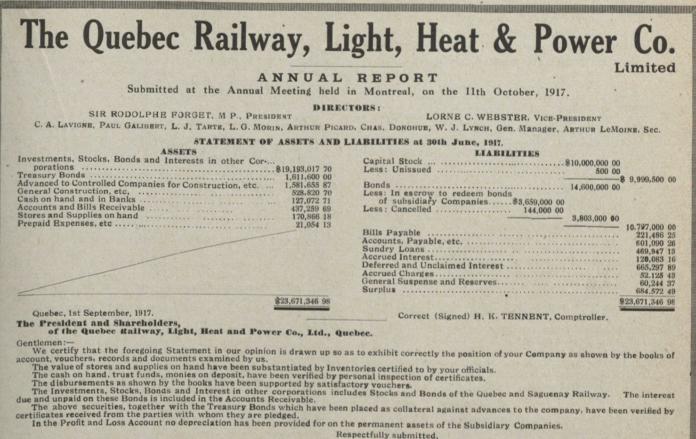
Nipissing Mining Company, 75,080; Temiskaming Mining Company, 64,085; Dominion Reduction Company, 87,400; Mining Corporation of Canada, 372,140;. Total, 598,705 pounds, or 299 tons. The total shipments since January 1st, 1917, now amount to 28,593,513 pounds, or 14,296 tons.

CANADIAN TRADE INCREASES

For the first six months, ended September, of the current fiscal year the total trade of the Dominion amounted to \$1,347,781,936, as compared with \$1,148,859,412, an increase of approximately \$200,000,000. For the month of September Canada's trade reached the large figure of \$193,803,517. For September, 1916, it was \$161,767,951.

For the six months period free goods were imported to the value of \$250,836,205, and dutiable goods to the value of \$299,089,013. Imports totalled \$549,925,223, apart from coin and bullion, as against \$390,965,243. Duty collected for the six months amounted to \$88,280,620, as compared with \$70,102,854 for the same period last year. Domestic goods to the value of \$767,091,657 were ex-

ported during the six months. Last year for a similar period the value of domestic exports was \$536,722,671. The total value of domestic manufactured goods exported for the six months was \$345,960,399, as compared with \$190,823,240 in a similar period last year. Agricultural products (domestic) exported during the six months period reached a total of \$260,654,960, as compared with \$206,141,326 last year. Do-mestic animals exported were valued at \$83,002,705, as against \$53,382,886 last year.



Montreal, 1st September, 1917.

Respectfully submitted. (Signed) P. S. ROSS & SONS, Chartered Accountants.

RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Banff, Alta.-October 16-Mr. J. H. Fitzpatrick's bottling works completely destroyed.

Chesley, Ont.—October 21—Mr. S. Thaler's residence. Partly covered by insurance. Cause, defective chimney. Cornwall, Ont.—October 19—Montreal and Cornwall Navigation Company's steamer destroyed. Estimated loss,

\$15,000. Insured for \$5,000. Delaware, Ont.—October 16—Mrs. A. Giles' dwellinghouse. Cause, incendiarism.

Edmonton, Alta.-October 17-Mr. J. Brown's shack and

contents destroyed. Cause, children playing with matches.
 Fall River, N.S.—October 15—Mr. Richardson's house destroyed. No insurance carried. Cause, spark from chimney.
 Fillmore, Sask.—October 12—Mr. Fred. Craig's barn completely destroyed. Estimated loss, \$3,000.

Forest, Ont.—October 16—Business section, including Miss Beatty's millinery store, P. Cairns' shoe store, Lyle Welfington's barber shop and A. Armstrong's shoe repairing

store destroyed. Loss partly covered by insurance. Calt, Ont.—October 19—Clare Brothers' foundry damaged.

Hastings, Ont .- October 23-Hastings Tanning Company's plant destroyed. Owner, the Breithaupt Company, of

Kitcheher. Estimated loss, \$200,000.
 London, Ont.—October 16—Mrs. Clare's home damaged.
 Estimated loss, \$200. Cause, children playing with matches. Maryfield, Sask.—October 12—The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company's elevator, containing 6,500
 bushels of wheat, destroyed. Estimated loss, \$10,000, cov-ered by insurance.

Milltown, N.B.-October 19-Mr. Geo. H. Crowley's home destroyed. Cause, smoking in bed.

Moncton, N.B.—October 16—Mr. A. R. Gorrie's Mc-Laughlin car destroyed. Insurance, \$1,100. Cause, gasoline and oils uniting.

Montreal, Que.-October 18-Black River Paper Mills gutted. Estimated loss, several thousand dollars. Additional information to follow.

Montreal, Que.—October 22—Block of houses on Bour-bonnurè Street destroyed. Owner of property, Mr. S. Lapointe. Estimated damage, several thousand dollars.

New Liskeard, Ont .- October 19-Mrs. Smart's home destroyed.

North Sydney, N.S.—October 12—Mr. W. H. Buchanan's plumbing shop practically destroyed. Estimated loss, \$1,500, partly covered by insurance.

Preston, N.S.-October 14-Mr. P. Downey's house totally destroyed.

Seaforth, Ont.-October 19-Mr. A. Wankel's barn, con taining 80 tons of hay, and implement shed completely destroyed. Insured in the Killop Mutual Company for \$1,800.

Southey, Sask .- October 13-The Maple Leaf Company's

elevator, containing 20,000 bushels of grain, destroyed. Toronto, Ont.—October 18—Maclean Publishing Company's property, consisting of three vacant houses, damaged. Estimated loss, \$300.

Toronto, Ont .- October 21-Lieut. N. G. Begg's home practically destroyed. Estimated loss-On building, \$3,000; on contents, \$2,000.

Toronto, Ont.-October 22-Jewish synagogue badly damaged. Estimated loss, \$2,000.

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 Toronto, Ont.—October 23—Sun Life Company's building badly damaged. Estimated loss, \$4,000.
 Toronto, Ont.—October 24—Aberdeen Chambers de-stroyed. Owners, Stinson and Hollwey. Estimated damage to building, \$10,000; to contents, \$6,000. Total insurance on building, \$70,000; on rentals, \$6,000. The policies are held by the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation. Cause, incendiarism

Vancouver, B.C.-October 10-Mr. H. C. Senay's home destroyed. Estimated loss, \$600; no insurance carried. Cause, defective flue.

Winnipeg, Man.-October 18-Mr. S. Camilla's store damaged. Estimated loss, \$500. Cause, fire from kitchen stove.

NEW CANADIAN WAR CABINET

Union Cabinet Comprises Twenty-three Members-Reconstruction and Development Committees

The Union Cabinet as it now stands comprises twentythree members, including the solicitor-general, Hugh Guthrie. In addition there are now two parliamentary under-secretaries, namely, Messrs. Hugh Clark, for external affairs, and F. B. McCurdy, for militia and defence. A third parliamentary under-secretary for the department of labor is to be appoint-ed, according to Premier Borden's announcement of Tues-day. He will probably be David A. Carey, of Toronto.

The new Cabinet is as follows :--

Sir Robert Borden, premier and secretary of state for external affairs.

Hon. Newton W. Rowell, president of the council. Sir James Lougheed, government leader in the Senate and chairman of the military hospitals commission.

Hon. Martin Burrell, secretary of state.

Hon. Arthur Sifton, customs.

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Sir Thomas White, finance minister.
Hon. John D. Reid, railways and canals.
Hon. Thomas W. Crothers, labor.
Sir Edward Kemp, militia and defence overseas.
Hon. S. C. Mewburn, militia and defence in Canada.
Hon. C. J. Doherty, justice.
Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, marine and fisheries and naval vice. service.

Hon. Albert Sevigny, inland revenue. Hon. P. E. Blondin, postmaster-general. Hon. F. B. Carvell, public works. Without portfolio-Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. A. K. Maclean, Hon, Gideon Robertson.

Solicitor-general, Hon. Hugh Guthrie.

Canada's War Cabinet.

The War Cabinet-technically known as the war committee of the Cabinet Council-will have the prime minister as its president, and Hon. N. W. Rowell as its vice-president. The other committee, which will be known as the reconstruction and development committee, will also have the prime min-ister as its president. Hon. A. K. Maclean, minister without portfolio, will be vice-president.

The personnel of the committees follows:

War Cabinet-Chairman, Sir Robert Borden. Vice-chairman, Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the

privy council. Major-General Mewburn, minister of militia and defence.

Sir Thomas White, minister of militia and defence. Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries and naval service.

Hon, C. J. Doherty, minister of justice. Hon, F. B. Carvell, minister of public works. Hon, A. L. Sifton, minister of customs. Hon, P. E. Blondin, postmaster-general.

Sir Edward Kemp, minister of overseas military forces.

Reconstruction Committee.

Reconstruction and Development Committee-Chairman, Sir Robert Borden.

Vice-chairman, Hon. A. K. Maclean. Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce.

Sir Thomas White, minister of finance. Hon, J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals. Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and coloniza-

tion.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of agriculture

Sir James Lougheed, chairman of the military hospitals commission.

Hon. Senator Robertson, minister without portfolio.

Each committee, it will be observed, consists of ten members.

The duties of the war committee, which will exist during the progress of the war, and until after demobilization, are defined in an order-in-council based upon recommendations made by the prime minister.

Sir Robert Borden, in his recommendations, observes that the constitution of such a committee of the Cabinet is advisable "for the purpose of co-ordinating the efforts of the several departments of the government for the prosecution of the war, for insuring the maximum of effort with the minimum of expenditure, and generally for the purpose of throwing the full power of Canada into the national endeavor.'

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Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including the seventeenth day of December next for the right to cut pulpwood and pine timber on a certain area situate in the vicinity of the Kapuskasing River in the Districts of Timiskaming and Algoma.

Tenderers are to offer a flat rate per cord for all classes of pulpwood, whether spruce or other woods. The successful tenderer shall be required to pay for the Red and White Pine on the limit a flat rate of \$10 per thousand feet board measure.

The successful tenderer shall also be required to erect a mill or mills on or near the territory, and to manufacture the wood into pulp and paper in the Province of Ontario in accordance with the terms and conditions of sale which can be had on application to the Department. Parties making tender will be required to deposit with

their tender a marked cheque payable to the Honourable the Treasurer of the Province of Ontario, for Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), which amount will be forfeited in the event of their not entering into agreement to carry out conditions, etc. The said Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) will be held by the Department until such time conditions, etc. as the terms and conditions of the agreement to be entered into have been complied with and the said mills erected, equipped and in operation. The said sum may then be applied in such amounts and at such times as the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines may direct in payment of accounts for dues or of any other obligation due the Crown until the whole sum has been applied.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For particulars as to description of territory, capital to be invested, etc., apply to the undersigned.

G. H. FERGUSON,

Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines.

Toronto, September 19th, 1917.

N.B.-No unauthorized publication of this notice will be paid for.

THE CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY OF TORONTO

The Annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, to receive the report of the Directors, and for the election of the Directors for the coming year, will be held in the Company's Board-room, 17 Toronto Street, Monday, the 29th day of October, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon.

> ARTHUR HEWITT, General Manager.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of Two and onehalf per cent. for the current quarter, being at the rate of Ten per cent. per annum, upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Institution, has been declared, and will be payable at its Banking House in this city and at its Branches, on and after the 1st day of November next to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the 15th day of October. By order of the Board, D. C. MACAROW,

General Manager.

Montreal, 2nd October, 1917.

ILLINOIS TRACTION COMPANY

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND No. 19.

A Quarterly Dividend at the rate of Three per cent. (3%) per annum on the Common Stock of the Illinois Traction Company has been declared for the Quarter ending October 31st, 1917, payable Nov. 15th, 1917, to Shareholders of record Nov. 1st, 1917.

By order of the Board. GEO. M. MATTIS,

Champaign, Ill.

UNION BANK OF CANADA

DIVIDEND No. 123.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of 8% per annum, together with a bonus of 1%, upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of the UNION BANK OF CANADA, has been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in the City of Winnipeg, and also at its branches, on and after Saturday, the 1st day of December, 1917, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 15th day of November next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the

30th day of November, 1917, both days inclusive. By order of the Board. H. B. SHAW,

General Manager.

Winnipeg, October 18th, 1917.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

DIVIDEND No. 123.

Notice is hereby given that a quarterly dividend of 21/2 per cent. upon the capital stock of this Bank has been declared for the three months ending 30th November next, together with a bonus of one per cent., and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after Saturday, 1st December, 1917. The Transfer Books of the Bank will be closed from the 16th to the 30th November next, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board. JOHN AIRD

General Manager.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Toronto, 19th October, 1917.

THE RIORDON PULP & PAPER COMPANY LIMITED

COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND No. 7.

Notice is hereby given that a quarterly dividend of $1\frac{1}{6}\%$, being at the rate of 6% per annum, and a bonus dividend of 1%, be declared on the Common Stock of the Company for the third quarter of the year, payable November 15th, 1917, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 8th, 1917.

By order of the Board. F. B. WHITTET.

Montreal, October 23rd, 1917.

The total assets of the Royal Bank of Canada September increased $\$_1,\$_5\$_4,4_1$ to $\$_{302,997,175}$. When the Quebec Bank was absorbed, the total assets of the Royal had reached $\$_{275,000,000}$. Total deposits at the end of September were $\$_{24,150,216}$, a gain of about a million dollars during the month. during month. Loans and discounts contracted about \$1,200,000 in September, and concurrently with that and the increase in deposits, there was some expansion in liquid assets as represented in call loans. In Canada the expansion amounted to about \$400,000 outside of Canada to about 334 millions.

Treasurer.

Montreal and Toronto Stock Transactions

Stock Prices for Week ended Oct. 24th, 1917, and Sales.

Montreal figures supplied to *The Monetary Times* by Messrs Burnett & Co., St. Sacrament St., Montreal. Toronto quotations "and interest."

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MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Municipal Activities and Financing

Reference was made in The Monetary Times last week to the action in which the Christian Brothers sued the city of Maisonneuve for \$500,000 worth of debentures, being the balance of the price alleged to be due for the properties purchased by the city from the Christian Brothers in 1914 for the purpose of a public park at Maisonneuve.

As the result of an understanding between the parties, Mr. Justice Archer, on Thursday last week agreed to render judgment on the action "at the demand of the plaintiffs.

Until then, therefore, the case stands adjourned. Mr. W. A. Baker, K.C., who appeared for the city of Maisonneuve, stated that at the coming session of the legislature, Maisonneuve intended to ask for an extension of its borrowing powers which would enable them to pay to the Christian Brothers the amount owing to complete the transaction in question.

Mr. P. St. Germain, K.C., for the plaintiffs, said he had no objection to the postponement, as it would not prejudice the claim in any way.

Maisonneuve agreed to purchase this property for \$1,-500,000, of which sum \$500,000 was paid in cash on the date of sale, May 1, 1914. On the same date \$500,000 worth of city of Maisonneuve debentures were delivered to plaintiffs, the balance of \$500,000 being payable in like debentures within four years of the date last named. This part of the agreement, however, had not been carried out, and on the agree-fault the present action was based. The city had offered de-bentures to the value of \$308,000, which formed the sum total of the amount Maisonneuve had available to complete the transaction. The balance of the bonds, worth \$192,000, had been transferred to others in virtue of claims to the title of certain parts of the property purchased, and the question at issue, according to the pleas, turned on the regularity of the transfer of the debentures to the value of \$192,000.

North Cowichan, B.C .- The council has decided to repurchase \$15,000 of the issue of \$50,000 of bonds five years The bonds were originally sold at 94, yielding 7 per ago. cent.

Ottawa, Ont .- An increase of \$1,776,297 in the city's assessment, and an increase of 988 in population over 1916 figures are shown in the report completed by Mr. F. H. Veale, assessment commissioner. The total assessment of the city is given at \$11,472,000, and the population as 101,549.

Brantford, Ont .- The ratepayers will vote at the next municipal election on a by-law authorizing the issue of debentures to the value of \$40,000 for the construction of the St. Paul Avenue subway. The Grand Trunk Railway system has been ordered by the Dominion Railway Commission to pay \$7,000 toward the cost of such a subway. In the event of the ratification of the by-law by the people, the construction of the subway will be postponed until after the war and undertaken then as a measure to afford employment to returned men.

saskatchewan .- Many subdivisions are being restored to acreage in territory surrounding our cities and larger towns, reports Mr. J. N. Bayne, deputy minister of municipal affairs. The fact that councils are now allowed to compromise or accept a reasonable amount of taxes on such subdivisions is hastening their return to the category of farm lands, from which, in many cases, they should never have been taken. It is well that each municipality should do what it can to encourage elimination of the useless subdivision, which too often is only holding back agricultural production.

saskatchewan .- The tax sale provided for under the arrears of taxes act, with which each municipal secretary. treasurer is familiar, calls for an annual sale, and throughout the province wherever arrears have accumulated against land, the latter is being sold on account of the taxes. The person who wishes to buy these lands has a direct advantage, for if the land is redeemed before the period of redemption expires he is entitled to 10 per cent. interest on all taxes which he pays for each year concerned, and if the owner does not redeem, the property vests in the tax purchaser in due course. However, the prosperity now so common in Saskatchewan is

resulting in a general clearing of arrears of taxes, so that comparatively few areas, particularly in the rural districts, will be actually sold. It is always to the advantage of the taxpayer when he clears his taxes in the same year in which they are imposed.

Saskatchewan .- The following is a list of debenture applications granted by the Local Government Board from October 8th to 13th, 1917:---

School Districts.—Prussia, \$5,500 20-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; A. M. Brown, Prussia. Hill and Hollow, \$2,-000 10-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; E. Berdan, Dahlby. Vantage, \$2,300 IO-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; J. M. Bright, Vantage. Liberator, \$2,000 IO-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; E. N. Grandall, Radville.

Rural Telephone Companies.—Woodend, \$2,800 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; J. R. Palmer, Estevan. Lake Johnston, \$800 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; F. E. Johnston, \$500 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; F. E., Grosby, Expanse. Stranraer, \$15,800 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; C. W. Rowbotham, Stranraer. Shallow Lake, \$200 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; H. J. Veal, March-well. Unity, \$36,400 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; T. C. Frost, Unity. McDonald Hills, \$15,000 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; W. Grant, Dysart. Hawarden, \$2,200 15-years not ex. 8 per cent. annuity; M. J. Brown, Hawarden. The following is a list of debentures reported sold from October 8th to 12th. 1012:-

October 8th to 13th, 1917:-

School Districts .- Sully, \$1,600; Great-West Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg. Wolseley, \$2,300; Robt. Cann, Wolseley.

Rural Telephone Companies.—Coleville, \$1,000; Wood, Gundy and Company, Saskatoon. Bresaylor, \$10,500; Mr. Thomas, Bresaylor. Carnoustie, \$2,000; H. O'Hara and Com-Thomas, Bresaylor. Carnoustie, \$2,000; H. O'Hara and Com-pany, Toronto. Ethelton, \$2,300; Union Bank of Canada. Gregherd, \$7,000, Spring Valley, \$5,200, Quill Lake, \$3,700, Alsask, \$21,500; W. L. McKinnon and Company, Regina. Fondlater, \$6,000; Victoria Loan and Savings Company, Lindsay, Ont. Village.—Riverhurst, \$2,550; W. L. McKinnon and Com-pany. Bogina

pany, Regina.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

The following are the earnings of Canada's transcontinental lines during the first three weeks of October :--

Canadian Pacific Railway.

October 7 October 14 October 21	1916. \$2,966,000 3,034,000 2,932.000	1917. \$2,842,000 3,333,000 3,429,000	Inc. or dec. \$124,000 + 299,000 + 497,000
October 7	Grand Trunk	Railway.	
	\$1,319,090	\$1,342,050	+ \$ 22,960
October 14	1,300,095	1,312,505	+ 12,410
October 21	I,200,044	1,254,304	+ 54,260
	Canadian Norther	n Railway.	

October 7 \$ 857,400 758,500 -\$ 98,900 October 14 847,700 960,600 + 112,900 October 21 839,700 872,300 + 32,600

For the third week of October gross earnings of the three principal Canadian railways were slightly less than the total for the preceding week. Both the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern reported decreases, but the Canadian Pacific aggregate for the third week was the largest thus far this month.

The Grand Trunk figures for the week ended October 21st stood at \$1,254,304, which is an increase of \$54,260, or 4.52 per cent, over the corresponding period of 1916. As compared with the second week of the current month, there was a decrease of approximately \$68,000.

The Canadian Northern earnings totalled \$872,300 for the seven days, contrasting favorably with the \$839,700 for the same week of last year, but falling behind the second week's record of \$960,600.

Canadian Pacific gross figures have shown steady im-provement since the beginning of the month. The third week's earnings were reported at \$3,420,000, which is \$407.-000, or 16.95 per cent. larger than for the same week of 1916, and \$96,000 in excess of the week of October 14th.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

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PUBLIC DEBT	1917 \$ cts. Assets-		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ON AC COUNT OF CONSOLIDATED FD.	Total 30th Sept. 1917	EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT, ETC.	Total 30th Sept. 1917
Payable in Canada Payable in London Payable in New York Bank Circul'n Redemp. Fd. Dominion Notes. Savings Banks	180,879,141 86 Investments—Sinking Fds 362,703,812 40 Other Investments 75,873,000 00 Province Accounts 455,673,464 08 Miscel and Bkg. Account	182,324,315 10 2,296,327 90 578,281,650 88 778,068,109 94	REVENUE- Customs Bxcise Post Office Pbc. Works, R'lways & Canals	12.022.101 01	Railway Subsidies	\$ cts 87,772,8576 7,290,6414 80,5943
Trust Funds Province Accounts Miscel. and Bkg. Accounts. Debt	11.920,481 20 Total Net Debt 31st Aug	3. 004,140,000 20	Total EXPENDITURE	127,477.904 95 50,184,261 07		95,144,093 4

DOMINION SAVINGS BANKS

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS

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BÁNK	Deposits for Sept. 1917	Total Deposits	Withdraw- als for Sept. 1917	Balance on 29th Sept. 1917.	BALANCE in hands of the Minister of Finarce on 30th June, 1917.	42,547,800.82	WITHDRAWALS during the month	\$ cts. 948,350.82
					DEPOSITS in the Post Office Sav- ings Bank during month	1,148,014.37		
Manitoba :	\$ cts. 6,310,00	\$ cts. 573.393.81	\$ cts. 4,750,63	\$ cts. 568,643.18	TRANSFERS from Dominion Gov- ernment Savings Bank during			
British Columbia :- Victoria	21,284,01	1,233,343.89	17,112,98	1,216,230.91	month:-			
Prince Edward Island :- Charlottetown	32.755.00	2,075,939.82	33,942.91	2,041,996,91	PRINCIPAL INTEREST accrued from 1st April to date of transfer			
New Brunswick:- Newcastle St. John	598.0° 62,297.18	273.741.25 5,395,556.48	846.22 69,603.11	272.898.03 5,325,953.04	DEPOSITS transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank of the			
Nova Scotia Amherst			2,266,07	110 101 61	United Kingdom to the Post Office Savings Bank of Canada			
Barrington Guysboro' Halifax Kentville Lunenburg	333,00 895.00 27,028.53 2,764.00 2,041.00	$\begin{array}{r} 118\ 207.36\\ 2.574.326.54\\ 245.500.33\end{array}$	2,268,07 836,02 25,368,30 3,170,56 2,216,32	2.548,960.24 242,329.77	INTEREST accrued on Depositors accounts and made principal on 31st March, 1917 (estimate)			
Pictou Port Hood Shelburne Sherbrooke Wallace	548 00 4,862.00 944.00 2,035 00	240,614.36	451,20 5,109,87 1,483,06 2,260,87	235,504.49	INTEREST allowed to Depositors on accounts closed during month		BALANOB at the credit of Depositors' ac- counts on 31st July, 1917	42.754.046.52
Totals	151,696,72		169.417.25	13,440,164 58		43.702,397.34		43,702,397.34

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Quotations furnished to The Monetary Times by A. J. Pattison Jr., & Co., Toronto (Week ended Oct. 24th, 1917.)

	Bid	Ask	1	Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask	Wath Oat 1 & D and	Bid	Ask
Abitibi Powercom. Arena Bonds (Toronto) Alberta Pac, Grainpref. Belding Paulpref. Brand-Hendersone's Brantford Roofing Can. Cereal & Flour Mill. Can. Mort. & Investment Can. Marconi	Bid 45 79 98 93 80 1.60	Ask 52 92 96 95 84 1 90 2,75	Collingwood Shipcom. Chapman Ball Bearings. Collingwood Ship6's Continental Life Cockshut Plowpref. Crown Life	31 20 67 92 94 70 67 93.50	74 39 96 25 75 70.50 96.50	Goodyear Tire Home Bank. Imperial Oilpref. Inter-Mill	180 64.50 350 325 95 15 120	199 67.50 385 3.50 97 375 115 22 131 55	North. Ont. L. & P6's Ont. Pulp Bonds Otis-Fenson Elevpref. Penn. Water Power Peoples Loan & Savings. Rosedale Golf Club Russian Gov. 5 ¹ / ₂ Internal Std. Rel'ce. Loan (par 50) Sterling Coal Bonds Steel & Rad. Bonds	80 79.50 87 70 80 325 45 67 	ASR 85 83.50 95 90 380 49 63 92
Canada Machinerypref. 6's com. Canadian Oilpref. Canada Paperpref. Carter Crume pref.	41 73.50 7.50 85	50 77.50 11 100 90 70	Dom. Sugar	94	60 96 235 70	Milton Pressed Brita Murray-Kay pref. M'Donald pref. Mutual Steamships6's Monarch Life Assur. Co. North. Crown Bank	84 95	25 88.50 20	Sovereign Life Tooke Brospref. Trust & Guarantee Univ. Steel & Toolcom. West Can. Flourcom.	85	20 72 90 21 130

Statistics relating to Dominion Savings Banks, Post Office Savings Banks, National Debt, Building Permits Compared, Index Numbers of Commodities, Trade of Canada by Countries, and Preliminary Monthly Statement of Canada's Trade appear once a month as issued by the various Government departments.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CITY MAKES HEADWAY

"New Westminster's industrial progress is not spectacular, but it is gratifying. The shell-making plants are continuing, having been assured of orders to carry them to the spring, owing to the satisfactory nature of their work." This is the opinion of Mr. J. D. Cunningham, sub-editor of the British Columbian, New Westminster, in a letter to *The Monetary Times*. He adds that whether or not the Imperial Munitions Board places any more contracts for wooden steamers on the Pacific coast, the Pcplar Island shipyard will remain a permanent industry here. If there are any further orders from the board, a share of them will go there. These declarations were made at a New Westminster board of trade meeting by Mr. H. M. Fullerton, secretary-treasurer of the New Westminster Construction and Engineering Company. Reporting on the progress of the four vessels under order, Mr. Fullerton said that the first is at the stage of being fitted with the steel keelsons; the stern of the second has been fitted, this being the most difficult and important part of construction. The keel of the third is laid, and the frames, all cut, lying on the ground, so that she should be in frame within ten days. The keel of the fourth will be laid on the ways, which are already prepared, within a week. The yard is now getting all the lumber it wants in good

The yard is now getting all the lumber it wants in good time, since the mills are getting logs of the required size. Mr. Fullerton expressed appreciation of the efforts made by all the sawmills on the Fraser to keep them supplied with wanted materials, mentioning particularly the Small-Bucklin Lumber Company, the Brunette mills, the big plant at Fraser Mills and a sawmill at Ladner.

The number of men employed ranges from 275 to 300, and so far the company has had no labor difficulties.

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MARKET THE INVESTMENTS AND

News and Notes of Active Companies-Their Financing, Operations, Developments, Extensions, Dividends and Future Plans

Kerr Lake Mining Company .- Notices have been sent to stockholders asking assent to dissolution of that company and formation of a new one under the laws of Canada with the same capitalization of 600,000 shares of \$5 par. Stockholders of the old company will receive share for share in the new Canadian corporation.

Bank of Montreal .- The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 21/2 per cent., together with a bonus of 1 per cent., payable December 1 to shareholders of record October 31. This is the regular bonus declared at the end of the year. A bonus of 1 per cent. is also declared in the 'quarter ending June 30, making a total of 12 per cent. for the year.

Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company .-- Ore receipts at the Trail Smelter from October 8 to October 14, 1917, show 6,959 tons from the company's mines, and from other mines 3,085 tons. As compared with the preceding week the above total shows a falling off of 1,133 tons. The total output from October 1, 1917, to date from the company's mines is 15,050 tons, and from other mines 7,588 tons.

Quebec Railway Light, Heat and Power Company .- The financial statement of the company showed gross earnings of \$1,832,031 for the year ending June 30th last, as compared with \$1,731,732 a year ago, which is an increase of \$100,299. Operating expenses, however, were \$1,155,969, an increase of \$126,218.

The profit and loss account compares as follows :---

Gross earnings Miscellaneous income	1917. \$1,832,031 230,850	1916. \$1,731,732 236,868
Operating expenses Fixed charges, tax Surplus for year	700,320	\$1,968,601 \$1,029,750 723,447 215,403

\$ 562,902

The balance sheet shows little change from last year. Accounts receivable are about \$140,000 higher, while accounts payable are almost \$200,000 greater. Cash on hand

Total surplus \$ 684,572

Asse	ts.	
	1917.	1916.
Stocks, etc	\$19,193,017	\$19,181,389
Treasury bonds Advanced to contingent	1,611,600	1,742,700
companies	1,581,665	1,165,251
General construction	528,820	528,413
Cash	127,072	167,456
Accounts receivable	437,259	297,637
Stores	170,866	155,319
Prepaid expenses	21,054	12,089
	\$23,671,346	\$23,250,257
Liabil	ities.	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1917.	1916.
Capital stock	\$ 9,999,500	\$ 9,999,500
Bonds	3,803,000	3,803,000
Bills payable	221,486	175,492
Accounts payable	601,090	412,222
Sundry loans	469,947	495,293
Accrued interest	120,083	129,638
Deferred and uncharged in-		2.0 0.1
terest	665,297	548,818
Accrued charges	52,125	47,373
General reserve		82,016
Surplus	684,572	562,902
	\$22 671 246	\$22,250,257

\$23,671,346 J. T. Donohue, of Quebec, was elected a director to fill an existing vacancy.

Nova Scotia Steel Company .- The third payment on the company's \$5,000,000 common stock issue at par fell due Tuesday, October 16th and the fourth and final payment will be due November 15. The directors stated at the time of the announcement of the issue in June that with the new stock fully paid they would proceed to declare a stock dividend of 20 per cent. to holders of record November 20. At 78¼ for the shares of the original \$7,500,000 stock, the price equivalent of the entire issue of \$15,000,000, when the stock dividend is declared, would be about 651/2.

Ontario National Brick Company .- That proceedings are pending for the winding up of the company, is evidenced by the publication of a notice calling a meeting of the bond-holders November 29, to consider what action they should take under the circumstances. The amount of bonds out-standing is \$1,250,000, dated December 1, 1912, and due in 1952. There was also issued \$2,000,000 of company, of Laprairie, were the promoters of the company, the brick industry at that time being in a prosperous condition. The brick business declined afterwards. No bond interest has been paid since December, 1914.

Russell Motor Car Company .- Net profits of the company for the year ended July 31, 1917, amounted to \$643,590, after making full allowance for war profits tax, writing machinery, etc., off from \$903,093 to \$346,009, increasing plant and investment reserve from \$514,616 to \$881,388 and otherwise providing for contingencies. The profit and loss account, compared with last year, follows:---

Profit and Loss.

	191		
Balance forward	*\$703		
Trading profits		,354 643,590	
Balance forward	*204	47,580	

*Loss.

The year was started with an adverse balance of \$204,000. and with a bank advance of \$646,077, and finished with a favorable balance of \$439,580 and a bank advance of only \$126.-486. Accounts receivable amount to the substantial sum of 486. Accounts receivable amount to the substantial sum of \$1,705,081, while accounts payable, including provision for war tax, are \$1,502,606. Allowing for the dividends, which are shown as a liability incurred, the company has a balance of \$47,580 to carry forward into its next year. All these figures are set forth in the following schedule which illustrates the progress made in the last two or three years :--

Cash on hand Accounts receivable Investments in other companies Stock on hand Realty	1916. \$ 4,118 409,335 1,366,915 846,287 34,993	\$ 19,383 1,705,081 1,322,351
	903,093	310,177 346,009

Assets.

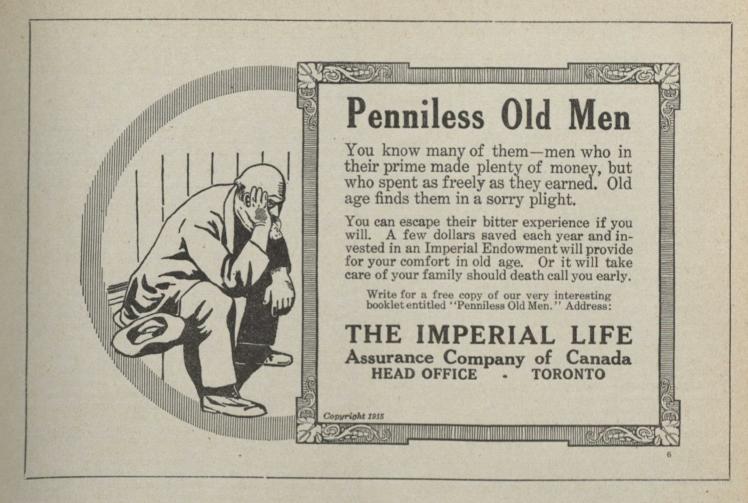
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Liabilities.

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	1916.	1917.
Bank advances	\$ 646,077	\$ 126,486
Accounts payable	428,529	1,502,606
Dividends declared		392,000
Contingent account	16,075	16,075
Plant reserve	514,616	881,388
Capital	2,000,000	2,000,000

\$3,605,299 \$4,918,556

The report of the directors states that the demand for bicycles and skates was active, but business was limited by the inability of the factory to deliver goods. The munitions business was by far the largest department of the company's



operations, who successfully undertook large contracts for the manufacture of time fuses, graze fuses and 9.2 shells. Since the close of the last fiscal year the contract for 9.2 shells has been completed, and the equipment is now being remodelled and rearranged to take care of an important order for 6-inch shells. Indications are, however, that the manufacture of fuses will be discontinued, as further quantities of these are no longer being procured in Canada.

Dominion Bridge Company.—The directors at the final dividend meeting for the company's current year declared the regular 2½ per cent. distribution. For the first quarter of the year the company paid 2 per cent. in dividend with a 2 per cent. bonus. The bonus was dropped in the second quarter, but the dividend was increased from 8 per cent. to 10 per cent. The total distribution out of the year's profits will, therefore, be 11½ per cent., against 20 per cent. in 1916, 8¾ per cent. for 1915 and 7¼ per cent. for 1914. The year closes on the 31st of this month and the results to be reported are likely to be satisfactory. The profits from the Quebec bridge, it is said, will not be shown. Dividend is payable November 15 to shareholders of record October 31.

Cape Breton Electric Company, Limited.—The company reports for the 12 months ended August 31st, 1917, the following :—

Gross earnings Operating expenses and taxes	Aug. 31, 1917. \$437,604 226,661	Aug. 31, 1916. \$385,278 225,931	Increase. \$52,325 40,729
Net earnings	\$170,943	\$159,346	\$11,596
Interest charges	63,358	63,155	202
Balance	\$107,585	\$ 96,191	\$11,393
Sinking fund requirements		15,377	**17
Balance (for reserves, replace- ments and dividends)	\$ 92,225	\$ 80,814	\$11,411

*Decrease.

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	27-32 dis.	25-32 dis.	1/4 to 1/8
Mont. funds	par	par	1/8 to 1/4
Sterling-			
Demand	\$4.71.20	\$4.71.40	\$4.74
Cable transfers	\$4.72.50	\$4.72.70	\$4.75
Rate in New York, ste Bank of England rate,			16.

SEPTEMBER BANK STATEMENT

			Changes	
			during	
	Sept., 1917.	1	Sept., 1917.	
Reserve fund			\$ 2,050	
Note circulation	117,589,268		38,861,389	
Demand deposits	451,749,532	+	11,754,273	
Notice deposits	966,393,541	+	13,801,720	
Total deposits in Canada	1,418,143,073	+	25,555,993	
Deposits outside Canada	180,535,043		6,116,610	
Current coin	69,848,978		1,374,250	
Dominion notes	121,601,837	+	1,183,620	
Deposits central gold reserve	64,870,000	+	11,550,000	
Call loans in Canada	72,421,187	+	1,216,836	
Call loans outside	166,480,004		12,130,621	
Current loans in Canada	855,306,953	+	18,877,283	
Current loans outside	87,265,325	+	182,478	
Total liabilities	1,876,390,291	+	28,175,415	
Total assets	2,126,571,342	+	30,180.680	

The usual analysis of the statement will appear in The Monetary Times next week.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Majority of Million-Dollar Companies Incorporated in Ontario

The following were the largest companies incorporated last week :--

Rockwood Oil and Gas Company, Limited, To-

.... \$ 1,000,000 ronto, Ont. Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper, Limited, Spruce

Falls, Ont. Lands and Buildings, Limited, Montreal, Que... 3,500,000 1,000,000 M. J. O'Brien, Limited, Ottawa, Ont. 20,000,000

The following is a partial list of charters granted during the past week in Canada. The head office of the company is situated in the town or city mentioned at the beginning of each paragraph. The amount named is the authorized capital, and the persons named are provisional directors :---

Spokane, Alta .- The Washington Land Company, \$50,000. Edmonton, Alta.-Lessard and Boudreau, Limited, \$50,-000.

Crande Prairie, Alta .- The Grande Prairie Herald, Limited, \$20,000.

Makaska, Alta .- The Shining Bank Stock Company, Limited, \$20,000

Eye Hill, Alta .- The Eye Hill Rural Telephone Company, Limited, \$20,000.

Edgerton, Alta .- The North Edgerton Mutual Telephone Company, Limited, \$20,000.

Ottawa, Ont.-Forwarders, Limited, \$250,000. W. H. Dwyer, J. H. Hall, A. Blackburne.

Ottawa, Ont.-Code-Carkner, Limited, \$40,000. E. E. Code, J. H. Carkner, E. R. Code.

Sarnia, Ont .- Sarnia Orange Association, Limited, \$40,-

Sarnia, Ont.—Sarnia Orange Association, Limited, \$40,-000. R. Kenny, R. E. Leseur, T. Hipple.
Ottawa, Ont.—M. J. O'Brien, Limited, \$20,000,000. M.
J. O'Brien, J. L. Murray, H. A. Jordan.
Quebee, Que.—The Warwick Machine Company, Limited, \$100,000. J. E. Julien, S. Fleury, J. A. Boule.
Woodstock, Ont.—Potato Producers Company, Limited, \$50,000. R. J. Graham, G. K. Graham, J. Bone.
Arnprior, Ont.—The Arnprior Cabinet Company, Limited, \$50,000. D. O'Connel, E. Barry, R. J. Sumpson.
Calgary, Alta.—Great West Tractor Company, Limited, \$700,000. D. O'Connel, E. Barry, R. J. Sumpson.
Calgary, Alta.—Great West Tractor Company, Limited, \$700,000. J. M. Tweedie, R. M. Spankie, I. Kirwan.
Point Aux Trembles, Que.—Morin Packing Company, Limited, \$49,000. J. A. Morin, J. Morin, J. L. Morin.
Cranbrook, B.C.—Bowness Export Company, Limited, \$40,000. A. C. Bowness, H. L. Bowness, L. B. Blaine.
Gravenhurst, Ont.—The Doe Lake Telephone Company, Limited, \$2,170. C. Laycock, E. Hammond, A. D. Hurst.
Spruce Falls, Ont.—Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper, Lim-ited, \$3,500,000. T. H. Barton, C. M. Garvey, T. M. Weather-head. head

Three Rivers, Que.-La Manufacture de Seaux et Boites Trois Rivieres, Limited, \$99,000. L. Gilbert, O. Gilbert, de Trudel. L.

Calgary, Alta .- The Western Empire Resources Company, Limited, \$50,000; the Lodestar Development Company, Limited, \$50,000

Oakville, Ont.—The Aluminum Ware Manufacturing Company, Limited, \$100,000. M. H. Mairs, W. C. Davidson, M. J. Folinsbee.

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Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—The Fruit Producers Company. of Beamsville, Ont., Limited, \$40,000. C. A. McKane, W. B. Moorhouse, C. N. Smith.
Winnipeg, Man.—The Western Mining and Development Company, Limited, \$25,000. H. Rosenberg, R. Andre, K. Jampol; the Magnet Metal Company, Limited, \$5,000. G. A. Maclean, H. R. Eade, G. M. Larson; Port Nelson Fish Company, Limited, \$100,000. A. M. Bergseth, C. P. Guthrie, G. Hancock G. Hancock.

Toronto, Ont .- Crane Braid Manufacturing Company, Limited, \$40,000. L. G. McAndless, R. J. Haffey, C. Sec-combe; Ignition Repair and Supply Company, Limited, \$40,-000. L. J. Pashler, B. T. McAvoy, M. Punshon van der Voort; the Leader Printing Company, Limited, \$25,000. W L. Leader, G. E. Leader, J. W. Curren; Multipost Company of Canada Limited \$40,000. D. P. Manuface, L. A. Punn, A. of Canada, Limited, \$40,000. D. B. Menzies, J. A. Ryan, A.

I. Hodgins; Rockwood Oil and Gas Company, Limited, \$1,-000,000. L. P. Millard, W. A. Brodie, F. E. Moore; Vandorf Brick Works, Limited, \$40,000. F. Regan, E. Murphy, T. J. Lawrence; Woolstox, Limited, \$40,000. J. C. Derrett, W. H. Ford, H. Goldstein.

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Montreal, Que.—Thos. Webster, Limited, \$20,000. T. W.
Webster, C. Currie, D. I. Webster; Lands and Buildings, Limited, \$1,000,000. W. Jerry, L. Kent, A. Leonard; Select Realties, Limited, \$20,000. F. G. Bush, G. R. Drennan, G. A. Coughlin; Atlas Export Company, Limited, \$100,000. W.
McBain, G. F. Macdonnell, E. M. Macdonnell; Hoyle Industrial Company, Limited, \$250,000. W. K. McKeown, L. C. Herdman, G. E. Chart; the Universal Trade of Canadian Products Company, Limited, \$100,000. L. Desmarais, P. Gendron, A. Gaillardy; Anglo-American Shipping Company, Limited, \$20,000; G. V. Cousins, A. H. Elder, S. Vineberg; Ucan Specialties (of Canada), Limited, \$100,000. S. W. Jacobs, G. Casimir Papineau-Couture, L. Fitch.

EQUITABLE LIFE MUTUALIZATION CASE

Judge Ward Rogers and Learned Hand, sitting at the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in New York on Tuesday heard arguments on the appeal taken by the Royal Trust Company, of Montreal, as trustee and executive of the estate of the late Sir Wm. VanHorne and other minority stockholders as plaintiffs in a suit over the mutualization of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, as referred to in *The Mone-*tary *Times* issue of September 28th. The appeal is from the decision of Judge Hough, of the

United States District Court in denying a temporary injunction to restrain the officers and directors, policyholders and the state superintendent of insurance from proceeding with the proposed plan of mutualization.

Henry Deforest Baldwin made arguments for plaintiffs and Chas. Evans Hughes . presented the arguments for the Equitable Society.

Mr. Baldwin maintained that the present plan was intended to keep control of the resources of the Equitable Society, amounting to nearly \$600,000,000, in the hands of the present board of directors. The plan is objected to by minority stockholders on the ground that there is discrimination against minority stock.

BANK CLEARINCS

The following are the bank clearings for the weeks of October 19th, 1916, and October 20th, 1917, respectively, with

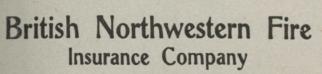
changes :				
	Week ended	Week ended		
	Oct. 20, '17.	Oct. 10, '16.		Changes.
Montreal	\$ 97,030,071	\$ 90,430,807	+	
Toronto	64,326,560	66,301,876	-	1,975,316
Winnipeg	82,356,330	48,428,755	+	33,927,575
Vancouver	11,001,279	7,589,913	+	3,411,366
Ottawa	5,773,839	4,679,329	+	1,094,510
Calgary	10,429,475	5,721,558	+	4,707,917
Hamilton	5,443,178	4,929,660	+	513,518
Ouebec	4,062,165	4,182,419		120,254
Edmonton	3,373,195	2,225,413	÷	1,147,782
Halifax	3,134,724	3,163,513		28,789
London	2,281,569	2,402,482		120,913
Regina	5,195,033	3,512,112	+	1,682,921
St. John	2,112,098	2,383,313		271,215
Victoria	1,078,152	1,707,676	+	270,476
Saskatoon	2,700,355	1,763,105	+	946,250
Moose Jaw	2,118,138	1,303,022	+	815,116
Brandon	780,252	676,178	+	154,074
Brantford	929,608	002,035		62,427
Fort William	748.059	673,495	+	74,564
Lethbridge	1,358,870	958,448	+	400,422
Medicine Hat	912,214	549,608	+	362,516
New Westminster	527,586	334,330	+	193,247
Peterboro'	699,882	663,188	+	36,694
Sherbrooke	640,225	502,021	+	138,204
Kitchener	607,948	605,001	+	2,857
				2,057

Total \$310,529,805 \$256,638,446 + \$53.891,350

The Toronto bank clearings for the current week are \$60.833.030, compared with \$59.078.355 for the same week in 1916, and \$42,907,491 in 1915. October 26, 1917.



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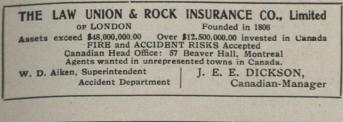
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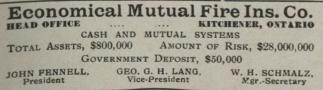
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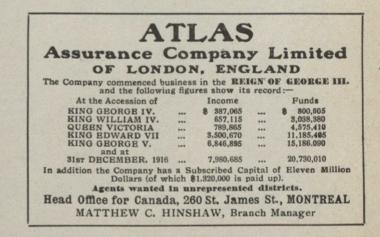
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Directions for Employers Who Purpose Claiming Exemption for Class One Men in their Employ

HE following course is recommended for employers who have in their employ any number of men—bachelors and widowers without children (not otherwise excepted) who were 20 years old on the 13th October, 1917, and whose 34th birthday did not occur before January 1st, 1917, and who propose claiming exemption for any of these men, to continue in work which is deemed to be in the National interest:

First, it will simplify matters for you and for the exemption tribunals if you instruct Class One men in your employ to go up for medical examination at the nearest Medical Board Centre.

Only Class One men, who upon medical examination are placed in Category A are liable for immediate service under the Act. Class One men placed in Categories B, C or E satisfy immediate requirements if they attach their medical report to their claim for exemption.

Employer's Statement and Schedule

Second, prepare a full statement of the total number of your employees, grouping them according to their respective occupations and qualifications and stating the number in each group. Indicate the possibility or otherwise of replacing the labour of Class One men with the labour of those unavailable for military service, or outside the statutory class called up; the extent to which the withdrawal of men in the statutory class would affect the business, the reason for considering that the carrying on of the business is in the National interest, and such other facts and circumstances as may appear to be relevant.

Append to this general statement and classification, a schedule of the names, ages and occupations of all men in Class One, indicating as to those who have been medically examined, the medical Category in which they have been placed, noting against each name whether or not you propose to claim exemption on behalf of the man.

Where exemption is claimed employer should state his opinion whether such exemption should be conditional on the man's continuing to follow his present occupation and whether it would suffice if exemption were granted for one, two or more months, as the case may be. A copy of both statement and schedule should be prepared for each man for whom the employer is applying for exemption.

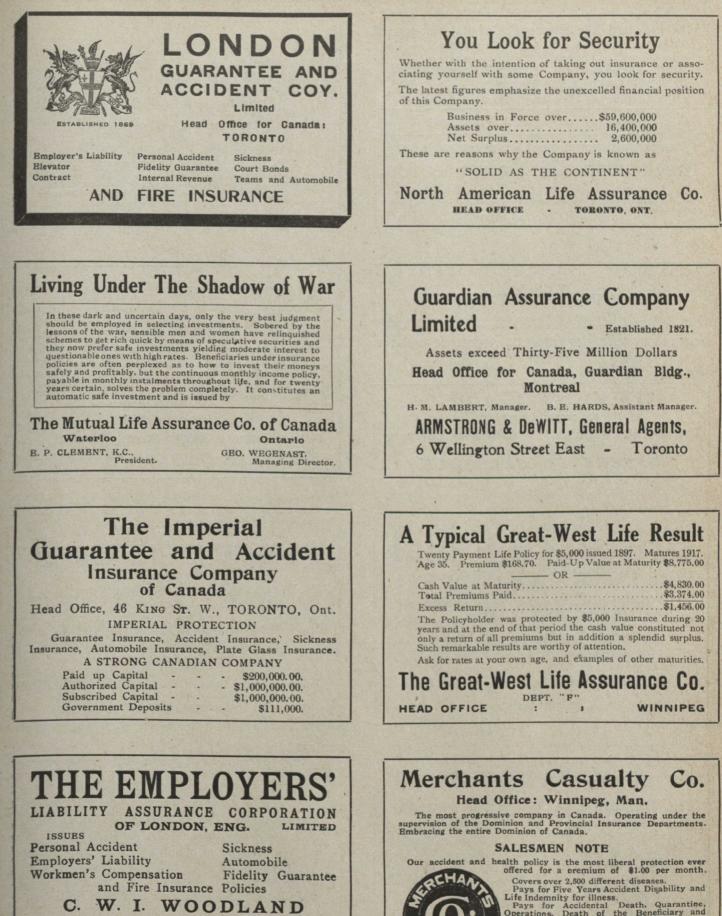
Forms for Exemption

These forms may be obtained on request from any Post Master, who will transmit the forms when filled in, to the Registrar,

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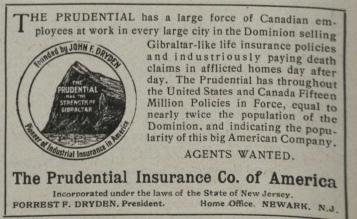


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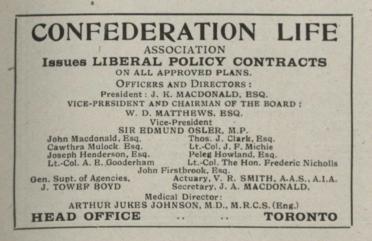




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