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REPORT.

GENERAL FRENCH'S THE Militia of Canada is material, but is insufficiently organized and in-

adequately trained is the essence of General French's report. The report will impress every impartial reader with the conviction that it is a painstaking and fair criticism by an exceptionally able critic. There is nothing in the nature of censure for anybody, but much in the way of suggestion. Such a document cannot be disposed of by pigeon-holing and we rather suspect that Sir Frederick Borden has already been active in preparing plans for putting some of General French's proposed reforms into operation. Rome was not built in a day, and it is not to be expected that such a radical reorganization as is indicated can be carried out all at once.

The General shows a scrupulous regard for local susceptibilities, and a thorough appreciation of the difference between conditions in Canada and in England; and between professional and citizen soldiers. He advises among other things a readjustment of the various arms of the service, so that they may bear the right proportion to each other, which will involve the doubling of the present field artillery. He thinks too much time is devoted to ceremonial training for use in time of peace, but useless in time of war. He wants an adequate system of mobilization organized. This is where Von Moltke's army shone in the Franco-German war. The drawing of first blood in a fight, the first victories in a war have a disheartening effect upon the enemy; and in the case of a country situated like Canada, might have the effect of holding the invader in check until the arrival of the Imperial troops. This is entirely a question of rapid and efficient mobilization. Under existing conditions General French declares that an attempt at mobilization could lead to nothing but chaos and confusion.

Contrary to the popular impression General French does not consider that the staff at Militia Headquarters is over-manned. He declares that numerically the staff is inadequate to the work required of it; and in view of the immense amount of organization pointed out as being necessary, this is not difficult to believe. When war was declared between France and Germany all Von Moltke had to do was to open a drawer at Berlin and hand out the orders, which set the whole German army in motion en route for Paris. Transportation, ordnance, supplies, medical service, the training of drafts and reinforcements, had all been provided for. However, it is not usual for war departments to publish full particulars of their arrangements for mobilization, and the Militia Department at Ottawa may be in a more advanced state of preparedness for war than is publicly known.

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THE LANSDOWNE AMENDMENT TO

THE VETO BILL.

ORD Lansdowne's amendment to the Veto Bill seems to have annoyed, as well as surprised, the ministerialists. This is evidently

because it indicates that a clear cut issue is to be presented to the electorate, in which there will be no possibility of appealing on one ground to one set of electors and on another ground to another set. The antagonism to the House of Lords comes from an unholy alliance between political elements that have no natural sympathy with each other but each of which is ready to unite with the others to carry its own particular point. The home rulers, the Lloyd-George budgeteers, the House of Lords reformers, the Socialists, are not particularly enamoured of each other; they are united, not for a common cause, but that each may help the other to victory. Lord Lansdowne's amendment makes it exceedingly difficult for ministerial candidates to mix and muddle up these discordant elements. The simple issue presented to every English and Scotch and Irish elector is practically "Do you want a Second Chamber or not?" He proposes, among other things, that the Lords abandon their right to amend money bills, and that the vexed question whether any bill is purely a money bill, be referred to a joint committee of both Houses with the Speaker in the chair exercising a casting vote. Any voter who does not want the House of Lords to exercise the powers that would be left to it under this arrangement simply prefers a parliament with a single chamber, or with a purely elective Upper House. Lord Lansdowne's amendment, taken in connection with the scheme of reorganization already adopted by the peers, involves a radical change in the British constitution, and we doubt if the British electorate will be disposed just now to go much farther in the way of "reform."

T HE greatest Russian COUNT LEO TOLSTOI. that ever lived; one of the greatest men that ever lived, passed beyond the veil when Leo Tolstoi died. The grave discussions in government and Greek Church circles, as to his right to Christian burial and

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the right of the Russian people to honor his memory suggest ludicrous comparisons; the man standing for practical applied Christianity and humanity; his critics standing for a conventional ecclesiasticism and class privilege. Never did an intellectual giant have the courage of his convictions in greater degree. His movement to reform and uplift humanity commenced with himself. He lived what he taught. How could this moneygrubbing, luxury-loving world understand such a man? It was magnificent but it was not common sense-because it was too unselfish. His whole life was as great a reproach to his day and generation as were his writings. What wonder that the lords of the human race stigmatized him, just as the Master in whose footsteps he followed so closely was stigmatized nineteen hundred years ago. His stormy life is over, he rests from his labors; but his works do follow him. The power of the ecclesiastics and the bureaucracy in Holy Russia is very great, but for centuries to come the influence of Leo Tolstoi will be infinitely greater. Not only in Russia will his influence be felt; because he worked for the emancipation of humanity, not merely from aristocratic and official despotism, but from personal tendencies to evil. He represented the only legitimate and workable type of socialism. In fact, he fought the devil all along the line and beat him. The official attempts to suppress the demonstrations of the educated classes in honor of Tolstoi are a striking tribute to the greatness of the man.

According to the annual report of the City Treasurer just issued Toronto's revenue during the financial year was \$12,969,482, and expenditure, including redemption of debentures and sinking funds, \$12,779,378. There was a balance of cash in hand and at the bank, including sinking fund deposits, of \$2,494,579 at the close of the year. The bonded debt of the city is \$35,972,988. Deducting sinking funds makes the net debt, \$26,649,397. The aggregate estimated revenue from all sources is \$7,712,706.

The Dust. The rain which fell on Wednesday night was worth many thousands of dollars to Montreal. The city had been suffering from a dust plage, which was, we believe, unprecedented, and a dest plague at this season of the year is full of danger to human health. The dust is the most active vehicle in the transportation of disease germs even in summer, but the combination of a dust storm with chilly weather is particularly dangerous to throats and lungs. It is to be hoped that the city will be taking the fullest advantage of the mild spell to thoroughly clean the streets. In a very short time the snow

will settle the dust problem for this winter, but meanwhile the discomfort and the danger are great. Let us have clean streets.

Militant Suffragettes. Not even the ultimate success of the English suffragettes will justify the means by which they have obtained it. We do not attach so much im-

portance to the common charge that they are unsexing themselves by the coarseness of their tactics; they seem to be rather proud of that fact, but while their methods may be mannish, they are anything but manly just now. A woman has no more right to be proud of a violent assault upon an aged minister of the Crown, than a man would have to be proud of scratching a woman's face with his finger nails and tearing her hair out by the roots. There was an element of humour in the early doings of the suffragettes, which was to a considerable extent a justification of their technical breaches of the law. They are now carrying the joke too far, they are degrading themselves and injuring their cause.

The much discussed loan, by New York bankers, of \$50,000,000 to China the bulk of

which amount it seems not improbable, will in the last resort, be supplied by Europe, is in connection with the long-promised regulation of the Chinese currency, a question which the Chinese Government is at length taking up. The London Economist states that under the important arrangements which are being made, the Crown will resume its old prerogatives; all Chinese banks of issue are to withdraw their notes within a space of five years and their place is to be taken by an Imperial Bank. The notes of this Bank are to be legal tender, redeemable on presentation in coin, although in case of a run, a reasonable time is to be allowed for the calling up of reserves. A metallic reserve is always to be kept equal to 50 per cent. of the notes issued and half of the reserve must consist of actual coined money. Moreover, there must be an additional 50 per cent. reserve of Treasury bonds, stocks, and other easily negotiable securities. For occasions of absolute necessity the method of the German Reichsbank has been adopted and the issue can be extended above the normal limit on payment of a 6 p.c. tax. This scheme, if successful, will be of importance to the whole commerce of the East and to the monetary systems of the world.

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By order of the Board. GEO. BURN, General Manager.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 24, 1910.

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#### THE GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Bank of England bought most of the \$3,000,000 South African gold arriving in London on Monday. It is, however, expected that Brazil exchange will shortly be fixed at a rate which will ensure the shipment of gold to that country. At any rate the 5 p.c. quotation is still adhered to by the Bank of England, and the London market still gives plenty of indications that stringency is yet in evidence. Call money is a shade harder—the quotation being 4¾ to 5 p.c. Short bills are 4.7-16, and three months' bills, 4¾ to 4.7-16. At Paris the market stands at 2¾ and at Berlin it is 45%. Bank of France rate is 3 p.c. and that of the Bank of Germany, 5 p.c.

In New York, call loans are 2½; sixty day money, 4¼ to 4½; ninety days, 4½ to 4½; and six months, 4½. The clearing house banks again reported a handsome addition to their surplus reserve, which they effected by means of a cash gain of \$9,000,000 and a loan reduction of \$600,000. The surplus rose by \$7,141,000 and stands

at \$19,701,675. Trust companies and non-member state banks in New York reported a very large loan reduction, \$18,785,000, and a loss of \$1,700,-000 cash. Their proportion of reserve to liability rose from 17.2 p.c. to 17.3 p.c.

If the rates of interest prevailing in New York, and particularly the rates for call money, be compared with those prevailing in London, one might, if taking no other considerations into account, conclude that the monetary position in New York was easier than in London. Also, the fact that the surplus of the New York banks amounts to so respectable a total as nineteen millions odd points to the conclusion that the position there is quite comfortable and easy. But it would be unwise to accept these superficial evidences as being altogether conclusive. Those who have closely followed the course of recent financial happenings in the big American metropolis are aware that the seeming strength of the financial position has been to a large extent acquired through heavy borrowing in London, and perhaps Paris, at very high rates of interest. This suggests that when the return flow of currency from interior points of the United States attains its usual heavy volume later in the season, it will not effect so rapid a strengthening of the bank position as in other years. The necessity of redeeming or liquidating the heavy European loans may, very likely, result in neutralizing, to some extent, the currency inflow. The New York Evening Post on Tuesday this week remarked as follows on the policy of the American bankers in continuing their borrowings in Europe. "There were indications, however, that large interests were still borrowing abroad, both through the sale of finance bills in Europe, and through the negotiation of special loans based on collateral lodged with the New York agents of foreign lenders. The fact that money rates here were below those prevailing in London had apparently little influence upon these operations-perhaps for the reason that the borrowers were chiefly concerned in bolstering up the bank position here." It is commonly supposed that these interests wish to bolster up the bank position and to keep down New York interest rates in the effort to guard the stock market from being injured through tight money in New York. Needless to say these circumstances should be borne in mind by those contemplating the purchase of speculative securities on borrowed money.

In Canada the money markets are quite as hard as they were a week ago. It is said that there has been some calling of loans during the week for the purpose of financing one of the street railway and lighting consolidations put through a short time ago. These mergers or consolidations have had more to do than is generally supposed in making

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when it buys but slowly, it is an inconvenient or troublesome matter in times like the present, to get money elsewhere for the purpose of paying off a bank that presses for the liquidation of its loans to underwriters. It is to be hoped that the Montreal and Toronto banks will not be called upon to finance new mergers of importance until the money situation in Canada resolves itself into a more comfortable position.

### THE CANADIAN BANKS OCTOBER CIRCULATION.

Normally, the month of October shows the note circulation of the Canadian banks at the highest

#### Statement of the Chartered Banks of Canada.

Statistical Abstract for Month Ending October 31, 1910, giving Comparison of Principal Items, with Increase or Decrease for the Month and for the Year.

(Compiled by THE CHRONICLE.)

Assets.	Oct. 31, 1910	Sept. 30, 1910	Oct. 31, 1909	Inc. or Dec for month 1910	Increase or Decrease for month, 1909.		or Dec. Year.
Specie and Dominion Notes		\$106,813,431					13,888,403
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	42,935,383						2,858,101
Deposit to Secure Note Issues Loans to other Banks in Canada secured							878,893
Deposits with and due other Bks. in Can							680,509 1,130,457
Due from Banks, etc., in U. Kingdom.				d. 10,912,022	i. 4,897,848		2,980,461
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere	31,148,94						658,456
Dominion & Prov. Securities	13,039,973		-	-			208,091
Can, Municipal. For. Pub. Securities							4,452,383
Railway and other Bonds and Stock							5,351,569
Total Securities held	-			-			9,595,861
Call Loans in Canada	64,561,641	62,428,576	56,996,065	i. 2,133,065	i. 871,445		7,565,576
Call Loans outside Canada							26,684,579
Total Call and Short Loans	167,841,415	-		-			19,119 003
Current Loans and Disc'ts in Canada	679,820,035	668,976,522	570 927 DEC	10.042.512	10 001 005		00 000 000
Current Loans and Disc'ts outside		40,190,240					99,982,083 3,958,023
Total Current Loans and Discounts	721,089,165		-	-	7.000		03,940,106
Aggregate of Loans to Public	888,930,580			i. 13,800,358			84,821,103
I and to Provincial Comments	1 500 651			1 575 699			
Loans to Provincial Governments  Overdue Debts	1,509,651 7,750,682	2,085,284 7,614,976	1,950,620 7,597,207				440,969
Bank Premises	24,362,246		20,860,876				153,475 3,501,370
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	2,123,857	1,784,916	2,139,005				15,148
Other Assets	17,549,222		10,110,026				7,439,196
TOTAL ASSETS		-	1,133,986,560	Management of the Control of the Con	A COLUMN TO THE PARTY OF THE PA		26,769,149
Liabilities.							20,100,110
Notes in Circulation	95,992,866	87,256,332	89,633,549	i. 8,736,534	i. 10,426,108	i.	6,359,317
Due to Dominion Government	8,177,179	9,807,950	4,740,974				3,436,205
Due to Provincial Governments	28,187,742	29,601,075	20,548,462				7,639,280
Deposits in Can, payable on demand	280,838,612	273,529,461	2 50968,487	7,309,151	i. 11,001,435		29,870,125
Dep'ts in Can. payable after notice.	549,016,725	545,630,667	480,837,606	. 3.386,058	6,733,807		68,179,119
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada	829,855,337	819,160,128	731,806,093	. 10,695,209	17,735,242		98,049,244
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	74,355,783	87,392,099	75,544,887	d. 13,036,316	d. 1,011,899	i.	1,189,104
Total Deposits, other than Government	904,211,120	906,552,227	807,350,980	1. 2,341,107	i. 16,723,343	. !	96,860,140
Loans from other Banks in Canada	4,010,450	3,990,130	4,660,246	20,320	d. 477,140	-	649,796
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	6,934,486	6,085,043	5,269,216				1,665,270
Due to Banks and Agencies in U. K	2,426,494	2,565,324	2,866,132				439,638
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere	4,449,869	3,545,887	3,104,434	903,982			1,345,435
Other Liabilities	8,792,680	10,968,905	7,725,038	1. 2,176,225	d. 2,186,209		1,067,642
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,063,182,955	1,060,372,949	945,899,101	. 2,810,006	25,221,778	. 1	17,283,854
Capital, etc.							
Capital paid up	99,642,053	99,490,249	97,842,330	. 151,804	i. 245,429 i		1,799,723
Reserve Fund	80,157,791	80,089,471	76,172,223				3 985,568
iabilities of Directors and their firms	9,931,150	10,233,917	8,981,864	1. 302,767	i. 138,539 i		949,146
reatest Circulation in Month	96,950,510	89,916,207	90,729,430 i	. 7,034,303	i. 8,969,430 i		6,221,080

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point of the year. There is only, in fact, one year, within the last ten, when this was not the case, the exception being 1907, when conditions were anything but normal. In that year the highest point of circulation was reached in November, at approximately \$200,000 above the October figures. But November usually is a month in which the circulation sharply declines, the average November fall, since 1901, from the high level of the October circulation being well over \$2,000,000.

When discussing the September bank statement a month ago we pointed out that the margin of circulation of the active banks at the end of September was only just over \$9,250,000 and that a number of the banks were at that time very close to the limits of their ordinary circulation. And we anticipated that at the then time of writing, emergency circulation had been issued. Events show this expectation to have been correct, the October statement demonstrating, in point of fact, that there has been a more widespread use of emergency currency this year than in both 1908 and 1909. The aggregate circulation of the banks at the end of October reached the new high level of \$95,992,866, an advance of \$8,736,-534 upon the September circulation of \$87,256,332 and comparing with a circulation in October of 1909 of \$89,633,549. On the October figures, the banks paid-up capital being \$99,642,053, there is thus an apparent margin of \$3,649,187. when the necessary adjustment has been made by eliminating the Sovereign Bank's capital and circulation, the margin of ordinary circulation, for the whole of the 29 banks which were in active operation on the 31st October last (including the Union of Halifax, now merged with the Royal), is seen to be much more narrow. It is only \$603,-012, the difference between the adjusted capital of \$06,642,053 and the adjusted ordinary circulation of \$95,949,041.

Even on the unadjusted figures, the margin between the paid-up capital of the banks and their October circulation is much smaller this year than in any previous year of the decade, 1901-1910, as is shown in the following table:—

PAID-UP CAPITAL AND CIRCULATION OF CANADIAN BANKS IN OCTOBER OF TEN YEARS SHOW-ING MARGIN OF AGGREGATE ORDINARY CIRCULATION.

	(Unadji	usted Figures).	
October.	Paid-up Capital.	Circulation,	Margin.
1910.	\$99,642,0 3	\$95,992,866	\$3,649,187
1909.	97,842,330	89,633,549	8,204,781
1908,	96,131,632	83 036,732	13,094,900
1907.	95,827,992	84.289,983	11,538,009
1906.	94,343,742	83,718,630	10,625,112
1905.	83,864,828	76,890,863	6,973,965
1904.	79,747,011	72,226,306	7,520.705
1903.	78,286,682	70,480,611	7,806,071
1902.	71,137,510	65,928,973	5,208,537
1901.	67,548,410	57,954,779	9,593,631

In this table the figures are taken from the monthly statements, without adjustment. Even in

1906, a year of pronounced activity, it will be seen there was a margin of over \$10,000,000 between the highest level of the banks' aggregate circulation and their paid-up capital and the nearest approach to the 1010 margin \$3,649,187 was in 1902, when the margin stood at \$5,208,537. The relative expansion of bank capital and note circulation formed, it will be in recollection, a ground for criticism of the Canadian banks by Dr. Johnson, in his recently published monograph upon the Dominion's banking system. We have already stated our position in regard to this question,\* and it need not here be repeated. But we may point out the importance of these figures as an indication of the expansion within the Dominion during the last ten years. At the opening of the decade there was an expansion of some \$12,500,000 in the October circulation within two years; at its close there has been a similar expansion between 1908 and 1910, but of practically \$13,000,000-a fact which emphasies the strength and widespread character of the present movement of development throughout the Dominion.

The details of the October, 1910, issue of the active banks are set out in the following table: -

CIRCULATION OF THE ACTIVE BANKS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 1910, SHOWING EXCESS OR MARGIN OF ORDINARY CIRCULATION.

(+=	Excess, -=	Margin)		
				Excess or Margin
Banks.	Paid-up Capital.	Circulatio".		
Montreal	\$14,400,000	\$14,502,591		\$102,591
New Brunswick	774,280	869,321	+	95,041
Quebec	2.500,000	2,235,006	-	264,994
Nova Scotia	3,000,000	2.823,187	_	176,813
British North America	4,866,666	4,440,363	_	426,303
Toronto	4,000,000	4,355,875	+	355,855
Molsons	4,000,000	3,857,822	-	142,178
Eastern Townships	3.000,000	3,088,450	+	88,450
Union of Halifax	1,500,000	1,398,480	_	101,520
Nationale	2,000,000	1,987,441	-	12,559
Merchants	6,000,000	6.068,790	+	68,790
Provinciale	1,000,000	1,160,238	+	160.238
Union of Canada	3,315,000	3,403,557	+	88,557
Commerce	10.000,000	9,393,210	-	606,790
Royal	5,000,000	4,957,014	-	42,986
Dominion	4,000,000	4 0 26,602	+	86,602
Hamilton	2,669,765	2,913,525	+	243,760
Standard	2,000,000	2,289,912	+	289,912
Hochelaga	2,500,000	2.311,087	-	1-8,913
Ottawa	3,492,460	3,556,590	+	64,130
Imperial	5,520,754	5,024,888	-	495,866
Traders	4,354.500	4.506,610	+	152,110
Metropolitan	1,000,000	1,065,657	+	65,657
Home	1,154,632	1,257,745	+	103,113
Northern Crown	2,203.440	2.475,935	+	272,495
Sterling	944,084	943,750	-	334
United Empire	558,933	398,905	-	160,628
Farmers	567,579	455,290	-	112,289
Vancouver	319,960	121,200	-	198,760
Totals	96,642,053	95,949,041	_	693,012

Thus fifteen of the twenty-nine active Canadian banks utilised emergency circulation during October, and it is fair to assume also that, in addition to this extra issue, there was some borrowing

<sup>\*</sup> THE CHRONICLE, October 14, page 1487.

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of circulation. In 1909, only nine Banks used additional circulation in October and in 1908 only five, so that this year there has been a decided advance in its use. And had this year's Western crops been of the record proportions of 1909, the number of banks using emergency currency in October would doubtless have been considerably enlarged.

Current loans in Canada again advanced during October to the new high figures of \$679,820,039. An October increase in these loans is a normal movement, but for crop reasons this month's advance of \$10,843,517 naturally compares unfavorably with the increase in this item in October, 1909. Canadian call loans are again up and there is a trifling decrease in foreign call loans. Deposits in Canada have advanced by \$10,695,209, but a falling-off of over \$13,000,000 in the foreign deposits brings the banks' total deposits, exclusive of Government deposits, somewhat below the September level. The falling-off in these foreign deposits and a coincident heavy decrease in the amount due from banks in the United Kingdom and elsewhere suggests the conclusion of special transactions and the final translation of some "new money" coming to Canada into the form in which it will arrive in the Dominion.

#### CANADIAN FIRE LOSSES IN 1910.

Fires in Canada during recent months have been very numerous, as the weekly records of THE CHRONICLE show. For the first six months of 1910, we pointed out in August last, the experience of the companies was on the whole favorable, but in the latter half of the year many serious losses have been incurred. Of these the largest is that caused by the wiping-out of Campbellton, N.B., which brought a loss to the companies of little short of \$1,500,000. Fortunately this conflagration stands by itself, but there have been numerous other serious losses upon buildings. The Victoria, B.C., fire last month entailed an insurance loss of approximately \$450,000; and within a few days recently there were the large fires at Brandon Asylum (with an insurance loss of \$260,000), the Macdonald Building, Winnipeg (insurance loss, nearly \$220,000) and at the Ontario Wheel Company's factory at Gananoque (insurance loss about \$80,000). There was further, a \$60,000 loss on Robinson's departmental store at Moose Jaw, Sask., in July. Lumber losses have also been heavy. Apart from the loss caused by the fires in the Rainy River district during the summer, there were in July the two big blazes at Arnprior, Ont., where the insurance loss aggregated \$450,000 and Tomiko, Ont., where it was \$270,000, while in the same month two British Columbian lumber fires at Golden and Ruskin respectively made a loss for the fire offices of \$125,\*000.

Fires in Montreal have also been too frequent. The Herald disaster, with its terrible loss of life, fortunately, like the Campbellton disaster, stands by itself, but lately we have had in quick succession the King's Hall fire, the burning of the Stadium and the spectacular blaze in Bishop Streetto name only the most prominent losses. Each of these fires has been followed by an enquiry, to which a good deal of publicity has been given, but we have not yet been able to discover what tangible benefit, if any, has resulted from these investigations. It is admitted on all hands that there is a lack of inspection on the part of the civic authorities, and that the Building Inspector's Department at the City Hall is deplorably understaffed. It is to be hoped that, as a result of the attention recently drawn to this subject, there will be organized more efficient civic inspection, alike in the interests of the public, and of the fire offices. And it would probably be a wise step on the part of the offices also to increase their inspection staffs.

An approximate estimate made from THE CHRON-ICLE'S records shows that the losses of the fire offices in Canada this year to date are between 55 and 60 per cent.

### LIFE INSURANCE IN CANADA IN 1909.

The year 1909, it is shown by the newly published report of the Superintendent of Insurance, was a favorable one for the life insurance companies operating in the Dominion. A marked advance in life business was to have been expected, in view of the favoring conditions of 1909—a year of general recovery in trade but without abnormal speculation—and each class of companies has benefited. There was a notable advance in the total amount of policies taken in Canada during the year, this figure standing at \$131,739,078, an increase upon 1908 of \$31,842,872, and the net amount in force at the end of the year, possibly a better test of progress, reached \$780,356,980, against \$719,516,014 at the close of 1908.

#### SUMMARY OF THE REPORT.

The business of life insurance was transacted by forty active companies, of which twenty-three are Canadian, six British and eleven American. The total amount of policies in Canada taken during the year 1909 was \$131,739,078, which is greater than the amount taken in 1908, by \$31,842,872. The Canadian companies show an increase in 1909 of \$10,092,394, whilst in 1908 they had an increase of \$7,190,817; the British companies have an increase of \$540,473, whilst in 1908 they had acceeded of \$111,986; and the American companies have an increase of \$21,210,005, whilst in 1908 they had an increase of \$24,434,443, the total

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increase in 1909 being \$31,842,872, as above stated. The respective amounts effected are.

Canadian	companies.			 	 	 	\$79,121,977
British co	mpanies	٠,	, ,	 * *	 	 	3,930,230
American	companies.			 	 	 	48,686,871

So that the amount taken by native companies exceeds that taken by the British and American together by over \$26,500,000.

The total amount of insurance in force in Canada at the close of the statements was \$780,356,-980, which shows the large increase of \$60,840,966 over that of the previous year, being distributed as follows:—

Canadian companies British companies American companies	46,985,192	Increase. \$35,148,506 823,235 24,869,225
Total	\$780,356,980	\$60,840,966

The amount of insurance terminated in natural course, namely, by death, maturity or expiry, was \$11,435,061, which is greater by \$387,678 than the corresponding amount in the previous year; and the amount terminated by surrender and lapse was \$62,780,606, being greater than in the previous year by \$3,852,182. Relatively to the amounts at risk the amounts so terminated do not differ to any material extent from those of the previous year, giving for every \$1,000 of current risk \$14.56 terminated in natural course and \$70.04 by surrender and lapse, making a total of \$94.50 In the year 1908 these rates were \$15.02 and \$80.12, respectively, making a total of \$95.14 thus giving a difference of \$0.64 for each \$1,000 at risk. The table at the foot of the page exhibits the rates for the last six years.

The total termination amounts to about 70.05 per cent of the amount of new policies. The actual

amounts of termination were distributed as follows:

	Naturally.	By Surrender and Lapse.
Canadian companies	. 6,445,645	37,934,652 2,175,429
American companies	4.443.345	21,869,773
Total		61,979,854

Omitting the industrial policies of the London Life, the Union Life, the Metropolitan and the Prudential, the thrift policies of the Sun Life and the monthly policies of the Excelsior, the following table gives the number and amounts of policies in Canada and the average amount of a policy in force at the date of the statements:—

are the ditte of	 ic stateme	iits.	Average
	Number.	Amount.	amount of a policy.
Canadian companies	 321,403	494,190,870	1,538
British companies	 23,102	46,985,488	2,034
American companies	 108,206	171,248,452	1,583

In the calculation of the death rate this year, as in previous years, the mean number of policies in force and the number of policies terminated by death during the year have been admitted as approximations to the mean number of lives exposed to risk and the number of deaths during the year, respectively. It is believed that the results arrived at, shown in the annexed table, represent the actual mortality among insured lives in Canada as accurately as can be gathered from the returns of the companies.

AMOUNTS TERMINATED OUT OF EACH \$1,000 CURRENT RISK.

		Naturally.						S	urrender	and Laps	e.	
	1904.	1905.	1906,	1907.	1908.	1909,	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908,	1909.
Canadian companies British " American "	\$ c, 13 58 30 06 19 72	\$ c, 14 20 28 08 18 10	\$ c. 12 49 28 42 17 42	\$ c. 12 60 19 57 20 67	\$ c. 12 23 20 26 18 31	\$ c. 12 40 27 98 17 56	\$ c. 62 79 38 37 106 51	\$ c. 66 96 33 25	\$ e. 75 70 37 05	\$ c. 72 36 43 61 89 42	\$ c. 75 42 53 85 97 66	\$ c 72 98 45 20 109 29

#### MORTALITY OF INSURED LIVES IN CANADA.

		1909.		1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.
	Number of Lives exposed to Risk.	Number of deaths.	Death rate.	Death rate.	Death rate.	Death rate.	Death rate.	Death rate.
Active companies, ordinary	443,927 513,256 130,048 4,379	3,654 6,203 1,182 161	8,231 12,086 9,089 36,766	8.375 11.935 8.683 52.643	8 617 12.054 8.946 46 440	8.232 12 044 8.557 43.884	8.568 12 406 7.321 39.128	9.506 12.856 8.074 46.930
Total	1,091,610	11,200	10.260	10.154	10.239	9.985	9.863	10.715

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Death claims (including bonus additions)\$ 8,076,954.52 Matured endowments (including bonus addi-
ditions) 3,279,675.90
Annuitants 382,789.91
Paid for surrendered policies 3,010,104.51
Dividends to policyholders
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Year.	Premium Income.	Payments to Policyholders.	
1879	2,606,756	1,301,480	49.93
1880	2,691,128	1,389,986	51.65
1881	3,094,689	1,879,240	60.72
1882	3,544,603	1,946,444	54.91
1883	3,861,179	2,201,152	57.01
1884	4.195,726	2,073,395	49.42
1885	4.684.409	2,544,101	54.31
1886	5,298,596	2,851,981	53.83
1887	6,105,474	3,235,205	52:00
1888	6,655,762	3,440,729	51.70
1889	8,336,167	3,942,590	47.30
1890	8,131,852	4.445.668	54.67
1891	8,667,609	4.911,485	56.66
1892	9.347,131	5,452,151	58.33
1893	9.952,833	5,133,284	51.58
1894	10,345,919	5.516,929	53.32
1895	10,887,501	5,862,447	53.85
1896	11,469,040	6,506,096	56.73
1897	12,197,626	7.076,962	58.02
1898	13.190.742	6,782,006	51.41
1899	14.490,102	7,680,959	53.01
1900	16,633,142	9,232,061	55.50
1901	17,130,456	8,993,125	52.49
1902	19,501,945	9.397.971	48.19
1903	21,240,823	10,288,364	48.44
	23,650,887	11,804,359	49.01
1905	26,535,365	13,796,504	51.00
1906	27,264,938	13,040,857	47.83
	28.403.423	14.753.533	51.94
1908		16,122,797	52.75
1909		16,382,136	49.19
Total4	03.987.617	209,985,997	51.98

Hence for every \$100 premiums received in 1909, there has been paid to policyholders \$49.19, leaving \$50.81 to be carried to reserve, expense and profits. Collecting the results for the thirty-one years, 1879 to 1909, we find that the total payments to policyholders amount to 51.08 per cent. of the premium income during the said period. The corresponding figures of companies which have ceased to do new business in Canada show that for the thirty-one years, 1879 to 1909, the total payments to policyholders made by these companies exceed by 70.47 per cent. the total premium income during the same period.

#### CANADIAN COMPANIES INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The Canadian companies received in 1909 an income of \$31,797,509, drawn from the following sources:—

Premiums ar	nd annuity	sales	 	 	 	\$24,236,724
Interest and	dividends.		 	 	 	7,105,898
Sundry		,	 	 	 	454.887
						- Adams

Total......\$31.797.509

And they expended \$17,330,088 under the following items: —

Paid to policyholders and annuitants\$	
General expenses (including investment expenses).	6,483,223
Taxes	260,076
Dividends to stockholders	315,238

\$17,330,088

Hence out of every \$100 of income they have expended in payments to policyholders, \$32.30; in general expenses, \$20.42; in taxes, 82 cents; and in dividends to stockholders, 99 cents, leaving \$45.47 to be carried to reserve. The total assets at December 31, 1909, of the Canadian life companies other than assessment and fraternal companies (including \$6,481,659 outstanding and deferred premiums, and interest and rents due and accrued which have not yet gone into income) amount to \$153,790,291, an increase over the corresponding amount at the end of the year 1908 of \$15,298,912. The amount of risks in force has increased during the year from \$601,218,828 to \$646,710,120, a gain of \$45,491,292, and the reserves have increased from \$121,231,238 in 1908 to \$132,928,937 in 1909, an increase of \$11,697,699.

#### INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN CANADA.

The attached statistics of industrial accidents occurring in Canada in 1909 and in the five years, 1904-9 are arranged from those published by the Department of Labour. These statistics are collected by the Department from verified newspaper reports and from returns made by correspondents, by factories and mines inspectors in the several provinces, by the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada, by the Municipal and Railway Board of Ontario, etc. The accidents recorded are those occurring in course of employment and causing either loss of life or serious impairment in industrial efficiency. While it is not claimed that these returns are complete, they are as accurate as it is possible to make them.

During the year 1909, 1,279 fatal and 2,718 serious non-fatal accidents occurred throughout Canada. This is an increase of seven in the number of fatal accidents in comparison with the preceding year, and an increase of 441 in the number of non-fatal injuries. The record, however, is below that of 1907, when 1,353 fatal and 2,752 non-fatal accidents were reported. As in previous years, the summer and autumn months, during which industrial activity is at its height in Canada show a proportionately higher return of accidents.

The largest number of fatalities, 283, occurred in the railway service, agriculture standing second, with 256, mining, third, with 160 and lumbering, fourth, with 130. These industries ranked in the same order with regard to fatal accidents in both 1908 and 1907. Of the non-fatal injuries, the largest number occurred in the metal trades, 482, agriculture standing second, with 374 and the railway service, third, with 293. In 1908, the railway service stood second and agriculture, third, the metal trades standing just as in 1909.



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Comparing the record of 1909 in the several groups with that of 1908, it will be seen that there was a decrease in the number of fatal accidents recorded in the building, food and tobacco preparation, and leather trades, in the railway service and under the headings of fishing and hunting, general transport, miscellaneous and unskilled labour. In practically all the remaining groups a larger number of fatal accidents occurred than in 1908. In the number of non-fatal accidents increases were shown by all the groups during 1909, in comparison with the previous year, except in mining, the railway service, the textile and clothing trades, miscellaneous and unskilled labour.

With regard to the causes of these accidents, an analysis shows that in the agricultural industry the largest number of fatal accidents occurred from being run over by vehicles, while the largest

number of non-fatal injuries resulted from falls and from injuries received from machinery and tools. In the fishing industry drownings made up almost the entire list of fatalities. Drownings also accounted for 51 of the 130 fatal accidents occurring in the lumbering industry, while 78 of the 181 non-fatal injuries recorded were received from machinery and engines. Under the heading of mining, explosions caused over 35 p.c. of the deaths and over 20 p.c. of the non-fatal injuries. Falls accounted for nearly all of the deaths and over 66 p.c. of the non-fatal injuries in the building trades. The largest number of accidents in the metal, wood-working, clothing, textile, food and tobacco preparation and leather trades were occasioned by machinery, belting, etc., and by falling material. In the railway service 93 employees lost their lives by being run over by trains, 42 in de-

FATAL AND NON-FATAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN CANADA, 1909.
(Arranged from the Annual Report of the Department of Labour).

								Νt	ımb	er o	f A	ecid	ents	by	Me	onth	18									
Trade or Industry		Jan F. N. F. N.			Mar. Apr. F. N. F. N.							July Aug. F. N F. N.			Sept. F. N.		Oct. F. N.		Nov. F. N.		Dec. F. N		Total F. N.			
Agriculture Fishing and Hunting Lumbering Mining. Building Trades. Metal Trades Woodworking Trades. Printing Trades. Clothing Trades. Clothing Trades. Fextile Trades. Fextile Trades. Railway Service. Navigation General Transport. Civic Employees. Miscellaneous Trades. Unskilled Labour	4 3 1  1 20 2	11 11 20 11 1 1 5 1 20 5 9	5	24 18 7 5 30 114 6 11 3 8 8 17 3 9 5	12 6 10  5 2  1  31 6 1 1 1 1 1 3	24 19 4 8 40 9 5 2 1 14 1 23 1 12 11 11 9	9 4 2 1	4 2 2	1 24 6	22 19 3 32 27 9  3 2 1 19 13 18 4 7 6	4 6 1 	27 26 18 39 28 1  26 32 19 8 14 4	23 1 6 6 6 6 6 6 2  30 5 4 2 2 5 9	33 13 23 24 64 10 3 1 4 9 1 25 8 19 1 10 10	46 5 3 12 4 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	29 16 18 26 36 15 4 21 5  22 3 25 7 16 29	11 13 4 6 	9 13 24 33 10 2 1 2 8 3 11 2 17 3	26 7 3 46 5 9 1  1 27 7 3 3 6 8	40 2 9 12 23 47 16 4 4 2 5 7 1 14 4 5 15 19 27 15	13 10 5 9	32 18 23 25 53 8 5 1 1 5 10  38 11 19 13 12 6	12 12 2 16 1 1  14 24 7	12 14 15 50 15 1 2 5 8 29 3 16	256 34 130 160 38 77 11  1 3 9 2 283 95 50 12 54 64	374 77 181 147 245 482 158 35 16 35 86 9 293 91 193 91 152 123

FATAL AND NON-FATAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN CANADA, 1904-1909 (INCLUSIVE).

(From the Report of the Department of Labour).

Trades	1904		1905		1906		1907		1908		1909		Total	
Trages	F	N	F	N	F	N	F	N	F	N	F	N	F	N
Agriculture	103	121	132	291	176	262	209	295	223	291	256	374	1,099	1,634
Fishing and Hunting	16	1	13	1	15	3	17	4	37	1	34	7	132	17
Lumbering	69	120	7.5	155	119	156	129	138	113	115	130	181	635	865
Mining	103	117	70	135	119	174	181	226	148	187	160	147	781	986
Building Trades	43	149	46	131	59	272	33	211	46	219	38	245	265	1,218
Metal Trades	74	393	56	434	69	562	154	570	63	364	77	482	493	2,805
Woodworking I rades	12	154	8	150	4	133	8	138	7	116	11	158	50	849
Printing Trades		9	1	19		17	1	23		12		35	2	115
lothing Trades	3	21	2	36	2	19	1	24	1	16	1	16	10	132
Textile Trades	3	23	2	30	3	46	3	41	2	37	3	35	16	212
Food and Totacco Preparation	6	55	9	76	20	79	. 18	73	14	63	9	86	76	432
eather Trades	2	4	6	7	3	13		3	3	5	2	9	16	41
Railway Service	272	168	140	238	252	340	342	337	326	316	283	293	1,615	1,688
Navigation*			128	117	117	61	100	74	84	62	95	91	524	405
General Transport	113	168	140	234	45	178	55	193	54	132	50	193	457	1,088
Civic Employeest			7	5	5	66	6	80	19	55	22	91	49	297
Miscellaneous Trades	41	178	71	159	56	222	62	168	61	156	54	152	345	1,035
Inskilled Labour	30	119	57	143	43	142	34	154	71	130	66	123	299	811
Totals	890	1791	963	2,357	1,107	2,745	1 353	2,752	1,272	2,277	1,278	2,718	6,864	14,538

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railments and 31 in collisions. The largest number of non-fatal injuries among railway employees was caused by falls from trains and cars, but there were 56 such injuries received in derailments, 35 in collisions and 30 from being run over by trains while 31 employees were seriously injured by being struck by falling material. Under the heading of navigation, 62 of the 95 fatalities reported were drownings and 26 of the 91 non-fatal injuries were caused by falls and 19 by explosions. Falls accounted for 13 fatal and 67 non-fatal accidents under the heading of general transport. The largest number of fatalities and non-fatal injuries among civic employees occurred to firemen. Among unskilled labourers, 21 men were killed by being run over by vehicles and 17 by falling material; 53 of 123 non-fatal injuries were also occasioned by falling material.

An important incident of the year in this connection was the investigation carried out by the Department of Mines into the general question of the supervision of explosives throughout Canada. For some time past, and especially since the beginning of the extensive railway construction operations at present in progress there has been an alarming increase in the number of fatalities among work people engaged in the handling of explosives. In the mining industry, also, the death rate from this cause has been exceedingly high. Seventy-two workmen engaged in various trades in the actual performance of their duties, lost their lives from explosives during 1909. Legislation bearing on the matter differs considerably in the different provinces, and it is understood that as a result of the investigation referred to, an Act will be introduced during the present session of Parliament to deal in full detail with the manufacture, transportation, storage and use of explosives. An appropriation of \$10,000 was voted last Session for the purpose of engaging expert assistance in the framing of this legislation and

in other matters arising out of the investigation.

The number of fatalities in the several trades and industries caused by explosives during 1909 is as follows:—

Agriculture	 	 	I
Fishing and Hunting	 	 	3
Mining	 	 	31
Metal Trades	 	 	I
Railway Construction	 	 	22
Civic Employees	 	 	3
Unskilled Labour	 	 	4
Miscellaneous	 	 	7
Total	 	 	72

### EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE IN ENGLAND.

The latest figures regarding employers' liability insurance in England are given by the Post Magazine, which summarises and compares the Board of Trade returns for the year 1909 filed by 34 Tariff and 20 non-Tariff companies. The effect of these summaries and comparisons is to show that the unsatisfactory features of workmen's compensation business in England were maintained and accentuated during 1909. The following are summaries of the totals, the 1908 figures being given for comparison, although the offices represented are not identical:—

TARIFF	COL		8. 108.	19	09.
		3.	p.c.		p.c.
Claims	1			1,250,845	64.60
Commission		267.409		253,645	13.10
Expenses		465,338	22.93		22.62
	1.	989,431	98.00	1,942,475	100.32
Profit margin or deficit.		40,799	2.00	6,151	32
Earned premiums	2	030,230	100.00	1,936,324	100.00
NON-TAR	IFF	COMP	INIES.		
Claims		371,335	71.15	350,816	74.22
Commission		80,426	15.42	70,009	
Expenses		120,801	23.16	106,042	22.43
		572,562	109.73	526,867	111.46
Deficit		-50,780	-9.73	-54,189	-11.46
Earned premiums		521,782	100.00	472,678	100.00
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Claims	1	,628,019	63.80	1,601,661	
Commission		347,835	13.63	323,654	
Expenses		586,139	22.97	544.027	22.58
	2	.561,993	100.40	2,469,342	102.50
Deficit		-9,981	40	60,340	-2.50
Earned premiums	2	,552,012	100.00	2,409,002	100.00

"It would seem from these figures," writes the Post Magazine, "that inadequate provision has been made in the rates of premium for the tendency of claims for industrial accident to increase in number and in cost. This tendency, although well recognized in theory, is in practice usually disregarded: only when companies have lost money does those of or substantial rates appear to be realized. The increase then obtainable is generally inadequate to repair the inroads on the funds, and the best that can be done is to make a hand-to-mouth provision for the immediate future. Two features are obvious, one the extreme difficulty of fixing rates with such exactitude that no safety margin for untoward contingencies is requisite, the other that a loading of 40 per cent. is too narrow to allow for expenses and pro-

"We are inclined to think that the fact that fire insurance is usually conducted at an expense ratio of about 35 per cent. has been allowed to obscure the greater frequency of claims received in workmen's compensation insurance for a like number of policies and probably for a like amount in premiums. On earned premiums of £1.936,324 the tariff companies record the receipt during the year of 1,661 notices of fatal and 143.942 notices of non-fatal accidents, together 145.-603 notices, or over 75 notices for every £1,000 of premium. entailing a considerable outgo presumably not capable of strict allocation to the expense of claim settlement. We have no means of comparing this with the experience of fire insurance, but the point appears likely to repay investigation and consideration.

"We venture to doubt whether in some instances the Work-

"We venture to doubt whether in some instances the Workmen's Compensation Department, if made absolutely self-dependent, instead of being partially subsidized, would not show even less satisfactory results. There can, perhaps, be no objection to allowing one department to pay for another as long as the public are content to have it so, yet there would seem to be no reason why a business involving the collection of over £2,400,000 in premiums should not at least be self-supporting. Some of the unsatisfactory experience of the past year is due to inadequate provision made a year ago for claims which arose prior to the end of 1908. The reserves brought forward by tariff companies

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"This deficiency of £138.842 represents over 11 per cent. of the claims of £1.250.845, nearly 1934 per cent. of the reserves of £703.657, and is in fact 7.17 per cent of the earned premiums of £1.936.324. It is important as indicating the existence of a form of postnoned liability which may press with increasing weight on future years as the liabilities of



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the past accumulate. It is interesting to notice that the majority of the offices have been at rault in their estimates made a year ago. The following summary will help to make this clear:

No. of offices whose reserves at 1908 were:

## Notes on Business, Insurance and Finance.

Announcement is made that two

Increase in Bank Dividends. of the Canadian banks have decided to increase their dividends. In the case of the Royal Bank, the move is from II per cent. per annum-a rate established in the early part of this year-to 12 per cent. per annum, the first quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. being payable on January 3 next. This increase in dividend was foreshadowed at the time of the completion of negotiations for the absorption by the Royal Bank of the Union Bank of Halifax-an event consummated on November 1. In the letter announcing the conclusion of the negotiations, sent out by the Union of Halifax directors, it was stated that "the Royal Bank of Canada undertakes to increase its present dividend of 11 per cent. to 12 per cent. on December 31 next" and the present declaration is the carrying out of the undertaking then given. The increase in the dividend of the Molsons Bank from 10 p.c. per annum to II p. c. per annum, it will be remembered, was foreshadowed by Mr. William Molson Macpherson, the President, in his address at the annual meeting on October 17 last, the indications of prosperity throughout the country and the satisfactory business that the Bank is enjoying being the specific points mentioned by Mr. Macpherson, which justify the step. The first quarterly payment at the new rate will be made on January 2. Announcements of this kind, as we have previously pointed out, are a gratifying demonstration of the prosperity throughout the country. At the same time, they form a legitimate occasion for the tendering of cordial congratulations to the directors of the respective banks, and their general

Mr. Anthony
Again.

Mr. Frank W. Anthony, of 44
Court Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., to
whose activity in Canada, we have
previously referred several times,
the last occasion being on July 29, is again in
evidence. One of our subscribers sends a printed

managers, Mr. E. L. Pease and Mr. James Elliot.

circular from this gentleman, which reads as follows:-

Dear Sir:—As the firing season is about at hand throughout the Dominion of Canada, British Columbia and Alaska, the property owners who are not insured, no doubt, would take out a policy, providing they were personally solicited, and the writer would suggest if you would thoroughly solicit your vicinity and take applications on all insurable property, it would without a doubt prove profitable to you, as the undersigned takes pleasure in informing you that as an Insurance Broker, he has superior facilities whereby he can be of great service to you in placing lines of insurance where your customers object to paying the exorbitant rate charged by the tariff companies or the ridiculously high increase under the new rating schedule. If you experience any difficulty of this nature, I ask you to forward the applications to me, and I will place same for you in licensed companies, forwarding policies to you subject to assured's as well as your own approval allowing you 25 per cent. commission.

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Your very respectfully,

FRANK W. ANTHONY.

In substance, this is the same circular, but embellished by a seasonable introduction, as that issued by Mr. Anthony in July, and its Canadian recipients will doubtless appreciate the delicate distinction made in Brooklyn between the Dominion of Canada and British Columbia. We renew our advice to those who are in receipt of this circular that they take no notice of it, but place their insurance with regular licensed companies and not take the risk of accepting policies which would have no legal status in Canada.

Alberta Railway and Irrigation.

At the annual meeting of this company recently held in London, the Chairman (Mr. Elliott T. Galt), announced that the

company's principal partner, the Canadian Pacific Railway, suggests that in the interests of all concerned they had better exercise direct control of the administration of the affairs of the company, which would save money in general expenses and in further capital account expenditures which the development of the company's district may render necessary. This change, the Alberta directors consider, will be to the benefit of the company's shareholders. A meeting of the company's shareholders will be called during the present fiscal year to consider the advisability of removing the head office of the company from London to Canada. The Company's landed property, the Chairman also stated, consists of 221,000 acres, but it is not all available for sale, as large areas will be reserved for canal purposes and the coal areas, also, will be reserved. During the last few years it has been the policy of the Company to sell lands as rapidly as possible at fair prices. The Company has many valuable town lots at Lethbridge, which are being sold at good prices to meet current demand. This was a very dry season in the Lethbridge district and the crops on non-irrigated lands were poor, but the crops on lands properly irrigated yielded well, although in many cases, Mr. Galt stated, the owners were not prepared to use water to the best advantage. The report for the year to July 30th last, shows the Company's revenue, after providing for depreciation, to have been \$389,216. After payment of expenses and fixed charges there remained a surplus of \$260,066, out of which a dividend of 5 p.c. was recommended,

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and paid, as last year, leaving \$106,566 to be carried forward against \$87,818 in 1909.

### during October.

Industrial accidents occurring Industrial Accidents to 300 individual work people in Canada during the month of October,

reported to the Department of Labour. Of these, 115 were fatal and 275 resulted in serious injuries. In the preceding month there were ninety-one fatal and 181 non-fatal accidents reported, a total of 272, and in October, 1909, there were 146 fatal and 293 non-fatal accidents, a total of 439. The number of fatal accidents reported in October, 1910, was, therefore, twenty-four more than in the preceding month and thirty-one less than in October, 1909. The number of non-fatal accidents reported in October, 1910, was 114 more than in the preceding month and eighteen less than in October, 1909. Altogether there were 118 more industrial accidents reported in October, 1910, than in the preceding month and forty-nine less than in the same month of the preceding year. Of 238 returns received during the month giving the ages of the victims of industrial accidents, thirty referred to persons under twenty-one years of age, eighty-three to persons between twenty-one and forty-five, and twenty to persons over forty-five. One hundred and five persons were over twenty-one years of age, but their exact ages were not specified.

STATEMENT OF ACCIDENTS DURING OCTOBER. 1910, BY INDUSTRIES AND TRADES.

Trade or Industry.	1	Killed	. Injured.	Total.
Agriculture		. 19	37	56
Fishing and Hunting	×	. 4	40,000	4
Lumbering		8	9	17
Mining		. 10	. 19	29
Building Trades		. (	31	37
Metal Trades		. (	54	60
Woodworking Trades			25	25
Printing Trades			1	1
Textile Trades			4	4
Food and tobacco preparation		. :	5	7
Leather Trades			ĭ	í
Railway Service		. 20	26	46
Navigation		. (		15
General Transport		. 10	18	28
Public Employees		. 1	12	13
Miscellaneous		. 1		22
Unskilled Labour			7 18	25
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### Census of

On the first of June next year a census will be taken of the manu-Manufactures. factures of Canada. It will ascertain the capital employed in

works in 1910, together with the value of land, buildings and plant, the kind or class of products of the works by quantity or number of finished articles and their value in the year. These statistics will relate generally to factories employing five hands or more during the year, but in such industries as flour and grist mills, brick works, saw and shingle mills, electric light and power plants, and a few others where the value of products is large in proportion to the number of persons employed returns will be required without regard to the number of employees. The employees of work will include managers, superintendents, etc., on salaries; officers, clerks, etc., on salaries; operatives or workers classed as over and under 16 years on wages; and piece-workers em-

ployed outside of the works. Salaries, wages and payments to all officers and employees will be entered on the schedule for the census year by sex, and will include the aggregate weeks employed in the year, average hours of working time per week, and aggregate wages paid to them in the year. The aggregate weeks of time and the aggregate wages paid will refer to the whole body of employees for the year, while the average hours of working time will refer to an average computed for all employees in the year for one week only. For piece-workers outside of the works the statistics are required to show by sex the aggregate payments made to this class in the year, and also the aggregate value of their products. The power employed in the works will show the number and horse power of steam, gas and gasoline engines, water wheels and electric motors, as well as the power sold to or bought from other public or private companies. The fuel used at the works will show the quantity of coal, wood or other fuel and its value laid down at the works, including transportation and duties. The coal will be classified by measure to show whether it is foreign or Canadian. Custom work and raw materials will be reported by kind or class, and entries will be made to show amounts received in the year for custom work and repairs, and the cost value of raw or partly finished materials used at the works. The kind or class of products of the works in 1910 will be entered by separate name if more than one is made, with the quantity or number of each finished article and the value of separate products in the year. The aim of this record is to show the extent and variety of manufactures in each province and district; but it will be understood that the statistics as compiled and published will give away no records of individual business. Totals will be published only where three or more industries of a class or kind are reported. The census of the dairy industry, relating to the production of butter, cheese, cream and condensed milk, will show for each kind of product its quantity and selling value, and the quantity of milk and cheese used for conversion at the factories, the number of patrons, and the amount of money distributed to them in the year.

### Affairs in London.

(Exclusive Correspondence of The Chronicle.)

General Election Probabilities and the London Markets-The Run on the Birkbeck Bank-New Canadian Issues-"Truth" Limited-An Insurance Amalgamation.

The announcement by Mr. Asquith yesterday that the Conference on the Constitution has broken down has not inspired markets. When the news appeared Consols fell as much as one-half per cent. and there was a general weakening of investment securities. The 5 per cent. Bank rate is not, of course, conducive to investment activity and the probability of a General Election does not assist business. From conversation with various people, I gather that it is thought probable that the Gen-eral Election will be hurried forward before Christmas and quickly got out of the way. If it

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is held over until the new year it is feared that it may affect the arrangements for the coronation.

#### The Run on the Birkbeck Bank.

There was yesterday (Friday) and to-day a "run" on the Birkbeck Bank, and the events of the week ending September 17, eighteen years ago, were reproduced almost in their entirety. On this casion, however, the Birkbeck Bank managers were even more prepared to meet the situation than at that time. In 1892, the bank's premises were difficult of access, and the efforts of the terrified depositors to get through the bank's doors were pitiful to witness. To-day the Birkbeck Bank possesses one of the largest and most commodious bank buildings in the City of London, with entrances from Chancery lane and from Holborn, and it was possible during the "run" for the police to marshal people so as to pass in at the Southampton Buildings' entrance and out at the Hol-born doors. Among the well-informed the "run" is regarded as quite senseless. In banking circles, the Birkbeck Bank has won a high reputation for the prudence and care with which its business is iducted. If the "Birkbeck" failed, then, indeed, r joint stock banks might just as well shut their ors because it would show that conservative aking methods, an entire absence of wild specation, the most judicious of investments, and g liquid assets had failed to stand the test of isis. The Birkbeck Bank's last balance sheet lowed a sum of about half a million sterling ssets in excess of liabilities, and as evidence of neir "gilt-edged" character we find that when the run" started the managers of the Bank obtained 500,000 in Bank of England notes from the cenal institution. As to the causes which led to the run" they are not far to seek. The failure of the Charing Cross Bank, which was an institution of entirely different character to the Birkbeck Bank, had caused the circulation of a number of run ours and reports reflecting upon the safety of the Birkbeck Bank. These included the circulaof a letter sent to all depositors of the Birkbed; Bank suggesting that the Bank was associated the Charing Cross Bank, a statement which is ue. Others added to the nervousness of the depositors by suggestions that the Bank would probably not stand a "run" at the present time. when the Birkbeck Bank emerges from its finantrial it will be the business of the Bank authonlies to get at the original source of these ours. As matters stand, some thousands of depositors who have drawn out their money not only lost the 21/2 per cent. interest which Birkbeck Bank allows on current accounts not drawn below £100, but have probably placed the y with concerns which are not managed with ame prudence and foresight as the Birkbeck.

#### A Batch of Canadian Issues.

ite a number of new capital issues have been during the past week. The Canadian Mills nber Company met with a good reception and erstand that several new demands are on the of being made. These include £1,000,000 of cent. first mortgage bonds of Price Brothers Co., Ltd., and to-day applications are invited or an issue of half a million sterling of 5 per cent. Test mortgage debenture stock of the Anglo-New-

foundland Development Company, Limited, which is, of course, the company formed in 1905 to safeguard the proprietors of the Daily Mail and of its allied publications against a deficiency in the supply of paper or a serious rise in its price. The stock will be offered for sale at par by the Law Debenture Corporation, and will be secured on freehold land at Grand Falls and Millertown, etc., and about 2,300 square miles of land with timber rights, etc.

#### "Truth," Limited.

Another new company which is interesting in view of the world-wide reputation of its chief promoter is the "Truth" Publishing Company, Limited. After suffering for many years the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune at the hands of impecunious litigants in the law courts, Mr. Labouchere has apparently decided that he will no longer stand to be "shot at" and will convert his plain-spoken publication into a company. The company is to have a capital of £30,000.

#### An Insurance Amalgamation.

I made reference recently to some forthcoming insurance amalgamations. One of these is now projected between the Law Car & General Insurance Corporation, Limited, and the National Provincial Insurance Corporation, Limited. latter company has offered to purchase the whole of the issued shares of the Law Car and General on the following terms. (1) Holders of fully-paid shares to receive 11/4 fully-paid £1 shares of the purchasing corporation. (2) The holders of 5s. paid shares to receive one fully-paid £1 share for each four shares. (3) The holders of 2s. 6d. paid shares to receive one fully-paid £1 share for each eight shares. (4) The holders of 1s. paid shares to receive one fully-paid £1 share for each twenty shares. (5) The whole of the expenses to be borne by the purchasers. The directors of the Law Car and General, at a meeting held on Wednesday, unanimously decided to recommend the shareholders to accept the offer.

LONDONER.

London, 12th November, 1910.

#### From Western Fields.

Payments on Mortgages—A Railway through the Peace River Country—Saskatchewan's Elevator Problem: Report of the Commission—Vancouver's Dry-dock.

From now on to January is the period of the year when a very large proportion of the payments upon mortgages become due in the West. Enquiries among the loan agencies go to show that, on the whole, payments are coming in very well, though, naturally, the proportion of prompt payments varies with different districts. From districts where there was a good crop this year, money is coming freely; from other districts, it varies and in some cases, arrangements have been made to carry over those who have had a bad year, until another crop has been harvested. Money rates in Winnipeg are reported to be keeping fairly stiff, owing to the great demand for mortgage loans.

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#### Railway through the Peace River Country.

A bill is being rushed through the provincial legislature of Alberta, giving the Canadian Northern power to construct a railway from Edmonton through the Peace River country to the Yukon. The construction of the road will be commenced early next spring by A. C. Mackenzie, president of the Northern Construction Company. The bonds for the road, for the sum of several millions are now on sale in London, hence the haste in rushing the bill through the house. The road to the Peace River will open 20,000,000 acres of land along its route which are now ready for homestead entries. The Peace River pass will likely be used to take the line to the Yukon. It is stated that the road will be completed within the next two years through the Peace River country.

### Saskatchewan's Elevators: Report of the Commission.

Regina advices state that the report of the Elevator Commission appointed February 28, 1010, by the Saskatchewan government has been handed to Premier Scott. The Commission comprised three members, Professor Robert Magill, of Dalhousie University, N.S., Mr. George Langley, M. L. A., of Redberry, Sask., and Mr. F. W. Green, of Moose Jaw, secretary-treasurer of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association, and their report is said to give the most exhaustive analysis of the grain trade of Western Canada that has been available to the public. The Commission is unanimous in all its findings. With regard to the ownership of elevators, the Commission favors none of the schemes outlined before it in their entirety, but has evolved a solution embodying what appears to the Commission to be the best features of several. Government ownership and operation, municipal ownership and operation, state aided farmers' elevators, and all the various modifications of these plans are discarded.

The solution of the question proposed by the Commission takes the form of a co-operative joint stock company, owned entirely by the agriculturists of the province, upon the directorate and executive body of which the Government shall have no representation whatever. It is suggested that a minimum of 15 per cent, shall be paid up by the farmers upon such of the \$50 shares of the company as are subscribed for, that the maximum number of shares allotted to any one person shall be ten, and that 25 elevators be the minimum number proposed to be operated by the company before a central body can be organized and Government assistance called for. It is suggested that this assistance take the form of a loan for each elevator, such loans to be secured by mortgages and to be repayable in twenty equal annual instalments of principal and interest. The executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association are named as a suitable provisional directorate to carry the plan to the point where a permanent directorate can be elected.

Under this scheme, each elevator would be locally controlled by a local board elected by the local shareholders. Each such local board would contribute one representative to the organization and subsequent annual meetings, at which the board of directors of the whole company would

be elected. It is also suggested that the stock subscribed at each local centre should be equal to the cost of a proposed elevator, and the aggregate annual crop acreage of the shareholders should not be less than two thousand acres for each ten thousand bushels of the capacity of the elevator, or one acre for every dollar of proposed expenditure at each local elevator.

In support of the suggested scheme, the Commission writes: —

The commission would have little objection to an experiment by the province were it not for the fact that an experiment upon a large scale is being conducted by the province of Manitoba. If Saskatchewan would make an equally serious attempt to develop a co-operative solution of the problem, the western farmers would soon be in a position to avail themselves of the best results of both experiments. Both plans aim at removing initial storage from the ownership of companies interested in the trading of grain. The one plan aims at ownership by the state and management by the government, and the other aims at ownership and management by the growers of grain. Both plans recognize the strength of the feeling of injustice in the minds of many farmers, both seek to create conditions for the marketing of grain which will give the farmers confidence and satisfaction, and both involve financial aid on the part of the state. The chief difference between the two plans is that in the one the issue is in the hands of the government, while in the other it is in the hands of the farmers themselves, and to this commission at all events it appears that this difference is in favor of the co-operative plan. This plan avoids many of the risks and limitations of the other plans, and is pregnant besides with possibilities for the future.

#### Vancouver's Dry-dock.

An agreement has been signed between the Dominion Government and the Vancouver Dry-dock and Shipbuilding Company, whereby the latter undertakes to construct a dry-dock at Roche Point at a cost of \$1,214,154. The work is to be started within six months and finished by December 1. 1912. The agreement recites that as the company has satisfied the Government with the plans it proposes for a dry-dock to be constructed at Roche Point on the north shore of the inlet a subsidy of 31/2 per cent. on the estimated cost will be granted annually for twenty-five years. This amount is stated in the agreement to be \$42,495.39. Some of the conditions of the agreement are that the company will commence the construction of the dry-dock in England and the appurtenances in Vancouver within six months, and have the dock ready for use within two years; that the floating dry-dock will be raised every five years for inspection, and that no charges are to be levied until a scale of tolls is approved by the Government. One provision in the agreement is that all ships in the British naval service and the naval service of Canada and all other vessels, either owned or employed by the Government, shall at all times be entitled to the use of the dock in priority to other vessels. The officials of the Vancouver Dry-dock & Shipbuilding Company are authority for the statement that construction will start in the spring.



THE BRITISH CROWN ASSURANCE CORPORATION of Glasgow will make application to Parliament for an Act "providing that notwithstanding anything contained in The Insurance Act, 1910, a license may be granted to the said Assurance Corporation."

#### Financial and General.

THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY announces with regret the resignation of Assistant Secretary Bettes after several years of valuable and efficient service.

SOVEREIGN FIRE OF CANADA.—The Sovereign Fire Assurance Company of Canada has now been admitted to New York. Kelley & Fuller have been appointed its Metropolitan District Managers.

EMIGRATION FROM UNITED KINGDOM.—During the nine months to the end of September 313,475 British subjects emigrated from the United Kingdom to places outside Europe, as against 222,004 in the corresponding period of last year, while the return movements for the same period were 125,719 this year, against 114,732 last. British North America, which practically means Canada, received 136,882, or nearly twice as many as in the same period of last year.

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY EARNINGS.—The following is a comparative statement of the earnings and expenses of the Montreal Street Railway for the month of October, interest on bonds of M. P. & I. Railway and M. T. Railway Companies owned by this company, not included. This is the first statement issued since the new Board took office.

office.		Increa	
1910.	1909.	Amount.	-
	336,765.13	35,722,22	10.61
Miscellaneous Earn-	17,241.82	*3.041.51	*17.64
ings	354,006.95	32,680.71	9.23
Total Earnings	174.734.97	31,015.00	17.75
Net Earnings 180,937.60	179,271.98	1,665.62	0.93
City Percentage on Earnings 12,392.74	12,251.20	141.54	1.16
Interest on Bonds and	14,329.61	722.76	5.04
Loans	498.67	54.23	C
Taxes 4,000.00	4.000.00		
Total Charges 31.998.01	31.079.48	918.53	
Surplus	148,192.50	747.09	0.50
Expenses p. c. of Earn ings	49.36		3.85

POWER RIGHTS AND WATER LEVELS.—At the weekly meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade on Wednesday afternoon a letter was read from the Dominion Marine Association, which is representative of the interests of Canadian inland navigation, stating that the Canadian Light & Power Company were endeavoring to obtain authority from the Government, by means of an Orderin-Council, to divert more water from the Cedars or Coteau Rapids. Believing that this would have the effect, if the permission were granted, of lower-ing the water levels on Lake St. Francis and at the upper end of the Soulanges Canal, the Association had protested to the Dominion Government, urging the importance of navigation interests on Canadian waterways, and asking that no sanction should be given to any such application, until the matter had received the fullest investigation. The Association asked the Council of the Board of Trade to take action in this matter. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Government, stating that if the proposed works would have the effect of lowering the water level in either the St. Lawrence

or its canal system, the Council would put every obstacle in the way of their being carried out.

BANK CLEARINGS IN THE UNITED STATES.—Bank exchanges this week exhibit some evidence of progress toward improvement, the total at all leading cities in the United States amounting to \$3,002,-132,904, a decrease of only 5.5 per cent. compared with last year and of 6.7 compared with 1906. This is the largest total for a number of weeks. The loss at New York, as usual, accounts in greater part for the decrease in comparison with previous years, but although operations in the financial and speculative markets, which have considerable effect on the volume of exchanges have not materially broadened, the returns from that centre show pronounced improvement, which would indicate increased activity in general business. There is a small gain over last year in the total of the cities outside New York and the majority make increased returns, some of which are quite large. Among them are Philadelphia, Baltimore, St. Louis, Kansas City, Louisville, New Orleans and San Francisco. On the other hand, at only two points, Cincinnati and Minneapolis, are the losses at all large. Improvement is also shown in the daily average, this exhibiting a loss of only 8.6 per cent., which compares with losses of 13.6 and 18.5 per cent., respectively, for the two previous months. Average daily bank exchanges for the year to date are compared below for three years:-

November October 3rd Quarter 2nd Quarter 1st Quarter	. 474,419,000 . 413,336,000 . 473,073,000	474,356,000 482,636,000	1906. \$523,870,000 492,164,000 451,375,000 457,380,000 515,398,000

### Personals

Mr. J. H. Plummer has been elected a director of the Bank of Nova Scotia, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. H. C. McLeod.

MR. ERNEST REYNOLDS, of Toronto, has been appointed by the Canada Life Assurance Company to the branch managership of their northern Alberta branch, with office at Edmonton, to act jointly with Mr. R. A. Robertson of that city. Mr. Reynolds assisted Mr. Robertson in opening up and organizing this district for the company, and during the last year he has been in Vancouver. On leaving Toronto this week to take up his new appointment he was given an enthusiastic send-off by the head office staff.

MR. E. E. BOREHAM, manager for Toronto city, of the North American Life Assurance Company, has been appointed general manager of the Imperial Securities Company of Montreal. Mr. Boreham was for eight years manager for Nova Scotia of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada. Two years ago he resigned that position to accept the management for Toronto city of the North American Life. Mr. Boreham has always taken a prominent part in the life underwriters' association movement in Canada, and is a past vice-president of the Association. There will be cordial good wishes extended to him by insurance men on his taking up his new duties.

#### The Canadian Fire Record.

(Specially compiled by The Chronicle.) .

WILKIE, SASK .- Robert Smith's livery barn and 24 horses burned, November 21.

HALIFAX, N.S.-John McEuchern's dwelling burned, November 19. Loss heavy.

GRASSY LAKE, ALTA.—Messrs. Kilgour Brothers general store, destroyed. Origin, unknown.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Fire in High School, one hour before opening, starting from over the furnaces. Loss between \$200 and \$300.

VICTORIA, B.C.—Mr. C. N. Cameron's residence, 521 Superior Street, damaged. Origin, sparks from defective chimney. Loss \$300.

SHARBOT LAKE, ONT.—Jerome Thompson's barn, 100 tons of hay and a number of turkeys burned, November 16. Loss heavy, with partial insurance.

PERTH, ONT.-Fallbrooke Roller Mills, owned by A. B. Lees, destroyed, November 16. Origin, unknown. Loss placed between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

LENNOXVILLE, QUE.-Large barn containing 40 tons of hay, property of Mr. Alex. Ames, destroyed, November 17. Loss \$1,000. Incendiarism suspected.

MONTREAL. - Mr. Philippe Samure, proprietor of the sash, etc., factory, destroyed last week, stated at the subsequent inquiry that he had no insurance upon the factory and that his loss was \$50,000. \$300 damage caused by fire in cellar of Dorias Bros., grocery store, 1200 Parthenais Street, November 21, owing to whiskey blazing up when match was held close to bung of barrel. Fire in Regent Cafe, 41 University Street, November 22, damaged kitchen and two or three other rooms. Fire in kitchen of Imperial Hotel, corner of Visitation and East St. Catherine Streets, November 18, gutted kitchen and rooms below were badly damaged by water.

#### LARGE LOSS AT WINNIPEG.

The wholesale warehouse and offices of the Martin, Bole & Wynne Drug Company, at Winnipeg, were gutted on Tuesday morning. The blaze is stated to have had its origin in spontaneous combustion in a bin on the third floor. Preliminary estimates place the loss at over \$500,000 with \$160,-000 insurance. But the full list of companies interested is not yet available.

JANTED Bright youth for Fire Insurance Office. Apply, stating experience, to "INSURANCE."

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MONTREAL.

WANTED-CASHIER AND LOSS CLERK. This position in the Head Office of a Fire Insurance Company is vacant. Applications giving particulars as to qualifications and experience to be addressed to

"A." THE CHRONICLE,

P.O. Box 578 Montreal.

#### THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

A dividend of 2 per cent, on the Common Stock of the Company, for the quarter, ended 30th September, 1910, being at the rate of 7 per cent, per annum from revenue, and 1 per cent, per annum from interest on the proceeds of land sales, is hereby declared, payable on 31st December next to Shareholders of record in Montreal, New York and London at 3 p. m. on Wednesday, 30th November instant.

Warrants will be mailed on 30th December next.

By order of the Board,

W. R. BAKER,

Secretary.

Montreal, 14th November, 1910.

### CANADIAN FINANCIERS

Authorized Capital \$2,000,000

EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, RECEIVERS.

GENERAL AGENTS FOR

DIVIDEND PAYING STOCKS, REVENUE PRODUCING REAL ESTATE AND LOANS, PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. OCEAN ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LTD.

MANAGERS OF B. C. AND YUKON TERRITORY FOR CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

GENERAL AND LOCAL AGENTS WANTED.

PATRICK DONNELLY, General Manager.

Head Office: 632 Granville Street, Vancouver, B. C.

Branches: North Vancouver, South Vancouver, and 8 Princes Square, Glasgow.

### Phœnix Assurance Company, Ltd.

OF LONDON, ENGLAND, HEAD OFFICE FOR CANADA; 100 St. Francois-Xavier Street, Montreal

Joint Managers R. MacD. Paterson
J. B. Paterson Capital (fully subscribed) \$14,009,500 Paid-up Capital . . . . 1,909,900 Accumulated F'nds exceed 65,000,000 Assurance in Force 112,000,000

SPECIAL FEATURES-Life Department

The "PHŒNIX" has declared a Reversionary Bonus every five years since 1890 on all whole Life, Limited Payment and Endowment Assurances of not less than \$80

per \$1000. The "PHENIX" next 5 year Bonus Declaration will be made as at 31st December, 1910; all with-profit policies at annual premiums now effected will rank for one full year's bonus. The "PHENIX" gives an Interim Bonus of \$10

The "PHENIX" gives an Interim Bonus of \$10 per \$1000 on all with profit policies which become claims by death, and of \$16 per \$1000 on all Endowment Assurances maturing, during a quinquennium.

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immediately.

The "PHENIX" gives the whole Surplus of Profits in the Participation Fund to its policyholders, the Shareholders receiving nothing from that Pund.

The "PHENIX" Policy—All surrender and loan values. Paid-up and Extended Assurances are guaranteed and written in the Policy.

We require District Agents throughout the Dominion for the Life Department.

Write for fullest particulars to

H. B. F. BINGHAM.

Life Superintendent for Canada, Montreal.

#### Stock Exchange Notes

Montreal, November 24, 1910. The vagaries of Quebec Railway were the feature of this week's market, which was not otherwise particularly active, although a fairly good business was transacted. Closing with 52 bid on Friday last, Quebec Railway took a jump to 613/4 on Saturday morning, reacting again to 541/4 and over 4.500 shares changed hands during the short session. Since then it has had sharp ups and downs, the closing to-day being 563/4 bid. Manipulation and some forced buying by those short of the stock and the fact that it is practically controlled by one man and his associates, is the explanation of these erratic price movements. To-day being Thanksgiving Day in the United States, all the American markets were closed. Two banks have gone on a higher dividend basis during the past few days, the Royal to 12 per cent, and the Molsons to 11 per cent. Cement Common, Montreal Power and Dominion Steel Corporation all figured for sales of over 2,000 shares, Rio Power, Toronto Railway and Cement Preferred being the only other stocks in which the trading involved over 1,000 shares. A few of the stocks improved in price, but for the

most part, the closing is a			
The Bank of England rate	remains	at five per	cent.
MONEY AND	EXCHANG To day	Last week.	A Year Ago.
Call money in Montreal	51-6 %	51-6 %	5 %
in Toronto	51-6 %	51-6 %	5 %
	21 %	2 %	4 %
" ,, in New York	24 %	0 /0	* /*
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Bank of England rate	5 %	5 %	5 %
Consols	791	78 13-16	824
Demand Sterling	9 5-16	9 5-16	9 11-16
Sixty days' sight Sterling	81	84	81

most part, the closing is at a lower level then a week ago.

#### QUOTATIONS AT CONTINENTAL POINTS.

	To-d	av	Last V	Veek	A Year Ago	
	Market	Bank	Market	Bank	Market	Bank
Paris	23	3	21	3	2 11-16	3
Berlin	4 6	5	4 4	5	41	5
Amsterdam	3 6	4	31	4	3	4
Vienna	41	5	41	5	24	3
Brussels	41	5	41	5	31	$3\frac{1}{2}$

#### SUMMARY OF WEEK'S SALES AND QUOTATIONS.

Security, Sale	Closing bid. Nov. 17, 1910.	Closing bid, to-day,	Net change.
	77 1964	1951	1
	0 134	132	- 27
Detroit United 2	65 564	55	- 1½
Duluth Superior	10 781	80	+ 17
Halifax Tram	129	129	
Illinois Preferred 3	12 884	894	+ 11
Montreal Street 1	26 <b>2</b> 23	224	+ 1
Quebec Ry 12,0	43 51 2	561	+ 51
Toronto Railway 1,2	51 1234	1234	:
	11 108	110	+ 14
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artifett. Artifetton	90 141		
	53	**	- ":
Can. Cement Com 2,3		23	+ 1
Can. Cement Pfd	48 85	857	
Can. Con. Rubber Com	94	94	:
Can. Con. Rubber Pfd	10 100	1001	+ 1
DOING TION TICIOTICALITY	82 1024	1024	
Dom. Iron Bonds \$8,0		951	:
Dom. Steel Corpn 2,1	01 621	611	- }
Lake of the Woods Com		124 x.D.	- ::
	29 92	914	- 1
Mackay Preferred	19	::	- :.
	40 87	85	- 2
Montreal Power2,1		1374	- 1 <del>1</del>
	54 851	85	- 1
	29 1254	125	- ,
Rio Light and Power	60 1031	1014	- 1½
Cara a constant	40 108	107	
	05 414	414	- 1
Dom, Textile Com	60 651	641	= 1
Dom. Textile Preferred	55 99	100	- 1
Mont sal Cotton	72 1344	57	- ii
Permans Common	75 581	84	- 11
Penmans Preferred	84		- i
Crown Reserve 2,	250 2.75	2.74	- '

#### Bank Statements.

#### NEW YORK ASSOCIATED BANKS

	Nov. 19, 1910	November 12, 1910	November 20, 1909
Loans	\$1,204,971,600	\$1,205,624,300	\$1,204,501,400
	1,177,133,300	1,169,565,700	1,187,528,600
	48,730,500	48,551,000	58,063,800
	243,433,600	237,761,300	238,141,700
	68,551,400	67,190,100	68,635,200
Total Reserves	\$313,985,000	\$300,739,100	\$306,777,900
Reserves Req'd.	294,283,325	292,391,425	296,882,150
Surplus	\$19,701,675	\$12,559,975	\$8,894 750
Ratio of R'serv's	26.7	25.7	25.8

Note.—Actual amount of government deposits reported was \$1,655,900, against \$1,519,300 last week,

#### CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

,	Week ending	Week ending	Week ending	Week ending
	Nov. 24, 1910	Nov. 17, 1910	Nov. 25, 1909	Nov. 26, 1908
Montreal	\$41,746 106	\$42,388,307	844,125,931	\$32,990,957
Toronto	36,546,054	33,796,200	31,029,670	28,355,677
Ottawa	4,120,003	4,266,272	3,180,553	8 511,147

#### Traffic Earnings.

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		OIFIC RAI	1910.	Increase
Year to date. 19	08.	1909.		
Oct. 31 \$56,14	0,000 \$6	6,906,000	1010	Increase
meer chamb.	08.	1909.	1910.	
		2,113,000	2,267,000	154,000
" 14 1,676		2,130,000		Dec. 22,000
. 21 1,65	1,000	,993,000	2,106,000	****
(FR.	AND TRU	NE RAILW	AY.	
Year to date. 190		1909.	1910.	Increase
Oct. 31,\$31,97		3,588,891	\$36,549,166	\$2,960,275
Week ending. 1	908.	1909.	1910.	Increase
	7,276	902,197	902,420	223
	4,223	924,271	899,760	Dec. 24,511
	6,743	885,456	910,786	25,330
21 01				20,000
		THERN R.		
A to	08.	1909	1910.	Increase
			\$11,257,600	13,111,800
Week ending.	908.	1909.	1910.	Increase
Nov. 7 28	66,900	340,300	357,200	16,900
	4,500	369,800	379,900	10,100
" 21 25	7,600	357,900	363,100	5,200
DULUTH, SOU		. & ATLA	NTIC RAILWA	AY.
	908.	1909.	1910.	Increase
meen emanig.		65,478		
	3,381			
			COMPANY.	
	08.	1909.	1910.	Increase
Oct. 31 \$5,2	66,085	5,714,410	<b>\$6</b> ,198,852	\$484,442
Week ending.	1908.	1909.	1910.	Increase
Nov. 7 1	23,363	134,566	145,034	10,468
	19,850	129,301	143,518	14,217
	BOIT IIN	ITED RAIL	WAT.	
	908.	1909.	1910.	Increase
	4,023	146,005	162,928	16,923
			160,562	11,495
14		149,067	_	11,100
HALIPAX		y Receipts		
Week ending.	1908.	1909.	1910.	Increase
Nov. 7	3,050	3,322	3,816	494
" 14	3,158	3,155		487
14	3,030	3,45	0 100	11
21			-	
	A ELEO		WAT Co.	
Week ending		1909.		Incresse
Nov. 6		45,02		Dec. 1,446
" 12		40,81	6 44,033	3,217
		ERIOR TR	ACTION.	
Det		1909.	1910.	Increase
Nov. 7		19,701	20,795	1,094
		18,952	20,627	1,724
" 14	• • • •	10,002	20,021	
	400			

THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE recently awarded to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Co., \$310,000 41/2 p.c. debentures due at the end of 10, 20 and 30 years. The School Board of Lethbridge have also awarded to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Co., \$75,000 5 p.c. debentures repayable over a term of 30 years.

#### REGISTER OF NEW COMPANIES.

(Dominion Incorporations).

BISHOP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED.—Capital stock, \$500,000 (5,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To take over the business of the Bishop Construction Company, Ltd., to carry on business as general contractors, etc. incorporators, Robert Clark McMichael, Rennie Ogilvie McMurtry (ad-ROBERT CLARK MCMICHAEI, Rennie Ogilvie McMurry (advocates); Francis George Bush (bookkeeper); George Robert Drennan (stenographer); Herbert William Jackson (clerk), all of Montreal. Clief place of business, Montreal. Date of incorporation, November 15, 1910.

CANADIAN MONO-RAIL CORPORATION, LIMITED.—Capital stock, \$2,000,000 (200,000 shares of \$10 each). Object: To manufacture and generally deal in mono-rail railway cars and supplies, etc. Incorporators, Louis Athanase David (barrietar), Lohn Holmes Brittle, John Losenh Robson (accountitions).

and supplies, etc. Incorporators, Louis Athanase David (Barrister); John Holmes Brittle, John Joseph Robson (accountants); George Salmon (engineer); Charles Joseph Eugene Charbonneau (notary public); Charles Edouard Guerin (student), all of Montreal; Charles William Taylor (solicitor), Westmount. Chief place of business, Montreal. Date of incorporation, November 16, 1910.

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY EXPRESS COMPANY, LTD.—
Cascinal tools (Scorpor) (1000 shares of \$100 cach). (Dis-

Capital stock, \$1,000,000 (10,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To acquire, etc., shares in the capital stock of and bonds, debentures and debenture stock of Canadian Northern Express Company, etc. Incorporators, Reginald Herbert Montague Temple (barrister-at-law); Archibald James Reid (King's Counsel); Robert Phipps Ormsby (secretary); Alfred James Mitchell (comptroller); John Bissland Robertson (accountant), all of Toronto. Chief place of business, Toronto. Date of incorporation, November 16, 1910.

EASTERN CANADA FISHERIES, LIMITED.—Capital stock, \$1,500,000 (15,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To acquire by purchase or otherwise the Magdalen Islands, Gulf of St. Lawrence, to carry on a general fishing business, etc. corporators, Leopold Barry (advocate); Edward Arthur Bernard (accountant); Edward Denis Maguire (law clerk); Charles Lee Austin (manager); John Carruthers Austin (clerk), all of Montreal. Chief place of business, Montreal.

Date of incorporation, November 11, 1910.

EASTERN PIPE & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED.—
Capital stock, \$50,000 (5,000 shares of \$10 each). Object: To acquire as a going concern the business of manufacturing wire-wound wooden water-pipe and continuous stave pipe carried on at Alexandria, Ont., by Joseph Bambrick, etc. In-corporators, Emmet James Mullaly (physician); Frederick Holland Mackay, Frederic Michael Carbray, Robert Burns McLellan (esquires); Frank Joseph McGoldrick (salesman), all of Montreal. Chief place of business, Alexandria, Ont.

Date of incorporation, November 16, 1910.

G. H. Anson & Company, Limited.—Capital stock, \$50,000 (500 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on the business of a real estate and land company, etc. Incorporators, Errol Languedoc, Charles Glass Greenshields, Edgar Reginald Parkins (advocates); Ralph Erskine Allen (student); John Morton Montle (law student), all of Montreal. Chief place of business, Montreal. Date of incorporation, November

IMPERIAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, LIMITED.—Capital stock, \$100,000 (1,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on the business of electrical, mechanical, hydraulic and civil engineers and contractors, etc. Incorporators, John Jonnings Creelman. Alexander Jodoin (advocates): Charles Stuart LeMesurier (student-at-law); Florence Ellen Seymour (stenographer): Wilhelmira Maud Scott (bookkeeper). all of Montreal. Chief place of business, Montreal. Date of incorporation, November 7, 1910.

IMPERIAL FLOUR MILLING COMPANY, LIMITED.—Capital stock, \$2,000,000 (20,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on the business of flour millers, dealers, etc. Incorporators, James Steller Lovell (accountant): William Bain (bookkeeper): Robert Gowans, Henry Chambers, Robert Musgrave IMPERIAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, LIMITED.—Capital stock.

keeper); Robert Gowans, Henry Chambers, Robert Musgrave Coates, William George Flood (solicitor's clerks), all of Toronto Chief place of business, Toronto. Date of in-corporation, November 15, 1910.

corporation, November 15, 1910.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.—Capital stock, \$50,000 (500 shares of \$100 each). Object: To act as promoters, financial and general agents, brokers, etc. Incorporators, George Martin Abbott (bookkeeper); Sydney Franklin Bell, George Edgar Irwin, Harry Alonzo Wright. Patrick Hamilton Saver (clerks), all of Ottawa. Chief place of business, Ottawa. Date of incorporation, November 12, 1010.

Lynn Shoe Company, Limited.—Capital stock, \$50,000 (500 shares of \$100 each.) Object: To manufacture and deal in boots, shoes, etc. Incorporators, Romulus Lavallee, Joseph Adolphe Landry (notaries); Jules Desmarais and Rodolphe

DeSerres (advocates); Joseph Laurent (accountant), all of Montreal. Chief place of business, Montreal. Date of in-

corporation, November 16, 1910.

MERCANTILE LUMBER & SUPPLY Co., LTD.—Capital stock, \$50,000 (500 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on the business of dealers in lumber, etc. Incorporators, Peter Eli Brown (gentleman); Ernest Edward Kent (dentist). Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.; Pascal Deslauriers (real estate agent); Edna Lee Davis (secretary); John James Louis Brown (manager); Frank Wilfrid Johnson (buyer), Montreal. Chief place of business, Montreal. Date of incorpora-tion, November 16, 1010.

MEXICAN MAHOGANY & RUBBER CORPORATION, LIMITED.— Capital stock, \$1,000,000 (10,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To acquire as going concerns businesses now carried on in Mexico by the Agua Azul Mahogany Company of Mexico, by James Playfair and Arthur D. Campbell, to purchase mahogany and rubber limits in Mexico, and to do a general business as lumbermen, etc. Incorporators, Leopold Barry (advocate); Edward Arthur Barnard (accountant); Edward Denis Maguire (law clerk); Charles Lee Austin (manager); John Carruthers Austin (clerk), all of Montreal. place of business, Montreal. Date of incorporation, November 7, 1910.

NORTON GRIFFITHS & COMPANY, LIMITED.—Capital stock, \$1,000,000 (10,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on the business of general contractors, etc. Incorporators, Albert Charles Ferguson (barrister-at-law); Charles Williams, John Mahood (accountants); John Taylor, James Coupar (solicitors), all of Winnipeg. Chief place of business, Winnipeg. Date of incorporation, November 10, 1910.

Quebec & Western Canada Land Syndicate, Limited.—

Capital stock, \$1,000,000 (100,000 shares of \$10 each). Object: To deal in land, buildings, etc. Incorporators, Louis Jules Allard (advocate), St. Francois du Lae, Que.; Aime Laperriere (merchant); Alberic Archie Mondou (notary), Pierreville, Que.; Henry Arthur Bordeau (general agent); George Ball (gentleman), Montreal. Chief place of business,

Pierreville, Que. Date of incorporation, May 4, 1910.

Security Lumber Company, Limited.—Capital stock, \$500,000 (5,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on the business of lumbering, etc. Incorporators, John Paul Janson (manager); Eliphalet Edwards Sharpe, Lorne John Elliott (barristers-at-law); Furry Ferguson Montague, Alexander Vincent Darrach (student-at-law), all of Winnipeg. Chief place of business, Winnipeg. Date of incorporation, November 9, 1910.

St. George Dillon, Limited.—Capital stock, \$50,000 (500 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on a brewing business, etc. Incorporators, Leopold Barry (advocate); Edward Arthur Barnard (accountant); Edward Denis Maguire (law clerk); Charles Lee Austin (manager); John Carruthers Austin (clerk), all of Montreal. Chief place of business, Montreal. Date of incorporation, November 10,

TOOKE BROS., LTD.-Capital stock, \$600,000 (6,000 shares of \$100 each). Object: To carry on business of manufacturing, buying, selling, etc., clothes, etc. Incorporators, William John White, Arthur William Patrick Buchanan (King's counsel); Joseph Henry Dillon (advocate); Edwin Claude Young (accountant), all of Montreal; Aubrey Huntingdon Elder, Westmount. Chief place of business, Montreal. Date of incorporation, October 24, 1910.

#### BANK MEETINGS.

Bank of Montreal, December 5	on
Quebec Bank (Quebec), December 5 3 p.n	1.
Union of Canada (Quebec), December 17 12 no	
Commerce (Toronto), January 10, 1911 12 no	
Ottawa (Ottawa), December 21 3 p.m	a.
Merchants, December 21	on
Hochelaga, December 21	on
Eastern Townships (Sherbrooke), December 7 2 p.n	n.

#### DIVIDENDS DECLARED.

Canadian Cereal & Milling Co., 134 per cent, for quarter, ended October 31, on preferred stock, payable December 10. (Initial Dividend).

Molsons Bank, 23/4 per cent. for quarter, payable January

Royal Bank of Canada, 3 per cent, for quarter upon \$5,000,000 capital stock, and 2 per cent, for two months, upon \$1,200,000 capital stock, issued November r in connection with the purchase of the assets of the Union Bank of Halifax, payable January 3, 1911.

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BANK STOCKS.	Closic prices	or	Par value of one share,		ment ment	Rate of Annual Dividend	Capital subscribed	Cap	oital d up	Rest Fund	Per cent'ge of Rest to paid up Capital	When Dividend payable.
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Provincial Bank of CanadaXi QuebecXi Royal Standard SterlingXi TorontoXi			100 100 50	4	38 89	7 12 12 5	2,500,0 5,000,0 2,000,0 988,0	00 5	1,500,000 5,000,000 2,000,000 913,418	1,250,000 5,700,000 2,400,000 281,610	114.00 120.00 29.84	March, June, Sept., Dec. Jan., April, July, October Feb., May, Aug. November Feb., May, August, Nov. March, June, Sept., Dec.
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Can, Cement Com,	2	6 8	51	00	4 25 6 97	4	10,500 13,560 3,000 2,000	000,	10,500,010 13,500,010 2,805,000 1,910,000			Jan., April, July, October
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