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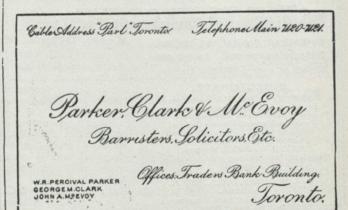
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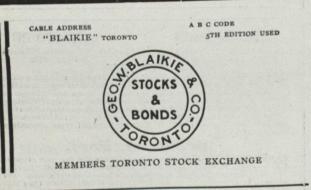


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STILL ROOM FOR MORE.

One phase of the low price of British consols is especially interesting to Canadians. The most important causes of the decline in the premier security are the changes in the law regulating trustee investments since the Conversion Act of 1888. Five years later the circle of trustee investments was considerably widened, and in 1900, the Colonial Stock Act was passed permitting the investment of trust funds in colonial government securities registered in the United Kingdom. As Mr. George Paish, the well-known London writer and statistician, has pointed out, under these two acts several hundred millions of new securities yielding relatively high rates of interest were introduced into the list of trust investments. This great widening of the circle of trustee investments has had much greater influence upon the price of consols than it was expected to have when the acts were passed, for not only did it admit into the trustee list hundreds of millions of new securities, but the amounts of these new securities have increased, and are likely to increase, at a rapid rate.

The Dominion has several of its securities included in the British Trustee List, but our provinces have not yet been allowed to enter. "We do not for one moment," says the London writer quoted, regret that Colonial Gov-

ernment securities have been made trustee stocks, notwithstanding that their advancement to the rank of trustee investments compels the British Government to pay a higher rate of interest for loans than formerly. Against the disadvantage arising from the higher rate of interest which the British Government has to pay for new loans must be placed the advantage to the Empire of the lower rate of interest at which the colonies can obtain the new capital they need for their development. The safety of the Empire depends not only upon the strength and prosperity of Great Britain, but also upon the strength and prosperity of the daughter countries, and the prosperity of the colonies is undoubtedly greatly increased by the large amounts of capital freely supplied by the Mother Country to the colonies at preferential rates of interest."

Having once recognized these facts, it is surely not too much to expect the Canadian provincial securities to be included in the Trustee List. The securities of the Australian states have already that privilege. The Monetary Times knows that every provincial treasurer in Canada favors and will help to accomplish this innovation. It remains to obtain the good offices and influence of the Dominion Government and the consent of the Imperial authorities. Their selfishness only will prevent the reward long ago earned by Canadian provincial securities.

CANADIAN GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Fortunately, such events as the Farmers Bank failure and the curious financing of the Canadian Guardian Life Insurance Company are small flies in the financial ointment, and such happenings, too, are infrequent. At the end of last year 470 shareholders of the Canadian Guardian Life, a company which has had many unfortunate disputes with policyholders, paid on \$461,900 subscriptions the sum of \$40,812. Hence they are still liable to the extent of \$421,087. Messrs. Clarkson & Cross, who made a special report on the company's affairs on behalf of the Department of Insurance, naively add: "This statement is not far from being accurate, and it may be quite so." They submit a summary of the company's operations between December, 1904, and November 30th, 1510, which shows that the premiums received from policyholders amounted to \$85,166. They paid commissions to agents, \$9,444; death losses, \$11,599; policyholders as surrender values, \$9,259; and loans to policyholders, \$4,221. Deducting this \$34,523 from the premiums received, there was a balance of \$50,642, but the expenses for the 71 months totalled \$11,865. Therefore, making an operating loss of \$61,-223. This is apart from the liability of the company to existing policyholders. That loss has been made up entirely by past shareholders, by the cancellation of shares for non-payment upon which \$36,856 had been paid, and by the voluntary surrender of shares upon which \$25,900 had been paid.

The dividend declared in 1910 was also contributed by the specific surrender of three shareholders, who were also directors, of \$15,000 of share subscriptions upon which \$1,500 had been paid. Messrs. Clarkson & Cross express their inability to give an opinion as to the legality

of this method of financing.

In the meantime, the Department of Insurance is not aware of any provision in the Insurance Act under which it can take any action against the company on the strength of the special report. There is a provision in the Statute prohibiting the payment of dividends by Canadian fire companies in the event of their capital being impaired, but there is no similar provision applicable to life companies. The remedy which the department has under the Act is the withdrawal by the minister of the license when a proper case is made for such withdrawal, for example, for insufficiency of assets as compared with liabilities. The Superintendent of Insurance thinks that no ground which in his judgment would warrant the exercise of such a remedy is disclosed in the case of the Canadian Guardian Life Insurance Company. Therefore, the disabled craft must drift while other mariners take care.

LOANS AND TRADE.

The question of loans in relation to trade has again been raised by the loan which the Japanese Government sought last month from British bankers. Sir Edward Holden, a leading banker, would have made the raising of this loan conditional upon the promise of more considerate treatment of Free Trade England's exports under the new Japanese tariff. Four millions sterling of the total loan of six millions are required for the following works in connection with the South Manchurian Railway: improvement of harbor works, increase of locomotive and rolling stock, extension of electric works, extension of gas works, etc.; that is to say, mainly for the purchase of engineering plant. Unless the British bankers have departed from their usual procedure in this instance, the six millions of British money will be lent without so much as a bare word that British industry

should be remembered when the plant required for these works is to be bought.

This at once recalls Canada's position as borrower and trader. The Dominion has borrowed £300,000,000 of British capital, Great Britain, so far as we know, never having made any conditions with the loans that a part of the plant required should be purchased in the lender's country. Last year, Great Britain purchased from Canada goods valued at \$149,000,000, while we bought from Great Britain only \$95,000,000 worth. And in the same year we borrowed from Great Britain \$195,000,000. The Mother Country thus loaned us money for very necessary development at the rate of about \$200,000,000 per annum and at the same time is purchasing from us \$40,000,000 worth of goods in excess of the purchases from us by the United States. In addition, our heavy borrowing is not tied with restrictions.

FIRE WASTE.

Every day last year \$642,000 worth of property was burned in North America. The fire losses on this continent during 1910 aggregated \$234,470,650, more than \$30,000,000 in excess of the previous year's figures. The destruction for the past thirty-four years has been nearly \$5,000,000,000. The figures of Canada alone, as compiled by The Monetary Times, do not make a better showing in comparison. Last year \$23,600,000 worth of property was burned in Canada, an increase of nearly \$5,000,000 over the previous year's figures. In the past two years Canada's fire waste totalled \$42,498,000. The average monthly fire loss in Canada last year was \$1,966,000. Estimating our population at 7,500,000, the fire loss per capita in Canada is \$3.14. Four hundred and seventy lives were lost in fires in the Dominion during the past two years.

These are statistics which should induce the individual to consider his responsibility for such an appalling record. The increase in the destruction of property by fire during the year just closed was in a great measure due to the severe climatic conditions, which produced protracted drouths over a large area of the country since early in the summer. The first half of 1910 showed losses aggregating less than during the same period of 1909, but in the late summer months there were very serious fires general throughout the sections where the lack of moisture greatly facilitated the spread of forest fires. July, August and October were months in which such fires were responsible for part of increase in the year's fire waste.

The fire waste this year, which, as stated above, was in a measure due to climatic conditions, shows a continued and widespread destruction of property throughout the entire country which was in a measure largely preventable. There are many active organizations which are seeking to reduce the country's fire waste, and yet the records for 1910 indicate that, despite their forceful efforts, their work is nullified by the continued indifference of the public generally. Carelessness is responsible for much of the fire waste.

SMALL CHANGE.

Canada is importing eggs from Russia, Siberia, Germany, China and the United States. This does not speak much for the cult of the Canadian chicken.

Here are the names of fourteen new stations on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway: Sockeye, Tyee, Essington, Skeena, Phelan, Quintsa, Kosiks, Salvus, Hubert, Exstews, Shamos, Lakelse, Kitsum, Eddy and Copper River. The train conductor will need lessons in elocution.

JANUARY BANK STATEMENT

Indicates Maintenance of Good Business Conditions-Call Loans Abroad Show a Substantial Decrease

	Jan., 1910.	Dec., 1910.	Jan., 1911.	Inc. or dec.	Inc. or dec.
Deposits on demand	\$238,423,785	\$280,910,695	\$270,178,480	+ 13.3	
Deposits after notice	508,207,804	544,220,710	549,774,479	+ 8.1	+ 1.02
Current loans in Canada	590,984,344	677,064,829	682,506,695	+ 15.4	+ 0.8
Current loans elsewhere	37,865,549	40,400,839	38,362,549	+ 1.3	- 5.04
Call loans in Canada	63,945,539	63,983,912	60,200,781	- 5.7	- 5.6
Call loans elsewhere	127,934,880	90,710,437	83,796,665	- 34.5	— 7.6
Circulation		87,694,840	77,110,971	+ 5.08	— 12.0 6

The above are the chief items in the January bank statethe above are the chief items in the Jahuary bank statement. With the exception of two they exhibit decreases from the previous month's figures. Deposits continued to gain as also current loans in Canada. This account indicates a maintenance of good business conditions, as banking facilities were increased during the month by about \$5,500,000 or 0.8 per cent. Call loans show some notable losses, those elsewhere, chiefly in the United States, having declined during January, by \$7,000,000, or about 7.6 per cent. The money loaned by our banks in the United States is \$44,ooo,000 or 34.5 per cent. less than a year ago. Domestic call loans decreased by \$3,700,000, or 5.6 per cent. lass month. Note circulation contracted about \$10,000,000 or 12 per cent. during January. The following table shows the course of the domestic loans account for the past thirteen months:-

	Current	Call
Loans.	in Canada.	in Canada.
1910—January	590,984,344	63;945,539
February	602,454,539	61,855,519
March	624,550,051	59,945,735
April	638,247,238	59,621,328
May	643,246,518	58,159,050
June	649,145,920	61,598,958
July	653,008,336	60,081,256
August	657,813,770	60,427,996
September	668,076,522	62,428,576
October	679,820,039	64,561,641
November	677,617,478	62,866,513
December	677,064,829	63,983,912
1911—January	682,506,695	60,200,781

To-day the current loans in Canada are \$92,000,000 greater than a year ago. This is an extension of credit in the Dominion of about 15 per cent. Only twice during the twelve months have domestic current loans shown a decrease over the previous month, and then only a small loss. average amount of call loans made in Canada in the thirteen months' period is approximately \$60,000,000. The highest amount was \$64,561,000 in October and \$58,159,000 in May. Here are the figures showing the extension of credit during the past four years :-

Loans.													Jan., 1907.
Current in Canada									. ,	*	*		\$550,938,838
Current elsewhere						. ,		8					36,016,552
Call in Canada	*		00.00										53,979,491
Call elsewhere													53,070,637

Domestic current loans have increased since January, Domestic current loans have increased since January, 1907, by \$132,000,000 and show a gradual gain every year with the exception of 1909. Current loans out of Canada were highest last January, at \$38,000,000, and lowest in January, 1908, at \$22,000,000. Call loans in Canada have increased from \$54,000,000 in 1907 to \$60,000,000 last month. Call loans elsewhere than in this country exhibit a steady increase during the past four years, but show a striking decline in the twelve months since January, 1910. The following table gives an idea of the deposits account during the past year: past year:

	On demand.	After notice.
1910—January	\$238,423,785	\$508,207,804
February	236,697,987	507,307,733
March	247,562,171	515,272,117
April	246,746,180	521,427,072
May	256,651,635	524,680.979
June	263,417,539	534,432,054
July	251,638,522	538,384,371
August	256,613,172	545,357,452
September	273,520,461	545,630,667
October	280,838,612	549,016,725
November	289,759,025	551,113,835
December		544,220,710
1911—January	270,178,480	549,774,479

Demand deposits show a gain of 13 per cent. since January, 1910. Five times during the past thirteen months demand deposits exhibited a slight decline. Those after notice which are usually understood to represent savings deposits, have gained \$40,000,000 or about 8 per cent. since January, 1910. Only two declines were noted in that period. This table shows the remarkable growth of total deposits since

January.	On Demand.	After Notice.	Total.
	\$170,564,666	\$404,992,318	\$575,556,984
1908		399,407,294	546,165,257
1909		443,170,532	636,456,997
1910		508,207,804	746,631,589
1011	270,178,480	549,774,479	819,952,959

In the past four years the total deposits have grown from \$575,000,000 to \$820,000,000, a gain of \$245,000,000, or 42.6 per cent. During recent years, the deposits account has made most notable strides.

The Weyburn Security Bank makes its first appearance in the January bank statement. The following are the chief figures: Capital, auchorized, \$1,000,000; subscribed, \$602,-600; paid-up, \$301,300; current loans in Canada, \$552,893; total assets, \$745,590; average amount of Dominion notes held during month, \$23,945; deposits payable on demand, \$270,541; deposits payable after notice, \$154,433; total liabilities, \$431,202. bilities, \$431,292.

NORTHERN MORTCACE COMPANY.

The first annual report of the Northern Mortgage Company covers a period of three months to December, 1910, the net profits for that period being \$1,374.09.

The company issued \$3,000,000 of stock, which was fully subscribed for in full within two months after same had been put on the market. The organization expenses, charter, etc., cost \$2,091.31. The shareholders' funds were invested, on the average within two weeks after being received by the company, and the average rate of interest earned was over company, and the average rate of interest earned was over 7½ per cent. per annum.

Jan., 1908. \$546,957,657	Jan., 1909. \$511,363,250	Jan., 1910. \$590,984,344	Jan., 1911. \$682,506,695
22,441,302	30,586,081	37,865,549	38,362,549
43,052,673	44,299,554	63,945,539	60,200,781 83,796,665
47,252,542	92,532,507	12/,934,000	03,790,003

The shareholders have confined the issuing of \$1,000,000 debenture stock at a rate of interest not to exceed 5 per cent.

per annum.

That the company is taking its place towerds the development of the West is evidenced by the mortgage loans which amount for the first three months of business to \$324,329.71.

NORTHERN TRUSTS COMPANY.

The annual report of the Northern Trusts Company contains some interesting features. The paid-up capital has been increased by \$125,000, the guaranteed investments have increased \$435,000, while the increase in trusts and estate funds is \$475,000.

The net profits for the year amount to \$110,743.55, which with the balance carried forward from last year makes the amount at the credit of profit and loss account, \$204,670.09. The total assets amount to \$6,192,724.37, an increase of \$1,000,000 during the year. The cash dividends paid to shareholders has increased from \$59,752.14 to \$71,490.30. In view of the satisfactory report and the steady progress made by the company, the directors have decided to increase the dividend to 7 per cent. per annum. This will still leave a large amount to add to profit and loss account from year to year.

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TRADE TIES AND ANNEXATION

Lessons of the Past-Agreement is Not in the Country's Interest-Will Seriously Check Trade

Mr. Champ Clark, of Missouri, and Mr. William S. Bennett, of New York, have put the match to the gunpowder. One said that the end of the proposed reciprocity treaty between this country and the United States will be the inclusion of Canada in the Union. The other offered a resolution in the House at Washington directing President Taft to negotiate with the British Government for the annexation of the Dominion to the Republic. The trouble is that this duet coming at the present juncture is apt to be misrepresented. Mr. Clark expressed in the dignified confines of the House what thousands of Americans think and talk every day. Canadian opponents of the proposed agreement seized his words and used them as ammunition. In the meantime, Mr. Bennett came along with his annexation resolution as political hindrance. President Taft issued a counterblast to the Clark-Bennett combination. Weighty American journals thought it proper to discount the Clark-Bennett theories. That was unnecessary.

The Monetary Times believes that the primary desire of President Taft was to gain for his country better trade relations with Canada. Politics may have urged him to work harder at the job than otherwise he would have done. There was no thought of annexing Canada, when drafting the proposals which will, if passed, annex Canada's import trade. Allowing so much, the fact remains that the agreement would prove the first step to still further and better trade relations, the free entry of American manufactures into Canada, the gradual smashing of all tariff walls, and the fashioning, commercially and geographically, of one country on the North American continent. The locomotive with its trail of freight cars does not care whether the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes flutters in the territory it serves. mate outcome of free trade relations may easily prove to be annexation.

Politicians and diplomats are not reckoning that factor now, for the reason that annexation, like the advent of twins, comes as a surprise. The later astonishment of the fathers of the agreement will be as great as surprise in the domestic circle. If Canada could stand in the fight for commercial existence on this continent as an equal, the situation would be entirely different. it is, a nation of ninety millions of people will combat with a nation of nine millions.

There should be no desire here to make overtures to the United States or because negotiations commence at Washington to give concessions which are badly needed by our neighbors in return for those received chiefly because there must be an exchange on both sides. The United States already has sixty per cent. of our import trade. The salve to those talking of the British connection will probably be a drastic and favorable revision of the British preference. For the cause of Canada's national individuality we would prefer to see the British preference remain as it is and the United States lower its tariff on Canadian goods of which it has such dire need. If the American wishes to swim the Niagara River for his personal benefit, the Canadian need not swim half way to meet him.

When big men break away from party in national crises, there is some admiration for them. A score of bankers, merchants and others, all good Liberals, have given ten substantial reasons for their severance from party in the present situation and their opposition to the consummation of the proposed trade agreement. There was little cause for Canada to make sacrifices of any kind. The demand of the Western farmer could have

been pretty well satisfied and a variety of interests pleased by simply saying to President Taft: "If you want Canadian manufactures or resources, whittle a few chips from your tariff fence and gratify your desires." Instead, Canada is taking its legislative axe and helping to do its neighbor's hewing.

NOT IN THE COUNTRY'S INTEREST.

So Say Canadian Manufacturers of the Trade Treaty-Diversion of Trade.

A statement placing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association on record as opposed to the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States was passed at a meeting of the executive of the association. The statement sums briefly most of the arguments that have been used against

reciprocity. It is as follows:—
"The proposed reciprocal trade agreement between Canada and the United States, which the Government has introduced, has occasioned no little surprise to the Manufacturers' Association: (1) because there had been no general discussion of a measure so revolutionary in character, and (2) because of the importance which the present Government has hitherto attached to stability of the tariff and its avoidance of any chance except after careful investigation by avoidance of any change except after careful investigation by avoidance of any change except after careful investigation by a special tariff commission. Under the circumstances an expression of the association's opinion seems to be called for.

"In our consideration of the agreement we have endeavored to look upon it as it affects the country as a whole in its possible relation to our future destiny.

Canada Is Making Sacrifices.

"As manufacturers, we have hesitated to express opinions on an agreement which in its present scope does not directly affect very many manufacturing industries but which deals with a large range of natural and agricultural products. Gladly would we join in support of such an agreement if we felt that the anticipated benefits could be depended upon to follow and if in obtaining them we were sure Canada was not making sacrifices which as a nation, she might regret in the years that are to come.

"Recognizing, then, that an arrangement such as is proposed, while bringing advantages in some cases, will un-

questionably work injury in others, we believe that as a whole it is not in the interest of our country.

Should Strengthen National Ties.

"Our widely scattered territory, with its diversified interests, requires the strengthening of every national tie to build us up as a strong and united people.

"The proposed agreement looks toward dependence upon the markets of the United States rather than toward the

expansion of our home market which for years has demonstated its ability to consume over 80 per cent. of all the farm products we raise.

"It would divert a large measure of trade north and south which now goes east and west and west and east, between the sister provinces, and so help to build up United States cities, ports and transportation routes by directing the trade thither, now carried through our own channels.

National and Interprovincial Trade.

'But, apart from all these considerations of wealth or material advantage, we feel that the substitution of intermaterial advantage, we feel that the substitution of intercourse with the United States in place of the intercourse which now obtains between our own provinces as well as with the Mother Country and the sister colonies, and the placing of ourselves under obligations to the United States in such a way as to prevent free and independent action on our part regarding questions of public policy, mean the beginning of a condition which will extend and which the United States will do all possible to extend until our very existence as a separate nation is threatened.

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"On this, the broadest of all national grounds, we feel that it is in the interest of our country as a whole that this measure should not pass, but that we should go on developing our natural resources and expanding our interprovincial trade as we have for the past decade without any entangling tariff agreement with our neighbor to the south."

WILL SERIOUSLY CHECK TRADE.

Ten Reasons of Substance Are Given in Opposition to Proposed Commercial Agreement.

A well worded objection to the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States has been signed by the following gentlemen: Sir Edmund Walker, president Canadian Bank of Commerce; John L. Blaikie, president Canada Landed and National Investment Company; W. D. Matthews, grain dealer, director of the Canadian Pacific Matthews, grain dealer, director of the Canadian Pacific Railway; W. K. George, managing director Standard Silver Company, Limited; Z. A. Lash, (Blake, Lash and Cassels); W. T. White, vice-president and general manager National W. T. White, vice-president and general manager National Trust Company; G. T. Somers, president Sterling Bank of Canada, and Ontario Securities Company, Limited; Robert S. Gourlay, president Board of Trade, Gourlay, Winter and Leeming, piano manufacturers; Sir Mortimer Clark, of Clark, Gray and Baird, barristers, etc. ex-Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; R. J. Christie, president Christie, Brown and Company, Limited; H. Blain, vice-president Eby Blain and Company; H. S. Strathy, director Traders Bank; L. Goldman, managing director North American Life Assur-L Goldman, managing director North American Life Assurance Company; Geo. A. Somerville, manager Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company; W. Francis, Francis and Wardrop, barristers; James D. Allan, vice-president A.A. Allan and Company, Limited; E. R. Wood, vice-president and managing director Central Canada Loan and Savings Company; John C. Eaton, president the T. Eaton Company, Limited. It will be noted that the signatories are all Liberals, but are big enough to become detached from party politics when the question is one of national interest. The following is the text of the objection :-

"We Oppose Ratification."

"We oppose ratification of the proposed reciprocity agree-

ment with the United States of America:-

"1. Because in the year 1897 the Parliament of Canada repealed the legislation then existing relating to reciprocity, and since such repeal neither the people of Canada nor their Parliament have entrusted the Government with any duty or authority to negotiate with respect to any agreement on the

"2. Because the present unexampled prosperity of Canada is the result of the policy which has been pursued in the development of her trade and of her natural resources. Because this has involved the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars upon railways, canals, steamships and other means of transportation between East and West and West and East, and the obligation to incur further great expenditures for the same purpose; and because further develop-ment along the same lines would be seriously checked by the proposed reciprocity agreement and the benefits of the expenditures referred to would be to a great extent lost.

Must Not Check Growth.

"3. Because it is essential to the continued national unity and development of Canada that no trade relations with any country should be agreed to by Canada on any basis which would check the growth and development of trade between the various parts of Canada with each other, or between Canada and the various parts of the Empire; and because the proposed reciprocity agreement between Canada and the Uninted States of America would seriously check the growth and development of this trade.

"4. Because any present benefit to any section of Canada or to any interests or individuals therein which might accrue from the proposed agreement would be more offset by the loss and injury which would accrue to other sections and interests and individuals, and because the result

to Canada as a whole would be greatly injurious.

"5. Because as a result of the proposed agreement the freedom of action possessed by Canada with reference to her tariffs and channels of trade would be greatly curtailed, and she would be hampered in developing her own resources in her own way and by her own people.

Forced To Extend Agreement.

"6. Because after some years of reciprocity under the proposed agreement the channels of Canada's trade would have become so changed that a termination of the agreement and a return by the United States to a protective tariff as against Canada would become a disturbance of trade to an unparalleled extent, and because the risk of this should not be voluntarily undertaken by Canada.

"7. Because to avoid such a disruption Canada would be forced to extend the scope of the agreement so as to include manufacturers and other things.

"8. Because the agreement as proposed would weaken the ties which bind Canada to the Empire, and because the unrestricted reciprocity which would naturally follow would still further weaken those ties and make it more difficult to avert political union with the United States.

"9. Because the disruption in the channels of Canada's trade which was caused by the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854, and the subsequent establishment of a protective tariff by the United States gave rise to a decided leaning in many minds towards annexation with the United States, and this at a time when Canada was mainly peopled by native-born Canadians and other British subjects to whom the prospect of annexation was most unwelcome, and because Canada in a comparatively few years will have millions of newcomers, a large percentage of whom will have come from foreign countries, and because if Canada should then have to choose between disruption of her channels of trade with the United States or political union with them the preservation of Canadian autonomy and Canadian nationality would be enormously more difficult.

Believing as we do that Canadian nationality is now threatened with a more serious blow than any it has hereto-fore met with, and that all Canadians who place the interests of Canada before those of any party or section or individuals therein should at this crisis state their views openly and fearlessly, we, who have hitherto supported the Liberal Party in Canada, subscribe to this statement." February, 1911.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AMERICAN VIEW.

Will Canadian reciprocity hurt the United States farmer? is the question asked by the Minneapolis ournal, and answered by its cartoonist as below: This shows the position of trade as it is to-day. The effect of the proposed agreement on the American farmer's load can be imagined. Last year, the United States sold to Canada \$239,000,000 worth



of goods, of which \$106,000,000 come in free of duty. In exchange we sold them \$110,000,000 of goods. In addition, \$73,000,000 of Canada's import and export trade went through United States ports last year. The proposed tariff changes cannot do otherwise than give these figures even a more sinister appearance.

CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The net profits of the Continental Life Company last year were \$47,276, and after making provision for all doubtful accounts and depreciation in value of

office furniture, \$35,560 was added to the surplus. The applications for new insurance and revival of policies amounted to \$1,494,996. There were issued and

revived 1,051 policies for \$1,424,390. There were issued and revived 1,051 policies for \$1,427,311, a substantial increase over the preceding year. The insurance in force at the end of the year amounted to \$6,367,883, a gain of \$462,886. The net premium income was \$208,028.24 after deducting re-insurance premiums paid, and the income from interest, rents, etc., after deducting the expenses in connection with the head office building was \$50,538.64. There was also received \$9,206 on capital stock, being the balance of the 20 per cent. called, making the total receipts \$267,772.88, a satisfactory increase over the amount for 1909.

The death claims reported during the year amounted to \$12,500 under eleven policies. The amount paid out in cash to policyholders, including death claims, matured endow-ments, profits to policyholders and surrender values was \$31,802.48. The assets of the company amount to \$1,084.822.36. The average rate of interest earned on the whole invested funds for the year was 6.04 per cent. The report has a substantial appearance, and should prove gratifying to

the management and shareholders.

Copies of the Monetary Times dated November 29th, 1910, are required. A month's subscription gratis will be granted to those sending copies of that date to the head office, Toronto.

SIR FELIX SCHUSTER

The Latest Grand Trunk Director.

The Grand Trunk directorate is undergoing many important changes. The resignation not long ago of Sir Charles Rivers Wilson as president and the appointment of Mr. Charles M. Hays in his stead, the election of Mr. Alfred Mr. Charles M. Hays in his stead, the election of Mr. Alfred W. Smithers as chairman of the directorate, and now the appointment of Sir Felix Schuster as a director, are signs of the times. The Grand Trunk has realized that the operation of its roads from a distance of 3,000 miles is an antiquated method. The financing of the road can well be left in London and in competent hands. Mr. Hays, who by the way, is the only remaining Canadian railroad president to be knighted, is a practical railroad man, is on the spot and at the same is in close touch with his directorate.

Good Words for Canada.

The consent of Sir Felix, governor of the Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited, and one of the foremost banking authorities, to act on the Grand Trunk directorate, is an important factor in Grand Trunk affairs. The new director knows Canada well, having spent nearly six months in travelling from coast to coast last year. In his annual address to the shareholders of the large bank, of which he is the head, Sir Felix had some pleasing things to tell about the Dominion. "Canada," he said, "it is well known, is making rapid strides in development, and taking her place as one of the great commercial nations to whom in the as one of the great commercial nations to whom in the future we shall have to look for a considerable part of our food supplies. It has been my good fortune in the course of the past six months to judge from personal observation of the wonderful expansion taking place in Canada, of the vastness of her resources, agricultural and mineral, of the enterprise and energy of her people; and it is not surprising that British capital should be attracted to this Dominion, where there are such great opportunities for legitimate enterprise. It is to be hoped that where legitimate progress is so rapid speculation will not intervene to force the pace."

Sir Felix addressed a private gathering of In October, Sir Felix addressed a private gathering of Canadian and United States bankers at Toronto, and jocu-larly referred to the expansion of branch banking in Canada-He thought the Peary-Cook controversy could easily be settled and Canada's Arctic claims conceded, if either of the explorers would state whether or not a Canadian bank branch had been discovered at the North Pole.

Suspicious of Interviewers.

Sir Felix has a marked dread of newspaper publicity and regards the average newspaper interviewer with quaint suspicion. But given a guarantee that remarks will not be transformed into type, his conversation is free and interesting. Permission to print specific remarks may be obtained, although the newspaperman is fortunate to get anything for his journal.

Last fall Sir Felix chatted with The Monetary Times regarding the United States Monetary Commission, before whom he gave evidence in England and whose sub-committhe he met in Toronto, of the British budget, the Canadian banking system and Canadian credit. He paid a tribute to the Dominion's credit in London, which is held in high esteem. He thought that Canadian applications for capital for purposes of legitimate development would in the future received very favorably. Sir Felix then stated he was Canada's friendly acquaintance and was not here on a business trip.

The other day he attracted attention by a suggestion to popularize British Consols, his scheme including the reconversion of this security on a three per cent, basis. It also seeks to grant easier facilities for transferring the stock, the issue of certificates free of charge, the issue of bearer bonds of smaller denominations than £100, and the increase in the yield with the additional advantage of freedom of income tax. This, it is thought, would cause the dom of income tax. This, it is thought, wo national security to be quoted at a premium.

WELLINGTON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The seventy-first annual report of the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company shows the continued prosperity of the company. The assets amount to \$178,144.08, while the the company. The assets amount to \$178,144.08, while the subscribed capital stock is \$124,500, of which there has been paid \$42,450. The liabilities show \$29,771.92, and the assets for security of policyholders are \$148,372.16. The company declared a dividend of 7 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital stock. The insurance in force at 31st December, 1910, amounts to \$6,796,397, representing 6,194 policies. During the year fire claims amounting to \$24,715.37 were paid, the cash premiums were \$42,298.32, and mutual premiums \$9,895.38. The books of the company have been duly audited.

ACADIA LOAN CORPORATION.

The ninth annual report of the Acadia Loan Corporation is a satisfactory one. The reserve fund has been increased by \$7,000, making that fund \$45,000, which is fully 40 per cent. of the called in capital. The profits for the year after making all the necessary allowances amount to \$18,704.16, which has been applied as follows:—Four quarterly dividends which has been applied as follows:—Four quarterly dividends at 5 per cent., per annum, amounting to \$10,976.68; carried to reserve fund, \$7,000; written off real estate, \$600; balance of loss on property foreclosed and sold, \$49.24; balance carried forward, \$78.24. The total paid-up capital of the Corporation is \$267,754.08, and the net earnings on the average called in capital were 8½ per cent.. The Corporation's depending solving amount to \$224.866.45. tion's debentures now issued amount to \$234,866.45, an increase over last year of \$26,737.98. The deposits amount to \$16,816.65, an increase of \$9,119.63. The directors hope to be able to increase the dividend this year to 6 per cent.

EASTERN CANADA SAVINCS AND LOAN COMPANY.

The business done during 1910 by the Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Company is the largest in the history of the company, the net profits on the paid-up capital being nearly 11 per cent. The reserve fund has been increased from \$92,000 to \$100,000, which is 40 per cent. of the paid-up capital. The gross profits amounting to \$63,065.12, have been distributed as follows:—Interest on debentures and deposits, \$27,196.31; cost of management, \$8,579.87; dividend, quarterly, at 7 per cent. per annum, \$17,500; carried to reserve, \$8,000; written off real esate, etc., \$1,788.94. The loans made during the year amount to \$309,500, and repayments by borrowers come to \$205,000. Debentures and deposits total nearly \$700,000, which is an increase of \$168,105. Commenting on this increase in the twenty-third annual report, Mr. Samuel M. Brookfield, the president, says:—"This large increase is exceedingly gratifying to the directors, as large increase is exceedingly gratifying to the directors, as showing the confidence placed in this company by the investing public, and this is not to be wondered at when the company's system of doing business is considered, that is, allowing the borrower to reduce his indebtedness to the company without the company releasing any of the original security held; this being retained until the loan is fully dis-

WINNIPEC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

The eighteenth annual report of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company shows net earnings of \$934,769.53. After paying four quarterly dividends amounting to \$600,000, the surplus transferred to the credit of profit and loss account is \$334,769.53, which with \$861,430.03 carried forward from last year shows a balance of \$1,196,199.56. The net railway year shows a balance of \$1,196,199.56. earnings for the year amount to \$1,629,508.23, and the percentage due the city, \$63,293.70.

At the last general meeting plans for extension were

passed, and the following statistics relative to the improvements and additions to the company's equipment and system may be interesting. There were 10,157 miles of track laid, may be interesting. There were 10,157 miles of track laid, 26 large double-truck closed motor cars were constructed and put into service, 3 new snow sweepers purchased, 791 and put into service, 3 new show sweepers purchased, 761 new poles erected, 209,340 pounds of wire with 135 transformers put up, 38,729 feet new gas main laid, six new B. & W. boilers at power house, Assiniboine Avenue; boiler settings, steel smoke stack, etc., and various other improvements. The report is a satisfactory one, and the company has enjoyed steady progress during the eighteen years of its existence.

CANADIAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

According to Mr. J. H. Ashdown, president of the Canadian Fire Insurance Company, the motto of the company has been, "not the biggest, but the best" Canadian company has been, in the fire insurance business, and that statement could now be made without fear of contradiction. He stated the success of the company is due to a practical application of the stock phrases, "economy in administration" and "selection of busi-ness," which are used by many companies for advertising purposes only. The total assets of the company amount to \$832,809.59, the paid-up capital stock to \$500,000, and the surplus \$140,621.85. Dividends at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum have been paid. During the year a new insurance act has become operative, changing the basis of reserve for un-earned premiums on policies in force, by reason of which \$46,415.28 is transferred from the reserve to surplus account. A net profit in underwriting for the year of \$61,049.63, and an excess of interest earned over dividends paid of \$4,202.48, added to the balance carried forward from last year of \$28,-954.46, shows a surplus on shareholders' account of \$140,-954.46, shows a surplus on snareholders and the legal 621.85. After providing for all liabilities and the legal government reserve, there is a surplus for the further protection of solicyholders of \$640,621.85. The company is to be tion of policyholders of \$640,621.85. The cocongratulated on its sixteenth annual report.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

How the Reciprocity Agreement is Viewed - Wholesalers Do Not Anticipate Much Reduction in Prices.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Vancouver, February 18th, 1911.

British Columbians are apprehensive concerning the tariff arrangement as proposed, and the more it is looked into the more it seems as if the principal industries here will suffer. The industries along which this province is being built up are small holdings on which are raised vege-tables and chickens and eggs; fruit ranches and lumber. The one requiring the most fostering is the fruit industry, since the land is high and initial cost large. There will be a reduced cost of living to the consumer, but while the benefit will be direct in that instance, the prospect is that it will be more than counteracted by the harm which will be done the province.

Kansas and California eggs.

Your correspondent in conversation with wholesalers learns that in eggs large importations are being made from Kansas. The chief sources of outside supply are California and Kansas. Eggs are fifteen cents per dozen, in Kansas, and thirty in California. Transportation and duty of three cents per dozen adds seven and a half cents to the Kansas article and four cents to the egg from California. The quality of the imported egg is excellent. With the duty off, the Kansas egg can be bought in at nineteen cents or a fraction over, and retailed at thirty. Vegetables may be rushed into this market, which is protected by the existing tariff by a 30 per cent. duty. As for fruit, western states growers have been longing for this market. There is nothing in this province which may be shipped out to any great advantage. If the duty was taken off shingles, there would have been one, but the Americans saw that this was not done. The only difference in the lumber and shingle tariff is a reduction in duty on shingles from fifty to thirty cents, which is only where it was a year or so ago. No article to be shipped out is benefitted. Everthing coming in is given free ingress. cents per dozen adds seven and a half cents to the Kansas free ingress.

Those familiar with the meat situation say that with the

rhose familiar with the meat situation say that with the existing duty, Messrs. P. Burns & Company have been able to keep pace with the movements of Messrs. Swift & Company. This has resulted in good prices for stock on the prairie. With the duty off, this country may be flooded with American produce. No other concern has a finer buying organization than the Swifts and this can now be turned to good advantage. It will mean an addition to the market of the American firm, and if they increase their business, the Canadian firm must decrease theirs, or at the best not increase although the population is constantly getting

Do not Anticipate Reduction in Prices.

Although the amount of trade may be greater, wholesalers do not anticipate a great reduction in prices. Competition will be keener, and with more stuff to handle larger staffs will be required. It may be that the tariff will work out better than is anticipated for the people of the coast province, but an analysis of the situation as it now stands does not make it apparent. One wholesaler this week received a letter from its largest eastern connection in Toronto in the produce line, stating that with the new tariff in force no more business could be done with British Columbia. The freight haul across the country is long, and with this expense the western market will in all probability be left to the Americans in the west. Americans who have come over to this in the west. country to make their home are the loudest in condemnation of the proposed arrangement. Things are dull in nearly every city to the south and they declare this schedule has been prepared to help them out of a hard time. With everything coming in and nothing going out, except money to the other side of the line, a radical readjustment of conditions is inevitable.

Commission for Taxation Question.

Hon. Price Ellison, finance minister of the province, in his budget speech, intimated that a commission would be appointed to go into the question of taxation. Some time ago mention was made of the application of a deputation to have an amendment made so as not to tax merchants for their stock in trade, which militated strongly against the trader in favor of operators in real estate and other lines where no stock was required, but where the profit was large. Another point is the head tax. This was put on when the country needed the money. It is collected from the householder and the permanent wage earner. The only defence of the tax was that there was a large floating population and they should pay \$3 a year for the privilege of being in the country. Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, a recognized leading

financier and a former member of the government, always

opposed this tax, but received no support.

At the annual meeting of the British Columbia Life Assurance Company held recently, was presented a satisfactory statement showing that the total amount of assets, including capital subject to call was \$803,821.75, an increase of \$454,101.97 over the assets of first of March last year. The amount of cash in the bank is \$47,085.46. Bills receivable are \$80,564.77, an increase of \$62,094.77 over a year ago. The earnings from interest were sufficient to pay running office expenses. The amount of stock placed is 75. running office expenses. The amount oo4 shares, in excess of the estimate. The amount of stock placed is 75,-The directors are: Messrs. Jonathan Rogers, J. J. Banfield, L. A. Lewis, (New Westminster), F. C. Wade, K.C., J. T. Phelan, D. G. Williams, Richard Hall, (Victoria), L. W. Shatford, M.P.P., for the Similkameen; T. E. Ladner, (Ladner). Mr. J. Rogers was elected president, and Messrs. J. J. Banfield and Richard Hall, vice-presidents.

TORONTO MORTCACE COMPANY.

It was announced at the annual meeting of the Toronto Mortgage Company that while rates of interest on mortgage investments remain good, the directors intend to build up the company's reserves. Should these rates decrease, the the company's reserves. Should these rates decrease, the income from the reserve fund will then probably offset any diminution in the company's earnings. The importance of strengthening the reserve in the interest of debenture holders and depositors was also emphasized. Last year there was a good demand for mortgage loans at remunerative rates of interest. The average size of the Toronto Mortgage Company's loan was \$1,835. An interesting amendment was made to a by-law so that shareholders might receive their dividends quarterly or half-yearly as declared by the directors from time to time. by the directors from time to time,

The gross earnings including the balance of \$24,052.50 brought forward from 1909, amount to \$185,329. After deducting cost of management, interest on debentures and deposits, and all other charges, amounting in There thus remains a net profit of \$95,208. and all other charges, amounting in all to \$90,120, Out of this dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the capital stock have been paid, amounting to \$50,718, leaving a surplus of \$44,490. From that there has been transferred to surplus of \$44,490. From that there has been transferred to the reserve fund, the sum of \$20,000, leaving a balance to be carried forward to 1911 of \$24,490. The reserve fund is now equal to 53 per cent. of the capital stock. Debentures matured during the past year amounting to \$309,870, to renew which, and for new moneys, new debentures of the company have been issued to the extent of \$410,625. Loans were made amounting to \$566,550, and mortgages aggregating \$283,975 were renewed for further terms, after due examination of the were renewed for further terms, after due examination of the present values of the properties in question. The revenue The revenue taken credit for consists of actual cash receipts for interest

EXCELSIOR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

During the past year the assets of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company increased 14 per cent. The total assets for security of the policyholders amounted to \$2,552,863.49, being at the rate of \$134, for every \$100 of liability.

The assets have been invested in first mortgages on real

The assets have been invested in most account state, government and municipal debentures, etc. The surestate, government and municipal debentures, etc. The company in its financial statements has not taken advantage of a credit of \$48,892, which the Insurance Act of 1910 would permit being deducted from the reserve liabilities on new business, although this sum, together with \$37,278, included in the government reserve for old policies issued on 4½ per cent. basis, special reserve \$25,380, and unallotted surplus \$166,011.46, in all \$277,561.49, represents the real surplus of the company.

The amount of business written and financial results of operations for 1910 are as follows: Issued and revived duroperations for 1910 are as follows: Issued and revived during year, \$2,509,150.50; increase, \$301,418.50. Insurance in force, \$13,785,705.95; increase, \$707,701.85. Assets available for security of policyholders, \$2,552,863.49: increase, \$249,047.12. Net assets, \$2,183,711.79; increase, \$278,148.60. Total reserves, \$1,886,852.00: increase, \$200,514 00. Company's special reserve fund, \$25,380.00; transferred to government reserve, \$37,268.00. Cash income, premiums and interest, \$543,210.61; increase, \$37,030.02. Total expenses, sinterest, \$543,210.61; increase, \$37,030.02. Total expenses, \$147,261.60; decrease, 4.58 per cent in ratio. Paid policy-holders or set saids for their hands. holders, or set aside for their benefit, \$370,792.13. Net surplus on policyholders' account (new government standard), \$266,391.49; increase, \$25,417.50. Unallotted surplus above all liabilities (the Excelsior's fourth quinquennial allotment), \$166,011.49; increase, \$49,433.12.

The twenty-first annual report is a creditable one.

Chartered Banks' Statement

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

For the months of December and

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to the Dominion Government

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o.Bk.	Bank Premises.	Other assets no otherwise include	Loans to oth, Can.		al assets	Average amount of beld during more	specie	Av. Dominion notes during month	1	Greatest	am. of notes in during month
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BANKS AND THEIR PREMISES.

Policy Regarding Depreciation - The Book Value of Should be Written Down.

By H. M. P. Eckardt.

At a recent bank meeting the stockholders were told by their president that no appropriation from current profits had been made for the purpose of writing down bank premises account during the year, because of the fact that the property represented by the account had increased largely in value in the past couple of years. The theory thus suggested is that heavy appropriations to write down the book value of hank premises are not processive or advisable when the of bank premises are not necessary or advisable when the value of the preperty exceeds by two or three hundred thousand dollars, the amount at which they are carried on the

It is clear that this theory gets no acceptance by the board of directors of the Bank of Montreal, or by the boards of a number of other banks standing in the front rank of Canadian institutions. It is undoubtedly the case that the value of the premises owned by these leading banks is increasing with great rapidity from year to year. The Bank creasing with great rapidity from year to year. The Bank of Montreal's premises are worth more than twelve times the amount at which they are carried on the books. The value of the premises owned by, other leading banks is more than twice the figure at which they appear in the balance sheet.

Heavy Appropriations Every Year.

Notwithstanding this the banks referred to continue to make heavy appropriations every year, no matter whether the profits are good or bad, for the purpose of further writing down this asset. And it may be assumed that they will continue this policy faithfully and patiently until they have succeeded, like the Bank of Montreal, in bringing the premises account down to a merely nominal figure.

Mr. Angus gave, at the meeting of the Bank of Montreal stockholders, last December, one of the reasons why the big institution had adhered to this policy. He said, "the directors have been indisposed to burden their assets with any large item that could not be promptly converted into cash; and they have consequently charged directly Notwithstanding this the banks referred to continue to

into cash; and they have consequently charged directly against revenue the entire expenditure connected with the building, extension and maintenance of the bank's premises."

It is here implied that convertibility should be the test

or measure applied to the large items appearing in the bal-ance sheet of a well managed bank. It is not sufficient that the property represented by the items of the assets are worth the figure at which they are carried. Can they be changed or converted at once into cash supposing the occasion for so converting them present itself? The deposits and note issues of all the Canadian banks are repayable practically on demand. So the assets must be liquid. The funds representing the deposits must be locked use senting the deposits must not be locked up or put where they cannot be realized readily.

Money is Not Available.

Expenditures by a bank upon buildings to be occupied by itself represent in an especial degree the lock-up of funds. Money so paid out is entirely unavailable, while the bank is occupying the buildings, and in most cases that means while the bank is a going institution. The property cannot be sold and it cannot be mortgaged; the money put into it must stay there forever, no matter how much it may be desired to withdraw it. Under those circumstances it is easy to see why the policy of steady writing down commends itself to the most conservative boards. There are plenty of cases wherein the leading banks have been forced to expend to see why the poincy of steady writing down commends itself to the most conservative boards. There are plenty of
cases wherein the leading banks have been forcd to expend
very large sums in the acquisition of premises in various
parts of the Dominion. The expenditures have been far too
large to be cleared off by appropriations in any one year.
So they have been charged up in full to premises account,
and then the executives, entirely ignoring the question as to
whether the market value equalled or exceeded the book
value have set to work to get the book value down. Year value, have set to work to get the book value down. Year after year they set aside \$50,000, \$100,000, \$200,000, or \$300,000, and thus keep the premises account from rising of maybe they reduced it

Beneficial to Stockholders.

Their policy in this regard is beneficial for their stockholders in another important respect. It increases the confidence of the best informed investors in the stock and it also increase the confidence of depositors. An intelligent stockholder or depositor, when he sees that a certain bank disregards market value and appropriates large sums regularly to write down premises account will probably be led to the conclusion that the bank follows the same conservative policy in valuing its loans and discounts. When the opposite policy is followed in regard to the premises ac-

count he may feel disposed to doubt whether the valuation of the discounts is on as conservative a basis as it should be.

The following table shows the value of bank premises as report to the government in July, 1907, and January, 1911:

	Value of	Premises.
Bank.	July, 1907.	Jan., 1911.
Montreal	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
New Brunswick	75,274	179,062
Quebec	325,700	678,803
Nova Scotia	474,921	1,242,782
St. Stephens	20,000	
British North America	798,139	1,114,200
Toronto	721,427	939,283
Molsons	400,000	600,000
Eastern Townships	511,003	1,171,953
Union of Halifax	125,000	
Ontario	79,813	
Nationale	269,600	548,143
Merchants	1,103,194	1,843,465
Provinciale	165,000	270,000
Union of Canada	1,088,590	1,672,537
Commerce	1,460,333	2,624,832
Royal	884,145	1,900,782
Dominion	950,000	1,980,000
Hamilton	1,175,172	1,755,050
Standard	213,617	677,965
St. Jean	20,000	
Hochelaga	224,391	337,792
St. Hyacinthe	30,387	
Ottawa	506,126	
Imperial	974,705	1,595,631
Western	30,100	
Traders	1,708,893	2,099,157
Sovereign	483,993	1,598
Metropolitan	166,321	258,589
Crown	147,929	
Home	108,057	211,588
Northern	141,716	185,905
Sterling	71,299	
United Empire		
Farmers	78,211	
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Northern Crown	\$16,233,116	\$ 358,010
Northern Crown		26,000
Bank of Vancouver		76,435
Weyburn Security Bank		70,430
		\$25,850,161
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HUDSON BAY INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Hudson Bay Insurance Company, which was incorporated in 1905, with an authorized capital of \$100,000, is to open a branch office at 309 Lumsden Building, Toronto, where Mr. James Fleming, the company's secretary, will be manager. In 1908 the company applied to the Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan and obtained an act of incorporation from the provincial parliament with an authorized capital of \$500,000. Up to the time of obtaining this charter the subscribed capital of the original company was \$100,000. The company created by Act of Parliament commenced business September 1st, 1908, and on July 1st, 1910, had a subscribed capital of \$500,000, being the amount authorized on which 10 per cent. was paid in by the share-The Hudson Bay Insurance Company, which authorized on which 10 per cent. was paid in by the share-holders, and a stock dividend at 10 per cent. was paid by the company, making a paid-up capital of 20 per cent., or \$100,000. In addition to the stock dividend the company also paid a cash dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum.

During the session of Dominion Parliament, 1909 and During the session of Dominion Fariament, 1909 and 1910, the company applied for and obtained an act reincorporating the company with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000, and the company is now operating under and by authority of the federal government, with power to do the business of fire and hail insurance in Canada. The deposit with the federal government, for the security of policyholders, amounts to \$65,976 Notwithstanding the necessarily heavy expenses, in connection with the various reincorporations and expenses, in connection with the various reincorporations and the reorganization of the company, a steady progress has been made. The underwriting of the company has been carefully handled and the conservative policy of the company has had much to do with its success. The financial statement for the past year shows that the net profits on the year's operations amount to \$101,218, after having made a liberal allowance for all liabilities. The management fellows a progressive policy.

The annual report of the Dominion Plate Glass Insurance Company indicates that the company enjoyed prosperity during 1910. There are no changes contemplated by the during 1910. company at present.

ONTARIO BOARDS OF TRADE.

Successful Meeting Was Held at Toronto this Week-Officers Were Elected.

The agricultural, industrial and commercial development of Ontario is the object of the Associated Boards of Trade of that province, which held a most successful convention in Toronto this week. At one of the meetings Hon. Mr. Cochrane, Minister of Mines and Forests, stated that only three-fifths of the country had been touched yet and it had trade possibilities that promised greater reward to the merchants and manufacturers of Old Ontario than even the great North-West. manufacturers of Old Ontario than even the great North-West. From observations, and investigations, there was still vested in the Crown of Ontario twelve millions of red and white pine, hundreds of millions of spruce and other pulp timbers. They could have 100 pulp and paper mills, producing 100 tons of paper per day and keep them going at least for 30 or 40 years. It was estimated by the Hydro-Electric experts of the Government that there was in Northern Ontario 2,500,000 of waster horse-power. water horse-power.

Should Take Settlers.

In respect to railways the province had done much, but he regretted to say that lines had been run into certain districts that were not fit for settlement. To his mind it would be a good thing for the Government to take settlers along certain railway lines in Muskoka, Parry Sound and parts of Nipissing and place them in the fruitful districts of the North

There was gold in the North country, but up to recently there were men more intent upon mining the public than the mines. Porcupine didn't need any booming and he was glad to say the mines there were in the hands of interests which

were properly developing them.

Co-operation With Farmers.

Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, asked members of the Boards of Trade who spoke so much of the value of the home market if they were doing anything to build up the great rural home market. There should be no cleavage and the farmer should be assured that if he had the advantages of the home markets of the towns and cities, the towns and cities were looking to the rural home market for their supply. When that was obtained the farmers would be sitting around as members of their association.

The subjects dealt with comprised the stimulation of the agricultural industry of Ontario, a publicity campaign in Britain, technical education, good roads, the abolition of statute labor, university extensions in Ontario, and the deepening of labor, university ex the Welland Canal.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected:
President—W. J. Gage, Toronto.
1st Vice-President—H. T. Reason, London.
2nd Vice-President—H. W. Richardson, Kingston.
3rd Vice-President—T. C. Simpson, Soo.
Secretary-Treasurer—F. G. Morley.

Executive Committee—R. S. Morley and G. T. Somers, Toronto; A. J. Young, of North Bay; C. W. Haentshall, of Haileybury; W. N. Ponton, of Belleville; W. C. McLaren, of Brockville; President Frost, of Hamilton; George Matthews, of Brantford.

EMPIRE LOAN COMPANY.

A feature of the annual report of the Empire Loan Company is the increasing of the reserve fund to \$16,000. this company was incorporated in 1904 it has added to its reserve fund from time to time, and has always paid a dividend of 8 per cent. to its shareholders.

The net profits for the year are \$20,569.91. The assets of the company now amount to \$396,084.37, nearly \$140,000 increase from 1909. Loans on first mortgages and real estate The company's books have been duly show \$390,576.96. audited by a qualified chartered accountant. The Empire Loan Company is making excellent progress under the management of Mr. Simpson.

DOMINION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

In the annual report the Domin on Fire Insurance Company shows a surplus for the year of \$16,263.59. The amount received from premiums is \$306,037.77, while the gross fire loss, including expenses, amounts to \$162,303.12. The total assets of the company are \$179,285.31. Of this amount \$91,066.24 was invested in debentures and \$187,000 in call loans, while the cash on hand and in banks amounts ! to \$13,616.47. Outstanding premiums less commission, are \$21,149.28. The paid-up capital stock is \$169,932.

The company has made satisfactory progress during the

past year.

CANNERS' COMBINE ASSAILED

In the Ontario House-Mr. Innes Replies that the Company is Willing to be Investigated-Stock Watering Bill Has Stormy Passage and is Finally Lost.

The question of watered stock had a swim in the Ontario legislative streams this week. The undercurrents were too strong with the result that Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., and his bill were swept away. The member for West Hastings spoke for half an hour in support of the proposed legislation to prevent the issue of watered stock by certain companies. Hon. Mr. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, stated that the present Companies Act covered the situation and requested that the bill be withdrawn. On a division the bill was dethe bill be withdrawn. On a division the bill was defeated.

Mr. Johnson quoted figures to show that combines existed in the province, and said a large proportion of the stock issued by the large companies was watered.

Controlled Wholesale Houses.

The Dominion Canners, Limited, he said, had issued \$4,-200,000 worth of watered stock on actual assets of \$1,140,000. In addition to controlling 90 per cent. of the canning factories, he said, the combine controlled the wholesale houses and thus controlled the consumers. He spoke of the increase in prices of canned corn and tomatoes. Soon, he said, the people would be under the heel of a hardware combine. The people who were behind some of the schemes were endeavoring to combat the Government on its Hydro-Electric scheme. Thirty companies were being formed in Ontario each week, he said, and he asked the House to forbid the issue of watered stock.

No Watered Stock.

Mr. Innes (North Norfolk) strongly resented the state-Mr. Innes (North Norfolk) strongly resented the statements made concerning the Canadian canners. He said Mr. Johnson's statements were absurd. The canning factory at Simcoe, he said, was worth \$250,000 when it joined the Canadian Canners, and there was no watered stock in the company. The increase in the cost of canned goods, he said, was caused by the fact that the supply was far below the demand. If there was anything wrong with the company it could be investigated in the usual way. The Canadian Canners sold out to the Dominion Canners, which was a new company and he, along with other shareholders, was ready and willing to sell. along with other shareholders, was ready and willing to sell.

The Dominion Canners, would be willing to be investigated by the Ontario or any other Government.

Asked for Withdrawal of Bill.

Hon. Mr. Hanna said the bill was one for the introduction of which Mr. Johnson was to be congratulated. Every day, he said, the Legislature was working with and alongside of other jurisdictions on the same subject. The proposition, he said, had been discussed when similar bills had been introduced. The law on the face of the Dominion Act was that every share of stock should represent 100 cents on the dollar. Thus it was hard to deal with any question which would drive a coach and four through the present law. It was very difficult to do the thing that the House would be glad to do if it could be done effectively.

Act Was Not Experiment.

Practically the whole provisions of the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Act was taken from the Imperial Act, and thus was no experiment. While the House was under obligation to Mr.

Johnson for introducing the bill and drawing attention to the prevailing conditions, he would ask him not to press it.

Mr. Gamey (Manitoulin) agreed that mergers and combines were bad, and should be prevented, but the bill under discussion would not do what Mr. Johnson intended it to do. The bill was too indefinite and would not prevent combines or mergers. It would, however, upset many of the best provisions of the present Companies Act.

PEOPLES' TRUST COMPANY.

The net earnings of the People's Trust Company, of New Westminster, B.C., last year amounted to \$33,653, or about 50 per cent. on the stock. The first annual report of the company has just been presented. Of the profits, \$20,the company has just been presented. Of the profits, \$20,000 was used to open a reserve account, \$2,262 to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. on capital from date of payment and \$11,390 carried forward. Some of the assets, such as "automobile and accessories" would have given the statement a more substnatial appearance had they been written off profits, as also "books and stationery." The total of these items, is \$3,124. The company's business appears chiefly to consist in financing agreements of sals which just constitutions. consist in financing agreements of sals which just constitutes a profitable business in British Columbia.

Copies of The Monetary Times dated November 26th are wanted. Will those who do not keep a file, kindly send them to the head office, 62 Church Street, Toronto? A month's subscription gratis will be allowed in return.

POWERS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Several Objections Raised at Enquiry Into Cause of Convent Fire at Montreal.

The investigation into the recent fire at the convent school of the Sisters of St. Anne, of Lachine, was opened this week by Fire Commissioner Latulippe, of Montreal. The right of fire commissions to ask questions concerning the water pressure or to extend the enquiry beyond the origin of the fire was questioned by the Montreal Water and Power Company. Acting on this contention, the general manager of the company, on counsel's advice, refused to answer any questions on the subject.

Power of Fire Commissioner.

Before any evidence was taken, Mr. Carmichael, addressing the commissioners, asked to what extent the enquiry was to go. There was no desire, he said, on the part of the Montreal Water and Power Company to avoid any investigation into anything connected with its operations by a duly authorized body; but he had been instructed by Mr. Frank H. Pitcher, general manager of the company, to have the commission's scope determined. Mr. Carmichael proceeded to quote the act, art. 3809, of the Revised Statutes of Ouebec, which range.

of Quebec, which ran:—
"Whenever any fire has occurred, whereby any house or building or any property whatever has been or is exposed to be wholly or in part consumed or injured by such fire, the Fire Commission shall, either in person or by some competent person employed by him for that purpose, institute an enquiry into the cause or orgin of such fire, and whether it was kindled by design or was the result of negligence or accident."

accident.

Mr. Carmichael asked that a ruling be given by the

Commissioner Ritchie held that the statement made was correct, and that the powers of the commission were limited to determining the origin of the fire, but pointed out that as a matter of practice the terms of the article quoted had been overstepped.

Mr. Carmichael asked that his objection be noted.

Another Objection Raised.

The evidence of Chief Tremblay and Fireman Pelletier The evidence of Chief Tremblay and Fireman Pelletter was formal, but when a question was put to the latter about the length of hose and water pressure, Mr. Carmichael entered another objection, with the result that the answer was deleted, and a decision given that all evidence on that phase of the fire be excluded pending the decision of the Superior Court, though both Messrs. McKinnon and Durnanleau objected to this course.

Evidence was given by Mr. Alf. R. Vincent, secretary-treasurer of the school, to the effect that the insurance was for \$50,000 on the buildings, and that this had been paid by the Oueen's Insurance Company. The furniture was not

the Queen's Insurance Company. The furniture was not insured. Several other witnesses were also examined.

Pending the taking out of an injunction by the Montreal Water and Power Company against the Fire Comm. ssioners to prevent the alleged exceeding of their powers, the enquiry was adjourned. was adjourned.

WILL OPPOSE THE MUNICIPAL BONUS.

Lieut.-Col. Craig, of East Wellington, intends to introduce a bill in the Ontario Legislature which will entirely abolish all bonuses by municipalities to industries of any kind. The Monetary Times has continually advocated the abolition of the municipal bonus. The contention of Lieut.-Col Craig is to repeal all clauses of the Municipal Act relating to bonuses. His bill contains a specific prohibition of bonuses to manufacturing industries, iron, smelting or refining works, beet sugar factories, rolling mills or grain elevators. The definition of a bonus is greatly enlarged elevators. The definition of a bonus is greatly enlarged in the bill for the purpose of prohibition. The idea is to make a bonus include any grant of money as a gift or loan, the guaranteeing of any loan, the gift of land or leasing of land at a nominal rental, the carrying out of any local improvement for the particular use or benefit of any manual processing the control of the particular uses or benefit of any manual processing the processing of the particular uses or benefit of any manual processing the processing of the processing the processing of the processing of the processing the processing of the processing provement for the particular use or benefit of any manufacturing industry, the supply of light, water or power to any industry free or at rates less than those generally charged, and any act involving expenditure on the part of the municipality.

The Equity Fire Insurance Company has received a cheque for its part of \$1,000, which Mr. A. W. Cressman, departmental store owner, of Peterborough, was honest enough to return after discovering that he had been paid in excess of his actual loss by fire, which occurred in his store last August.

FEDERAL LIFE'S CONTROL

Changes Hands—Several New Directors—Toronto Interests Purchased Stock.

The control of the Federal Life Insurance Company has changed hands owing to the purchase of a considerable quantity of the company's stock by Toronto financial interests. This was announced at a meeting of the shareholders held at Hamilton on Tuesday.

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Of the old directors all save three retired. Those who did not offer themselves for re-election were: Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hon. Geo. E. Foster; Lieut.—Col. W. Kerns, Burlington; Rev. J. G. Scott, Ingersoll; Mr. E. A. Russ, M.A., Woodstock; Rev. Dr. J. Wakefield, Toronto.

The directors chosen are:—Mr. David Dexter, President and Manager; Dr. M. H. Aikins, Burnhamthorpe, First Vice-President; Mr. T. C. Haslett, K.C., Hamilton, a representative of the policyholders, Second Vice-President; and Messrs. D. A. Dunlap, Toronto; J. B. Holden, Toronto; J. I. Grover; C. Wurtele, Toronto; R. G. O. Thomson, Toronto, and W. G. Watson, Toronto, representing the stockholders. Messrs. F. G. Howell, F. F. Dalley, J. Lennox, and T. C. Haslett, K.C., represeting the policyholders.

The re-election of Mr. Dexter indicates that there is no intention to alter radically the methods of the company's

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operations.

The Monetary Times understands that the control of the company is in the hands of Mr. Dunlap. Dr. M. H. Aikins succeeds Lieutenant-Colonel Kerns. Mr. C. Wurtele is associated with Messrs. Cawthra Mulock & Company, and Mr. R. G. O. Thomson is with the Guardina Trust Company, which is controlled by Messrs. Cawthra Mulock.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments of Cobalt ore, in pounds, for the week ended February 17th: Nipissing, 186,890; La Rose, 226,090; Crown Reserve, 46,800; Hudson 180,890; La Rose, 220,090; Crown Reserve, 46,800; Hudson Bay, 61,100; King Edward, 40,000; McKinley-Darragh, 59,800; Cobalt Lake, 60,000; Buffalo, 60,110; O'Brien, 60,060; Kerr Lake, 60,040; Beaver, 63,600; total, 934,490 pounds, or 467.2 tons. The total shipments since January 1st are now 7,215,554 pounds, or 3,607.7 tons.

In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at \$316,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at \$1,437,196; in 1906, 5,129 tons, valued at \$2,000,000; in 1907, 14,440, tons; in 1908, 57,129

valued at \$3,900,000; in 1907, 14,040 tons; in 1908, 25,700

tons; in 1909, 29,751 tons; in 1910, 34,041 tons.

OUR TRADE BY PROVINCES.

	1906.	1910.	Inc'se.
	Total Trade.	Total Trade.	%
Ontario	\$188,379,513	\$261,313,483	38.7
Quebec	221,145,970	255,116,211	15.8
Nova Scotia	31,726,327	34,293,104	8.0
New Brunswick	32,397,617	42,940,177	32.5
Manitoba		29,896,445	42.2
British Columbia	38,536,157	52,159,430	35.4
Prince Edward Island	1,327,117	1,095,380	*21.1
Alberta		6,109,415	94.6
Saskatchewan	011	9,038,389	133.1
Yukon		1,199,731	*677.3
	\$550,854,246	\$693,161,865	25.8
*Decrease.			

Mr. Adrian Hudon, Botelier Street, Ottawa, has been arrested on a charge of incendiarism.

Application will be made at the next session of the Manitoba Legislature for an Act to incorporate a fire insurance company. James B. Noble, Brandon, is solicitor for the applicants.

The National Union Fire Insurance Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, has been registered in Alberta. The United London and Scottish Insurance Company, Limited, of London, England, has also been

registered in that province.

That an auto engine for the Ottawa fire department may not be acceptable to the Underwriters' Association, is the opinion expressed by an authority on the subject. He claims that the steam engine is much more reliable for a place like Ottawa with the snow to contend with, and says he under-stood from Inspector Wilson that what the underwriters would insist on was two steam engines. He states that Toronto, Montreal and other cities have refused to adopt the auto engines. Fire Chief Graham, who has seen the auto engine working in American cities, is strongly in favor

LARGE MINING COMPANY

With Three Million Dollar Capital Incorporated-Forty-eight New Companies.

The total capitalization of the forty-eight new companies incorporated during the week is \$13,439,000, the largest of these being the combined Larder Mines. This concern will have its head office in New Liskeard, while the capital will be \$3,000,000. Another large company to be granted a charter was Stones, Limited, Toronto, with a capital of \$2,ooo,ooo. The following companies are capitalized at one million dollars:—Crown Reef Mines, Toronto; Nash Bay Mining Company, Toronto; Commonwealth Trust Company, British Columbia; and Steamboat Wonder Gold Mines, British Columbia.

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

Fort William, Ont.—Chapples, Limited, \$50,000. C. E. Chapple, D. Reid.

Seal Coal, N.B.—Port Elgin Fish Company, \$24,000. C. E. King, F. S. McLaughlin.
Calt, Ont.—Newlands & Company, \$250,000. A. Newlands, J. Stauffer, M. A. Newlands.
Quebec, Que.—La Compagnie de Publicite Quebecquoise,

Quebec, Que.—La Compagnie de Publicite Quebecquoise, \$20,000. A. Lavergen, A. Sevigny, R. Leduc.
Inwood, Ont.—Inwood Rural Telephone Company, \$25,000. J. H. Morrison, W. R. Dawson, J. Brown.
New Liskeard, Ont.—Combined Larder Mines, \$3,000,000.
A. V. Summers, T. H. M. McGarrell, M. F. Pumaville.
North Hatley, Que.—North Hatley Manufacturing Company, \$20,000. T. V. Reed, J. G. Robinson, J. J. McRae.
Frankford, Ont.—Frankford Canning & Preserving Company, \$40,000. J. F. MacGregor, W. H. Walter, J. R. Corkery.

Drummondville, Que.—Compagnie Electrique et de Ciment de Drummondville, \$100,000. H. Vassal, A. Mercure, N. Pelletier.

St. Barthelemie, Que.-Minoterie St. Laurent, \$100,000. Quintal, U. P. Boucher, Montreal; J. A. Barrette, St. Barthelemie.

Ottawa, Ont.—Nepean Realty, \$150,000. R. A. Sibbitt, J. N. Rattey, A. Gay. All Red Line Steamship Company, \$100,000. J. A. Ritchie, O. Ritchie, J. N. Rattey.

Brantford, Ont.—Commonwealth Oil & Gas Company, \$300,000. A. Sheard, L. J. Hastings, T. Linscott. Herod Machine & Motor Company, \$40,000. C. H. Herod, C. J. Harris, M. E. Harris.

Harris, M. E. Harris.

Winnipeg, Man.—Winnipeg Sanitarium Association,
\$150,000. A. D. Carscallen, E. F. Hutchings, G. A. Glines.
Rocmac Road Company, of Manitoba, \$100,000. W. A. Preston, Fort Frances; W. Blackwood, Winnipeg; F. H. Keefer,
Port Arthur. Ontario Hotel Company, \$50,000. A. C. Miller,
E. B. Wilkinson, G. M. Graham. Co-operative Manufacturing Company, \$500,000. A. L. Neilson, C. Roberts, G. F. Brown.

Montreal, Que.—Montreal Glass Works Company, \$300,-000. A. Pilon, H. B. Ledoux, J. J. Day. E. J. Maxwell, \$100,000. G. W. MacDougall, L. Macfarlane, C. A. Pope. Art Brass Manufacturing Company, \$10,000. R. A. Pope. A. J. Tourangeau, J. Denman. Star Realty Company, \$25,-000. A. St. Cyr, G. Gonthier, A. P. Frigon. La Compagnie de Ciment Asphalte et Construction, \$100,000. R. T. Beaudoin, Laurentides; J. E. Desjardins, St. Therese; L. J. Gauthier, Montreal.

British Columbia.—Caledonian Canadian Investment British Columbia.—Caledonian Canadian Investment Company, \$125,000. City Scavenging Company, \$10,000. Commonwealth Trust Company, \$1,000,000. Cranbrook Jobbers, \$200,000. El-Oso Paving Company, of British Columbia, \$50,000. J. C. Thorn & Company, \$20,000. Fire Valley Land Company, \$50,000. North Western Exploration Company, \$100,000. Steamboat Wonder Gold Mines, \$1,000,000. Stewart Club, \$10,000. Stewart General Hospital Association. Vermilion Irrigation Company, \$500,000. Volume Women's Christian Association of Victoria. Young Women's Christian Association of Victoria.

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Toronto, Ont.—Stone, Limited, \$2,000,000. E. N. Armour, S. H. Slater, W. V. Carey. America Realty Company, \$50,000, E. W. Wright, I. S. Fairty, G. Cooper. Dominion Axminster Company, \$250,000. B. D. Hall, L. M. Hayes, Hopkins Manufacturing Company, \$50,000. G. B. Balfour, R. Wherry, F. S. Buck. George Thomson Lumber Company, \$100,000. G. Thomson, Goderich; F. Thomson, Southampton; F. H. Hurlburt, Toronto. George Rathbone, Southampton; F. H. Hurlburt, Toronto. George Rathbone, \$200,000. G. Rathbone, T. E. Rathbone, C. Marshall, W. E. S. Savage. Better-Fruit Distributors, \$40,000. R. D. Moor-\$200,000. G. Rathbone, T. E. Rathbone, C. Marshall, W. E. S. Savage. Better-Fruit Distributors, \$40,000. R. D. Moorhead, R. H. Paterson, A. Mallison. Crown Reef Mines, \$1,000,000. H. N. Chauvin, W. S. Stewart, R. E. Fisher. Dominion Bowling & Auto Club, \$40,000. T. A. Ovens, C. Perkin, A. Boyd. Nash Bay Mining Company, \$1,000,000. D. Lackie, W. G. McCrimmon, W. Maguire. Strath Farms,

\$40,000. R.S. Strath, J. A. Robertson, A. T. DeLury. National Skirt, Suit & Millinery Company, \$50,000. J. Mitchell, A. S. Lown.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Activity at St. John-Large Influx of Immigrants Anticipated-Sheep Farming Industry May be Started—Railway Company Purchases More Property.

> (Staff Correspondence.) St. John, N.B., Feb. 14th.

Each succeeding week brings fresh evidence that 1911 is to be one of great activity in St. John. Real estate continues active, the only deterrent being the high price asked by owners of desirable business premises. There is an actual scarcity of such premises, partly because newcomers have entered the field and partly because of the necessary enlargement of existing establishments. Hence the rent of store premises is higher. There is also a scarcity of desirable houses for rent, and the tendency of house rents is upward. Two large buildings will be converted into modern apartment houses. This will be a good building year. The contract for the new armory, to cost about a quarter of a million, has been awarded. The erection of a new paper mill will be started, and probably a sugar refinery, while there is to be a large modern theatre and the erection of houses for residence, besides extensive construction works in connection with the railways and steamship services. The C.P.R. will begin construction work that will involve over a million dollars before it is completed.

Large Influx of Immigrants.

A Canadian Pacific steamship last week landed over a thousand immigrants at St. John, and it is announced that the second and third cabin space on all the company's steamers up to May 1st is booked. The Allan and other lines will also bring many passengers, so that there will be great activity at West St. John until the end of the winter-port season. The exports by the winter-port steamships to date have been larger than for the corresponding period last

The interest aroused in fruit-growing in New Brunswick is steadily growing. At Woodstock recently the Carleton County Fruit Growers' Association was formed by orchard owners and persons interested in allied industries, and a co-operative effort will be made to increase the fruit yield in a country that for over thirty years has shipped excellent apples in limited quantity to outside markets. At Burton, in Sunbury county, the St. John River Valley Farm and Fruit Land Company has been formed with \$48,000 capital to conduct a general orchard and nursery business. Mr. A. M. Chamberlain, of Kamouraska, Quebec, is one of the provisional directors of this company. Mr. W. W. Hubbard, Secertary for Agriculture, states that there is a larger area of good orchard land in New Brunswick than in Nova Scotia, while all the apples that flourish in the Annapolis valley yield equally well on this side of the Bay of Fundy, especially in the St. John River valley.

An experienced sheep farmer from Ontario has gurches. a country that for over thirty years has shipped excellent

An experienced sheep farmer from Ontario has purchased a large property near Sussex, N.B., and is confident that there is no better place in Canada for the development of this industry. The sheep commission appointed by the Federal Government is in the province this week.

Railway Companies Purchase Properties.

The New Brunswick government has just issued an attractive illustrated book on the province for distribution in Great Britain. It contains among other matter letters in warm praise of the province by settlers who have come here from Great Britain. A large party will come out in April under direction of Mr. A. Bowder, the agent of the province in London.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has made further purchases of property at St. John, and has options on more, along the line of approach to its coming terminals at the head of St. John harbor east.

Ontario capitalists have sent to St. John for full data regarding the famous reversing falls, whose enormous power would long ago have been harnessed but for the short period of still water between tides. The Ontario men believe they can overcome this difficulty by a method of storing power, and they may send engineers to prepare an estimate

OPENINGS FOR CANADIAN TRADE

In South Africa, Where There is a Commercial Revival -Articles for Which There is Big Demand.

According to the British Trade Commissioner in South Africa, there is an extraordinary outburst in the industrial and commercial development of the whole country, and this development is gathering impetus with each succeeding month. The November returns are no exception. Practically all articles of merchandise show a marked increase. The total imports of merchandise, exclusive of articles for South African Governments, were as follows:-

(a) Month of November (b) Eleven months ended 30th	£ 2,649,309	£ 3,256,796
November	24,533,628	31,972,902

The United Kingdom's percental share in the eleven months' imports shows a rise from 58 per cent. to 59 per cent.

Direct Trading is Small.

In South Africa, under the existing system, direct trading is a negligible quantity, and the only sure means of securing a foothold and sharing in this unexampled flow of business is either to work through the large importing houses in the country, or to have direct representation. Direct representation might be either undivided or collective-a limited number of manufacturers in allied trades appointing an agent as joint representative and sharing in the expenses. The above methods of business must be realized by manufacturers, and there should be no further delay in following them. In placing agencies in South Africa, and so entrusting their business to other hands, certain nitfalls are to be met with. These however can be tain pitfalls are to be met with. These, however, can be avoided by proper care and enquiry. The methods to be followed in opening up business vary considerably, according to the character of the article to be placed on the market, and suggestions, applying to one class of business are not necessarily applicable to another.

Words of Caution.

A general caution to avoid placing exclusive agencies to cover the whole of South Africa with any one large coastal to cover the whole of South Africa with any one large coastal house is undoubtedly to be observed under certain circumstances, but practical experience proves conclusively that, in matters of trade, advice must be specific and specially considered to meet the varying requirements of individual trades and cannot assume a general character.

The following are some of the articles for which there is a large and increasing demand, both throughout the Union of South Africa and in the Territory of Rhodesia:—

of South Africa and in the Territory of Rhodesia:

Electrical machinery; electric wires and cables; electrical fittings and poles; stamped and rivetted steel wheelbarrows; railway and tramway material; hand and machine tools of every description; galvanized corrugated iron; building material of all kinds;; agricultural machinery of all kinds; windmills; kerosene oil engines of from 1 to 3 and up to 10 horse-power for farm, dairy and other power purposes; fencing wire, standards and fencing material generally; enamelled hollowware; lamps and lamp ware; saddlery and harness; mining machinery of all kinds; pipes saddlery and narness; mining machinery of all kinds; pipes and piping; lubricating oils; window glass; typewriters and accessories; sewing machines; steel office furniture, filing cabinets, etc.; motor cars; cotton blankets; cotton and woollen goods; cocoa (unsweetened); baking powder; eggs; musical instruments; tobacco, pipes and tobacconists' sundries; boots and shoes; aluminium ware for household purposes, and many other articles.

Canada's Share of Trade.

The total trade between British Africa and Canada in 1891 was \$90,317. In 1900 this had increased to \$1,292,270, and last year to \$3,281,908. Last year our biggest purchases from British Africa were sugar, \$862,602, and wool, \$26,829. Our total imports from British Africa in 1910 were \$926,980, and Canadian exports to that country were \$2,354,928. The and Canadian exports to that country were \$2,354,928. The leading export items were: Grain, \$122,550; grain products, \$1,274,346; prepared cereal foods, \$80,645; carriages, etc., \$72,615; agricultural implements and machinery, \$186,804; cardensed milk and gray \$104,478; musical instruments condensed milk and cream, \$104,258; musical instruments, \$20,668; paper, \$140,324; wood and its manufactures, \$234,279.

QUEBEC INSURANCE LAW.

At the first reading of the bill amending the Quebec insurance law, Mr. Pilon, of Vaudreuil, as the proposer of the act, explained that at present municipal companies were obliged to insure at the rate of two-thirds of the value of the property, but this was found to be rather onerous when

buildings costing fifteen and twenty thousand dollars were erected. The bill, therefore, proposed to allow these companies to insure for a less amount than the two-thirds if they desired. They would in that event be permitted to fix their own maximum insurance. This insurance would be for the rural parishes only, and any loss incurred would be paid in proportion to the amount insured. The bill would apply to the whole province as regards the companies mentioned. Pilon stated he thought that the amendment would be in the interest of those municipalities which were authorized to establish insurance funds for the protection of the public. There would be no objection to letting any company insure up to the full two-thirds if desired, but the amendment would authorize a less amount and leave the decision to each municipality.

OCCIDENTAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual report of the Occidental Fire Insurance

The annual report of the Occidental Fire Insurance Company show the net surplus as \$38,499.81. The reserve for unearned premiums as required by the Dominion Government is \$52,624.07, which is the required amount.

The cash in banks amounts to \$50,251.59; debentures, \$61,350; loans secured by mortgages, \$63,567.43, while the capital stock subscribed but not called is \$374,037.48. The accounts have been audited by Mr. Charles D. Corbould, chartered accountant, Winnipeg. The statement shows that the company is making continued progress.

CRAND TRUNK DIVIDEND.

The market had expected only the full dividend on the second preference shares of the Grand Trunk Railway and nothing on the thirds. The declaration of half per cent. for the year on the latter was received with surprise and gratifi-cation. Here are the revenue figures of the Grand Trunk for the December half of the past three years:-

	1908. 3,326,158 ,407,631	1909. £3,632,903 2,753,143	£3	1910. ,738,300 ,790,700
Net receipts £	918,527 436,836	£ 879,760 463,917	£	947,600 525,400
Balance£	481,691	£ 415,843	£	422,200
Deduct Canada At- lantic deficit	43,378	17,368		40,100
Add Detroit Grand Haven surplus	3,139	12,067		3,900
	441,452	£ 410,542	£	386,000

Hence the available balance was lower than in any of Hence the available balance was lower than in any of the two previous half-years owing to the growth of the net revenue prior charges and the larger deficit on the Canada Atlantic, coupled with a smaller surplus on the Detroit Grand Haven line. Out of the earnings for the December half of 1909 there was paid a full dividend of 5 per cent. for the year on the second preference, but, as that stock received 2½ per cent. for the first half of 1910, there is set free a sufficient sum to allow of the payment of ½ per cent. on the third preference dividend, costing about cent. on the third preference dividend, costing about £35,000.

TELEPHONE MERCER IN MARITIME PROVINCES.

a proposal to consolidate the Maritime Tele-There is a proposal to consolidate the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company and the Nova Scotia Telephone Company. The Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, Limited, incorporated by special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and which possesses broad corporate powers, controls the following: The Prince Edward Island Telephone Company; the Antigonish and Sherbrooke Telephone System, the Queen's County Telephone System; the cable connecting Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; private wire telegraphic circuits between Halifax, Sydney and Charlottetown; valuable patents for the joint simultaneous operation in the Maritime Provinces of a telegraphic and telephone system over the same wire. and telephone system over the same wire.

Messrs. F. B. McCurdy & Company, Halifax, in a circular letter addressed to the shareholders of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, say: "Should you wish to sell the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone common stock which will come to you under the arrangement, we will pay you \$3 cash for each of such shares. In the event of the offer being accepted and carried through, we are willing to pay any Nova Scotia Telephone shareholder, who does not wish to participate, 125 per cent., or \$12.50 per share for his stock."

WESTERN CANADA.

Foreign Capital for the West-Edmonton Coal Fields-In the Wheat Markets.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, February 21st.

Conidtions throughout the West indicate that big preparation is being made already for the spring rush. Immigration will be the largest in the history of the Dominion. Mr. Bruce Walker, Commissioner of Immigration, in an address in Winnipeg last week, stated that 335,000 settlers came to Canada last year, as against 49,000 in 1901, and that from the rapid increase in immigration, he was firmly of the opinion that within the next twewnty-five years there would be 25,000,000 millions of people settled west of the Great Lakes, and that Winnipeg itself would have a population of a million.

In connect on with the bringing in of foreign capital into Canada it is interesting to note that, in Holland the opportunities for investment in Canada are being brought to the attention of the public there in a very convincing manner.

Last year the Holland-Canada Mortgage Hypotheebank, or the Holland-Canada Mortgage Company, placed in the Canadian West, approximately \$750,000. Their representative in Winnipeg, Mr. J. G. Coster, prepared for publication a very handsome booklet, which will be judiciously distributed amongst prospective investors in Holland. Mr. Coster, during the course of last year, gave careful study to Canadian conditions. He has assembled in an orderly and convincing manner facts respecting the resources of the country and he has placed them alongside the corresponding figures of other countries thus showing the relative position which Canada occupies and the position which Western Canada occupies to the rest of the Dominion.

Edmonton Coal Fields.

The coal fields in the Edmonton district have proved to be a big asset to the business and industrial enterprises of that city. The recent survey made by geological experts, places the area of coal fields in the Edmonton district at fourteen miles and the tonnage at 80,000,000. The quality is high-grade lignite, and the coal burns well and gives excellent results in heat and economy. The disposition of lignites to deteriorate under exposure to weather is offset by the nearness of the Edmonton supply to the consumer and these coal fields are sure to be a great and permanent source of value to Edmonton and its people.

Regina will have a street car system soon. The contract for cars has been awarded a Montreal firm, and the system is to be under municipal ownership. The cars to be used will be made in England and shipped across the ocean—the first English-made street cars to be used in Western Canada.

Seventy permits were taken out in one day at the Calgary building inspector's office. A large proportion of the permits issued are for houses, and shows the demand caused by new people coming in. In Winnipeg, the fifteen million dollars' worth of new structures erected last year are taken up and building operations for this year are going forward with a rush justified by continued demand.

In the Wheat Markets.

The situation in the wheat markets does not betoken any prospect of higher prices for the present. The position is an unusual and uncertain one, and is regarded by students of market conditions as the weakest in recent years, notwithstanding the extent of the decline. This more especially applies to the United States markets, where prices have declined sharply and reached bottom point of the year, and is partly attributable to the influence of the proposed tariff changes, and partly to the fact that beneficial rains over the winter wheat belt have dissipated the drought talk. This was a pretty bearish combination, and as prices have gone lower, conditions have become more bearish. The crop outlook is now perhaps the most bearish factor in the situation, coming as it does on the top of a big surplus from 1910.

Our local prices, as indicated, have not been distributed to the same extent as those to the south. Trading in futures has been active, and there was a generally firm tone in our market. Some export business in the lower grades was transacted when prices were in line. Millers were moderate buyers of No. 1 Northern, and there was a good demand for No. 2 and 3 Northern, and for Nos. 4 and 5 wheat in store for all-rail shipment. A return to milder weather has increased the car shipments, but there will not be much increase in marketings until the roads are in better shape. Conditions in our Western provinces seem to indicate that there are between six and seven million bushels of wheat

still in farmers' hands, for sale, over and above their seed.

There is little change in world conditions. World's shipments showed a substantial increase, and the amount on passage increased over three million bushels. European visible also recorded a gain, the aggregate now being 109 millions against only 86 millions a year ago. Argentine and Australia are shipping freely of their new crops, and the Danube and India show considerable increase. The future of prices now depends upon the weather, but in order for prices to go much lower on the next crop season, the world will have to raise, during 1911, a larger crop than last year.

LONDON LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

In the thirty-sixth annual report of the London Life Insurance Company, the president, Mr. John McClary states that 35,095 applications for insurance, amounting to \$6,-180,141.50 were accepted and policies issued therefor. The surplus on policyholders' account, exclusive of subscribed, but uncalled capital, is \$161,662.92, and after deducting paid-up capital, the net surplus over all liabilities and capital is \$111,662.92. There was added to accumulating profits, claims and matured endowments accrued, and re-insurance reserve, the further sum of \$246,697.00, or 36.9 per cent. of the premiums received, making, with the former payments, a total of \$4.2 per cent paid policyholders or heirs or set apart for their special benefit, out of the premium income of the year.

The insurance in force at the close of the year, after deducting all re-insurances, aggregated \$16,795,393.05, under 91,398 policies, an increase of 8,791 policies, for insurance of \$2,605,779.90 for the year. The total assets, consisting of mortgages loans, etc., amount to \$3,255,950.15, an increase of \$328,894.45 over the previous year.

The report is a very complete one and shows that the company enjoyed the common prosperity during the past year.

SOVEREICN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

The annual report of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada shows that the management have endeavored to confine their operating expenses to a reasonable limit consistent with due efforts for new business. The results show that a saving of \$7,868.31 was effected during 1910 over 1909 or slightly over 7 per cent. of the premium income.

The assets of the company total \$785,283.04 and the reserve fund to cover all the company's liabilities upon the total insurance in force \$444,843.52. The assets have been invested in first-class bonds and mortgages, etc.

The income during the year from premiums and interest amounted to \$138,856.61. The interest received in cash \$28,038.55, being \$9,307.77 in excess of that received during the previous year. The position of the company as exhibited by the annual report is a good one, and with economical management should be a guarantee of the company's future prosperity. Much credit is due to Mr. Mekkle, the energetic managing director, for the manner in which he has accomplished, with his colleagues, the reorganization of the company. This work was beset with numerous difficulties. The Sovereign Life will shortly make Winnipeg its headquarters.

TRUST COMPANY LEGISLATION IN QUEBEC.

A bill has been introduced in the Quebec Legislature respecting the operations of trust companies in that province. It provides that no trust company as defined by the bill can be incorporated by letters patent except by Act of the Legislature. This and other clauses of the bill are intended to bring all trust organizations under the supervision of the provincial government. The bill will make more uniform the operations of all trust concerns under incorporation, which shall be governed by the Joint Stock Companies' Act. The bill also restricts the power of such companies regarding their deposits payable by cheque or other written instruments. It declares that the president and directors shall te personally liable for the companies' undertakings in certain cases.

The bill also defines the power the company has regarding the holding of land and the liability as regards the money of clients and indebtedness.

The general effect of the Act will be to bring all this kind of companies under Government control, even as regards branches of outside companies which are established in Quebec.

Defendants in Bank Conspiracy Charge Committed

More Charges Laid in Farmers Bank Case-Important Evidence Given This Week-The Syracuse Deal

Travers was removed to Kingston Penitentiary on Saturday, on the order of Sheriff Mowat, to the surprise of Magistrate Denison and Crown Attorney Corley.

An order was issued by Judge Winchester for his return to Toronto. This was effected on Sun-

day.

Statement issued by Hon. J. R. Stratton as to

his position in bank affairs.

Letter from Mr. Hughes Charles, formerly Bank of Commerce manager at Peterborough, to Sir Edmund Walker, regarding Mr. Charles' conversation with Mr. Stratton, as to the Farmers Bank beginning, was read in Court on Tuesday, when Sir Edmund Walker was an interested spectator.

Travers stated in evidence that he went to the Trusts and Guarantee Company for further loans prior to supergraph here and that Mr. Matthew

prior to suspension of bank, and that Mr. Matthew Wilson, solicitor, and Mr. Morden, assistant gen-eral manager of the company, said that the bank

"might as well suspend one day as another."
Information was laid on Wednesday, against Matthew Wilson, K.C., and W. S. Morden, for conspiring with Travers, to give the Trusts & Guarantee Company undue preference over other creditors

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Lieut.-Col. Munro, president of the bank, recently committed for trial by Magistrate Denison on a charge of unlawfully issuing false bank returns, appeared in the county judge's criminal court before Judge Winchester on Thursday. The case was adjourned till the March sessions.

A civil proceeding in the winding-up of the bank was begun against the Trusts & Guarantee Company, to recover money alleged to be due the creditors of the defunct bank.

A second charge was laid on Wednesday against Messrs. J. R. Stratton, J. J. Warren and W. S. Morden. The charge was for illegally accepting currency of the Farmers Bank as pledge for a loan, contrary to the terms of the Bank Act. Mr. Stratton and Mr. Warren pleaded not guilty, and Mr. Morden was summoned to appear yesterday.

Statement issued by Trusts & Guarantee Com-

Statement issued by Trusts & Guarantee Company as to its position in bank affairs.

Other summonses are anticipated.

The Farmers Bank case continues to excite interest. It is obviously the intention of the authorities to examine every possible witness with a view to laying bare the entire history of the institution and its organization. In this effort the four leading characters at present are Magistrate Denison, Crown Attorney Corley, Detective Inspector Duncan, and Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson, liquidator of the bank. All have contempt for technical trivialties trumped up in front of bigger issues. Magistrate Denison, during the hearing of the various cases, has interjected some caustic remarks. When, for instance, counsel for one of the defendants, this week, in cross-examining Mr. Travers endeavored to prove that the interpretation of a certain agreement was only "in the head of Mr. Travers," the magistrate added, "And being intelligent men, it would probably have been in the heads of the other parties."

Many compliments on Mr. Clarkson's work have been paid since he commenced his labors as curator, afterwards as interim liquidator, and finally as permanent liquidator. He has encountered innumerable obstacles, but has surmounted nearly all. He refuses to be hurried in his investigation. The Court wanted to adjourn for a couple of days in order that Mr. Clarkson might prepare a certain statement. But the liquidator needed a week to get his figures. So for a week the Court had to adjourn. Inspector Duncan has an intimate knowledge of the bank's books and transactions, and probably knows considerably more than he has been told. Despite attempts made to balk his persistent efforts to ascertain the truth of things, he has managed to achieve many of the desired ends. His annoyance at mys-

terious obstacles is marked. "If I had been down at the depot," he said hotly, referring to the removal of Travers on Saturday, "I would have arrested the whole lot of them, deputy sheriffs, constables and Travers."

Crown Attorney Corley is conducting this unusual case with much vigor. His sarcasm is pointed. When on Tuesday, counsel for defendants asked him what statement he held when cross-examining Travers. "Merely some figures we found in Mr. Stratton's room at the Trusts and Guarantee Company's office," he replied. Mr. Stratton intimated he had no room at those offices. "I guess you have room for improvement, like most of us," rejoined Mr. Corley, jocu-

Summonses to date have been issued against fifteen persons, as follows: W. R. Travers, B. Nesbitt, G. Wishart, W. J. Lindsay, J. Ferguson, A. Fraser, A. S. Lown, J. Watson, J. H. Munro, F. Crompton, C. H. Smith, J. J. Warren, J. R. Stratton, W. S. Morden and M. Wilson. One of the fifteen, Travers, has been sentenced to jail for six years. Committal for trial has been made in four cases, those against F. Crompton, J. H. Munro, bank president; Messrs. Ferguson, Fraser, Lown and Watson, the provisional directors; and Messrs. Stratton, Warren, together with the provisional directors.

The charges in the various summonses include signing and making false returns to the government, conspiring to steal \$300,000; conspiring to obtain the bank's charter by fraud; obtaining unlawfully \$10,000 from the bank; accepting or assigning certain notes from the bank; conspiring to give Trust Company undue preference over other creditors of bank; illegally accepting currency of the bank as pledge. Of the fifteen men indicted four are either fugitives from justice or have not yet answered their summonses. They are Dr. Nesbitt, G. Wishart, W. J. Lindsay, and C. H. Smith.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONSPIRACY CASE.

Defendants Were Committed-Letter of a Former Branch Bank Manager Was Read.

The most important witness called in the conspiracy case against Messrs. Fraser, Ferguson, Lown and Watson, provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank, J. J. Warren, general manager Trusts and Guarantee Company, and Hon. J. R. Stratton, was Mr. Hughes Charles, of Montreal. A letter written by Mr. Charles when manager of the Bank of Commerce at Peterborough, to Sir Edmund Walker, president

of the bank, and dated September 10th, 1906, was produced and identified by Mr. Charles. It reads as follows:—

Peterborough, December 10th, 1906.

"Dear Mr. Walker;—I do not know whether the conversation I had with Mr. Stratton was to be considered by him as private or not, but it took place openly at an afternoon tea on yesterday week and (here follows a name which

was not read) and ladies were present.

"He asked me how I would like to buy some stock in the Farmers Bank, and I told him that I thought that it was a Farmers Bank, and I told him that I thought that it was a poor institution, and did not think it would go on anyway; then he said he had made them an advance of \$80,000 to make their cash deposit with the government. I asked him if he was not taking a great risk and he said no, he got everything they had as security. I asked him what he meant by that and he said the farmers notes which had been given that he had ample margin and was getting. for stock, and that he had ample margin and was getting 8 per cent. and a bonus.

Loan Was Repaid.

"He did not say whether the advance had been made by the Traders' Bank, of which he is vice-president, or by his trust company, but I rather think it must have been the

latter.

"He was on the train on Friday evening when I was returning from Toronto, and he volunteered the information that his loan had been repaid in full with interest and bonus."

"Yours truly," B. E. Walker, Esq., (Signed) H. Hughes Charles. General Manager, Toronto, Ont.

Cross examined, Mr. Charles said he wrote the letter be-Bank was being law. Witness concause of the way in which the Farmers started, a method he knew was against the law. Witness continued:—"Mr. Stratton asked me how I would like to buy stock in the Farmers Bank. I told him I thought it was a poor investment. He said his company had put \$80,000 into it and had good security—an ample margin—getting 8 per cent. and a bonus. He didn't say whether the advance was made by his bank or his trust company. That loan was repaid with interest."

Was Well Secured.

Witness told of asking Mr. Stratton if he did no think the loan of \$80,000 to the Farmers Bank was somewhat fishy, and Mr. Stratton replied, "Oh, no; we are well secured. We have all the farmers notes as security."

Much of the evidence on Tuesday morning concerned the visit on December 18th, 1906, of Mr. John Knight to the Farmers Bank, and Mr. Travers' obtention of a deposit certificate for \$80,000 with the Trusts and Guarantee Company. Mr. Travers said the cheques were drawn on the Trust Company and placed to the credit of the Farmers Bank in the Union Bank, and at the same time this was placed to the credit of the Trust Company in the Farmers Bank. Magistrate Denison summed up the transaction by saying that it had about the same effect as if Mr. Travers had obtained another loan of \$80,000 on the same security.

Visit of Mr. Knight.

Mr. J. G. Fitzgibbon was asked by Crown-Attorney whether he remembered the visit of Mr. John Knight, secretary of the Bankers' Association, to the Farmers Bank. Mr. Fitzgibbon replied that he saw Mr. Knight come in and go out. He did not know whether Mr. Travers telephoned at the time, but he heard afterwards that Travers had telephoned to the Trusts & Guarantee Company.

Mr. Matthew Wilson, K.C., who appeared for Mr. J. J. Warren, cross examined Mr. Travers as to the alleged opposition of the Canadian Bankers' Association to the Farmers Bank. He asked whether after the visit of Mr. Knight this epposition continued or ceased. The reply was that there was the strongest kind of opposition to the end. Mr. Travers was sure that if there had been no opposition he could have made a success of the bank. Mr. Wilson characterized as quite outside of the statute the request of Mr. Boville, Deputy-Minister of Finance, to Mr. Travers, for a list of the actual cash subscriptions on stock subscribed for.

Preparation of Declaration.

Respecting the list of stock subscriptions and the declara-Respecting the list of stock subscriptions and the declaration sent to the Minister of Finance, it transpired that Mr. Travers prepared the list, that Mr. J. G. Fitzgibbon, chief accountant, did the clerical work, that Mr. W. H. Hunter, the bank's solicitor, prepared the declaration and also advised that it was a legal act to apply borrowed money against the names of subscribers who had not paid any cash for their stock. Dr. Nesbitt also knew of what was being done.

Mr. W. G. Mitchell, broker, gave evidence that Mr. J. J. Warren called on him and asked him if he would accept a cheque payable to his order, and later to give Mr. Warren, Mitchell's cheque for the same amount.

Travers, late on Tuesday afternoon, detailed his visits to the Trusts and Guarantee Company for the purpose of obtaining loans to keep the bank afloat. Crown-Attorney Corley asked if the Trust Company knew if the bank was in bad shape at the time when Travers sought these loans.

Knew the Bank Was Failing.

"I am quite satisfied that Mr. Morden was of that opinion," replied Mr. Travers. "He turned up the Bank Act. I mentioned that I might be in a curious position over it. After then it was very difficult to get money from the company. I told Mr. Morden and Mr. Matthew Wilson that unless I had the loans the bank would suspend and the partial." pany. I told Mr. Morden and Mr. Matthew Wilson that unless I had the loans the bank would suspend, and they replied that it might as well suspend one day as another.'

Mr. E. B. Stockdale, local manager of the Trusts and Guarantee Company, confirmed evidence given last week that only a part of the \$80,000 loan to Travers came from the Trusts and Guarantee Company. "We only supplied \$25,000 of it," he said, "the balance, \$55,000, was supplied by the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. The bonus of \$1,000 was divided proportionately."

Witness again explained to counsel the reason for there having been two cheques, one had gone through their books and was "killed." A new one took its place.

"Anything fictitious about the business?" asked counsel.
"Nothing whatever." Mr. Corley—"Who were the directors of the Manufacturers' Life at that time?" "I do not know."
"Any of the gentlemen charged here?" "Not that I know of.

Witness told Mr. Corley that a solicitor had been retained to look into the standing of the bank.

"Did you get a large amount of security, \$40,000 and \$10,000; and didn't you get \$1,000,000 of bonds?"
Witness said the \$40,000 and \$10,000 were given in con-

sideration of the loan.

All the defendants were committed for trial by Magistrate

TRAVERS GIVES HIS VERSION

Of the Syracuse Deal, Which Concerned, He Says, the Merging of Two Life Insurance Companies.

In connection with the published report of Mr. Hotchkiss, of the Insurance Department at Washington, and the correspondence with the Finance Minister, Travers stated in an interview this week that he had been "much misrepresented."

He explained that Messrs. Knabe had an option on the He explained that Messrs. Knabe had an option on the Federal Life Insurance Company of Hamilton, and wanted also to purchase the Mutual Life of Syracuse, in order to combine the two. The price for the controlling interest of the Federal was to be \$330,000, of which \$100,000, he said, had been paid in cash and transferred to a New York trust company in New York.

Cheque is in Toronto.

"A cheque showing this transaction is now in the hands of Cawthra Mulock of Toronto," said Travers.

"The consideration to buy out was \$150,000. The proposition was, that I should take \$150,000 of the Farmers Bank notes and deposit them in the First National Bank for 90 days, in return for which I was to get first-class security which I could melt to raise the funds. The new directors of the People's Mutual were to purchase \$150,000 of stock of the Farmers Bank as soon as the new board were elected, which was to have been before January 15, 1910. The cash was taken over in a satchel, for the reason that so large an

was taken over in a satchel, for the reason that so large an amount going by express might cause unfavorable comment among express men about the money going out of the country, besides being out of my control.

"The satchel was left locked in the vaults of the First National Bank at Syracuse and Mr. J. G. Fitzgibbon had the key, which never left his possession. Governor White was out of the city and the transaction was not completed. They could not deliver the securities I wished but wanted the money

the money.

None Came to Farmers Bank.

"An agreement was entered into by the directors of the People's Mutual under which the securities would be available within 90 days. A receipt was left in trust with Mr. Judson, president of the First National Bank, to be handed over to them on delivery of the securities and the completion of the deal. By some means or other the deposit receipt of the deal. By some means or other the deposit receipt was obtained by people who were putting through the deal, who used it to take \$150,000 of the People's Mutual Life funds, which they distributed among themselves, none of which ever came the way of any one connected with the Farmers Bank.

"An attempt was made to loce payment of the on the ground that the deposit of the satchel containing the money constituted a money deposit. Matters were in this change when every means was used to make the Farmers "An attempt was made to force payment of the receipt shape when every means was used to make the Farmers Bank pay over the money, and that is the reason the letters were written to the Finance Department."

Travers said the Insurance Department made an exam-

ination of the books of the People's Mutual and finding a shortage, which was charged up to the Farmers Bank and money taken by the directors, of \$150,000, there was "some manipulation and investigation."

Made a False Oath.

"I was returning one Sunday night from New York and an officer picked me off the train. He produced a subpoena and told me that I was wanted to give evidence in connection with a charge against certain people of grand larceny for \$150,000. I was taken to Deputy Governor White's house and then to a room in a hotel and told if I didn't swear and and then to a room in a hotel and told if I didn't swear and acknowledge to Superintendent Hotchkiss, of the Insurance Bureau, that the receipt was genuine, I would be sent up for grand larceny and probably get twenty years. As the annual meeting of the Farmers Bank was held in three days from that time, under duress I swore as they wished, knowing it was not true, and they let me away immediately.

"After I came home I saw Mr. Watson and explained to him what, under pressure of circumstances. I had done the

him what, under pressure of circumstances, I had done. He told me that as a matter of self-preservation in emergency it worked first-rate; told me I had had the interest of the bank at heart in the course I took and to repudiate the claim. This we did successfully, without the loss of a cent."

Federal Life Says "No."

Mr. David Dexter, president and manager of the Federal Life Insurance Company, which Mr. Travers stated had granted an option to Messrs. Knabe, who desired to merger the Hamilton company with the Mutual Life of Syracuse, told The Monetary Times this week that so far as he knew there was nothing in that story. "The Federal Life has not been advised of any such matter and the directorate would not have listened to the proposal. The deal, therefore, could not have been carried through."

STRATTON GIVES FLAT DENIAL.

Says in no Manner, Shape or Form Did He Assist in the Promotion of the Bank.

Mr. Stratton has issued the following statement in regard to his relation to the case of Mr. Travers and the Farmers Bank, with which his name has been so prominently rarmers Bank, with which his name has been so prominently associated, owing to his connection in the capacity of president of the Trusts and Guarantee Company:—
"In no manner, shape or form, direct or indirect, had I anything to do, nor did I assist in doing anything in any way, in the promotion of the organization of the Farmers Bank.

Did Not Communicate With Ottawa.

"In no manner, shape or form, had I any conversation with any of the provisional or subsequent directors of the Farmers Bank.

Farmers Bank.

"I never directly or indirectly, at any time, from the commencement of the organization proceedings of the Farmers Bank until the present moment, had any communication, direct or indirect, verbal or in writing, with the Hon. Mr. Fielding, Finance Minister, or with any member of the Dominion Government, or with any official or clerk of the Finance Department, or any other department in the matter of the obtaining of a license for the Farmers Bank.

"I wish to most emphatically declare that the insinuations that are being circulated to the effect that I received a sum of money of any kind or amount, or anything equiva-

tions that are being circulated to the effect that I received a sum of money of any kind or amount, or anything equivalent to a sum of money in connection with the organization of the Farmers Bank are absolutely false, absolutely untrue and absolutely unfounded."

Mr. Stratton adds:—"I desire these statements to be understood as the absolute truth in the widest possible sense, without equivocation or reservation of any kind whatever, and no matter what gossip or statements may be made to the contrary by anybody, they are untrue, and as incapable of proof as the statements I make to the contrary are incapable of disproof.

Says Evidence Is Cont. Frough

Says Evidence is Good Enough.

"No one should know this better than Mr. Travers, the general manager of the Farmers Bank, who, in answer to the pointed questions by Crown Attorney Corley, 'had he paid any money to Mr. Stratton in connection with the promotion of the Farmers Bank,' swore that he had not done so, and the books of the bank bear out the correctness of Mr. Travers' evidence on this point."

TRUSTS AND GUARANTEE COMPANY

Explain Position in Regard to Farmers Bank-What Travers Told the Company.

The Trusts & Guarantee Company have issued this statement in connection with the Farmers Bank affairs:—
"While we have no desire to comment on the transac-

tions which have been the subject of investigation before Col. Denison, we may say that the loan made to W. R. Travers personally in the fall of 1906 was made on legal security which ultimately realized far more than the amount loaned, and that the loan itself, principal and interest, was fully paid some months after the advance.

"In reference to the matter of loans to the bank, the

facts are:"That three years after the personal loan to Travers,

\$75,000, at six per cent. per annum, to the bank from our capital account, on adequate security.

"Nothing further developed until July, 1910, when Travers came again. He said his Lindsay manager had been enticed away by another bank, that he had diverted many thousands of dollars of deposits, and that evidently there was a conspiracy against him because of the success that had attended his efforts in bringing out a new bank, He asked for a further loan, so as to be ready for any further eventuality, and after due consideration, on the 30th of July, 1910, we advanced the bank from our capital account \$100,ooo more, at seven per cent. per annum, on adequate security. We also had a deposit with the Farmers Bank, which, under the terms of the call loan agreements covering the loans above mentioned, was secured by the collateral upon which the loans were made. This collateral was ample to secure both the loans and the deposit.

Not From Trust Funds.

"On November 2nd, 1910, a further advance was made

and further security obtained.

"We do not make such loans as these from our trust funds. These are invested under the provisions of the statute. We have, however, a large capital and surplus, statute. We have, however, a large capital and surplus, statute. amounting to over a million and a half. Frequently large sums are on hand in this account, and therefrom call loans are made to brokers, financial institutions and others, but always on adequate security.

"Until the disclosures of the Lindsay trial we were absolutely unaware of the condition of the Farmers Bank as then disclosed. We knew it was a young institution, but we believed it was sound, and that it was being well and conservatively managed by Mr. Travers.
"When the bank suspended we wrote the curator, saying that we were in no need of the moneys due us, and that

ing that we were in no need of the moneys due us, and that we would co-operate with him in any reasonable way so as to secure the greatest realization for shareholders of the

As to Legal Position.

"After giving the matter consideration, he evidently thought it better to handle our securities in connection with the other assets of the bank. An arrangement was made under which we have been paid off in full, and have handed over our securities to the liquidator, he reserving the right to look into our legal position.

to look into our legal position.

"Between the time of the suspension of the bank and the making of the above arrangement, we collected many thousands of dollars on our securities, and there is no doubt but that we would have repaid ourselves in full within a

short time longer.'

BANK PRESIDENT'S CASE.

Owing to the absence in Florida, of Mr. F. W. Stair, principal witness of Mr. Hartley Dewart, K.C., defendant's counsel, the case of Col. J. H. Munro, president, Farmers Bank, did not proceed before Judge Winchester on Thursday. Col. Munro is charged with signing false bank returns. day. Col. Munro is charged with signing laist bulk to the case will come up at the Sessions, which commence on March 7th.

TWO OTHER BANK CASES ADJOURNED.

Mr. Matthew Wilson, K.C., who appeared in the conspiracy charge on behalf of Mr. J. J. Warren, himself appeared in the police court yesterday with Mr. W. S. Morden, assisin the police court yesterday with Mr. W. S. Morden, assistant manager of the Trusts and Guarantee Company. The information reads: "Did consp.re, confederate and agree with W. R. Travers, vice-president and general manager of the Farmers Bank, to obtain the said W. R. Travers to give the Trust and Guarantee Company fraudulent, undue and unfair preference over other creditors of the said Farmers Bank of Canada by changing the nature and claims of the said Trust and Guarantee Company against the said Farmers Bank of Canada."

when the bank was apparently in a prosperous condition, its paid-up capital being over half a million dollars, and its deposits over one million dollars, its general manager came to us for a call loan of \$75,000. This was about the end of January, 1910.

Another Bank Enticed Manager.

"Travers said that another bank had enticed away his manager at Haileybury, and that the latter had diverted about \$50,000 of deposits. He further said that he had taken care of this, but he wanted a loan from us so that if there were a sudden demand he would be prepared, pending a realization of the bank's securities. He assured us that the bank was in sound condition, but claimed that he was being subjected to unfair competition from other banks. Following this application, on February 5th, 1910, we made a loan of

COVERNMENT WILL TAKE NO ACTION.

In replying to a question of Mr. David Henderson in the House at Ottawa, on Thursday, Mr. Fielding said:

"The government have no reason to doubt that the exercise of the powers given to the liquidators, and the proceeding now engaging the attention of the Courts of Justice in Toronto, will lead to a full investigation into the disclosure of all the affairs of the bank. Should anything arise later to indicate that the investigation is insufficient, the question as to appointing a Royal Commission can be further considered. The government deeply regrets that a number of people, who are not well able to bear the loss, are likely to suffer from the failure of the bank, but, in the judgment of the government, it would not be wise to exempt them from the provisions of the banking Act."

In the Banking and Commerce Committee of the Commons, when a bill to incorporate the Hudson Bay Mortgage Corporation was under consideration. The suggestion was made by Mr. S. Barker, Hamilton, that at least half of the proposed capital of \$100,000 should be "deposited in cash" in some chartered bank prior to organization. Hon. Mr. Fielding accepted the suggestion.

Hon. W. J. Bowser's insurance bill passed second reading without opposition at the British Columbia Legislature recently. The bill would not affect mutual insurance companies within the province to a great extent and no outside company could operate in British Columbia without a license for which \$250 must be paid, besides a deposit of \$20,000 being placed in the treasury. Anyone insuring in an unlicensed company must do so by correspondence and must pay to the government a taxation of two per cent. per annum on his insurance premiums. The super ntendent of insurance would be given power to examine the books in the head office of the licensed company, though such head office might be outside the province. If the company refused to allow inspection the Minister of Finance might cancel its license.

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Mr. H. W. McBride, president of the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada, is to make an extensive trip in Ontario, visiting the various local associations. His itinerary is as follows:—March 1st, Wednesday, Windsor; 2nd, Thursday, St. Thomas; 3rd and 4th, Friday and Saturday, London; 6th and 7th, Monday and Tuesday, Brantford; 8th, Wednesday, Guelph; 9th, Thursday, Waterloo Assurance; 10th and 11th, Friday and Saturday, Stratford; 13th and 14th, Monday and Tuesday, Owen Sound; 15th to 18th, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Toronto; 20th to 21st, Monday and Tuesday, Hamilton; 22nd, Wednesday, St. Catharines; 23rd to 24th, Thursday and Friday, Peterboro; 25th and 27th, Saturday and Monday, Belleville; 28th, Tuesday, Kingston; 20th, Wednesday, Brockville; 30th and 31st, Thursday and Friday, Toronto.

According to advance figures, the new life assurance of the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, of London, England, last year amounted to \$9,050,000 gross, and \$6,736,500 net. Consideration money received for immediate annuities granted amounted to \$415,500. Sinking fund and investment assurances effected amounted to \$2,944,000 gross, all of which figures compare favorably with those of the previous year. The directors have decided that the reversionary bonus on full bonus policies in force on December 31st, 1910, shall be \$17 per \$1,000 on the sums assured as against \$16 per \$1,000 declared at the previous valuation. The interim bonus for next quinquennium will be \$17 per \$1,000 on endowment assurances, which mature therein, and \$12.50 per \$1,000 on whole life and endowment assurances which may become claims by death. The head office of the company for Canada is at Montreal. Messrs. R. MacD. Paterson and J. B. Paterson are joint managers; and Mr. H. B. F. Bingham is life superintendent.

A return presented to the House of Commons by the Railway Department shows that the Dominion Government has paid in subsidies to the Atlantic, Quebec & Western Railway, the enterprise in which so much money of the Charing Cross Bank of London was sunk, a total sum of \$396,902. There have been completed 53.75 miles, and there remain to be constructed 48.65 miles. The return states that the total cost of the part constructed has been \$2,451,550, but in his examination in bankruptcy in London on January 26th, A. W. Carpenter said that he had expended £800,000 (nearly \$4,000,000). The department estimates the cost of completion at \$769,568, but Carpenter said that it could be completed for £30,000 or £40,000. All the subsidies were paid over to the Bank of Montreal, which held a power of attorney for the company. The company has been asked to furnish a list of its shareholders, directors and officers, as well as a statement of the amounts paid out for directors' fees and for promotion expenses, together with a statement as to whom the amounts were paid.

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY

Company Applies to Quebec for Charter—Perpetuity Clause
Occasions Discussion —Action Cause of Much Comment

Monetary Times Office,

Montreal, February 22nd.

Few were prepared for the announcement from Quebec, concerning the Montreal Street Railway Company. The company has applied to Quebec to obtain a charter for the Montreal Tramways Company, with capital of \$20,000,000. Authority is asked to acquire under a capitalization acceptable to the Public Utinities Commission, four properties, namely, the Montreal Street Railway, Montreal Park and Island, the Montreal Terminal Railway and the Public Service Corporation, which latter was formerly the Montreal and Surburban. These companies are owned by the Montreal Street Railway and operate under different charters in different parts of the island. Two of them are under Federal and two under Provincial charters, so that the Public Utilities Commission has power over only two of them. The issued securities of the companies is now as follows:—

\$16,064,034 \$315,000 \$11,720,900

Powers are asked to operate on the roads of the Island of Montreal, Isles Jesus and Bizard, and to carry freight and passengers, under such regulations as may be approved of by the Public Utilities Commission. The company also asks power to build and operate underground railways throughout the districts mentioned, all of which are in the vicinity of Montreal.

Perpetuity Clause Occasions Discussion.

A clause occasioning discussion is that by which the company asks for the exclusive right, in perpetuity, of carry ing out and performing the services referred to. Another clause provides that if the city and the company cannot agree upon the terms by which these services are to be performed, within thirty days from the publication of the Act in the official gazette, the whole question will be placed in the hands of the Public Utilities Commission of the Province of Quebec, which will have the right of deciding upon the terms by which the Montreal Tramways Company and the

city shall deal with each other.

The present effort at Quebec is only a link in the chain of financial events, which Montreal has been watching for some time past. Mr. E. A. Robert, the president of the Montreal Street Railway, and the vice-president of the Canadian Light and Power Company, first came prominently before the public in connection with a fight between him and a subsidiary company of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company. Mr. Robert had given an option on a waterpower near Montreal, subject to certain conditions. Apparently the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company did not want the new waterpower at the end of the option period, but neglected to so inform Mr. Robert. A long legal fight ensued and the matter went before the Privy Council. Mr. Robert won and came out of the deal with somewhere about \$350,000.

Mr. Robert Meets With Opposition.

Next Mr. Robert acquired the waterpower in the old Beauharnois Canal. At every step in the formation of a company and in the development of the power he met opposition from established interests. About this time Mr. J. W. McConnell became interested and the financing of the Canadian Light and Power Company, with the Beauharnois power as its basis, thenceforth, became easier.

Last year exceptional activity appeared in Montreal Street Railway and the price advanced many points, while an enormous turnover took place. It was reported that the Canadian Power interests were the purchasers. It was the Canadian Power people, but now strengthened with some of the strongest and most aggressive people, in the Dominion. The old board of the Street Railway resented the action of the "new regime," but they had practically lost control before they knew what was going on. When the annual meeting came the merger between the Montreal Street Railway and the Canadian Power was not brought forward since received any public attention. The directors of the two concerns are practically identical.

Company Receives Complaints.

With surprising unanimity complaints concerning the overcrowding of cars, infrequency of operation, etc., developed all over the city, in the daily press and down at the

City Hall. The council called upon the company to extend lines in certain directions and to give a better service. The company claimed it was living up to its contract, but stated that if a new arrangement could be made concerning the franchise, which now has about a dozen years to run it was unwilling to enter into a conference over the whole matter. Meantime the price of Montreal Street Railway stock and of Canadian Power stock declined until the former was

217 and the latter under 50.
Last Saturday City Controller Wanklyn submitted to the company a number of proposals to he granted the city in

return for an extension of franchise.

The companny proposed that if it could not come to a decision with the c.ty on the various questions at issue within thirty days from the publication of the Act it would submit the whole matter to the Public Utilities Commission and accept the decision. This is apparently not what the city council wanted, as a protest has been raised against the

Action Cause of Much Comment.

There has not been any development in the city of Montreal for a long time, which has caused so much comment in finacial and civic circles as well as among the citizens generally. That the company in not only accepting the suggestion of submitting the matter to the Public Utilities Commission, but by proposing to go still further and practically remove the whole topic from either its own or the city's jurisdiction, by handing it over to the commission, is generally allowed.

by handing it over to the commission, is generally allowed. It is certainly taking advantage of a body, which it was generally supposed had been created for the specific purpose of curbing the ambitions of public utility companies and which, it was thought, would be feared by them.

Althought the Council may succeed in defeating the bill, it would seem that the Public Utilities Commission has power to do all the Montreal Street Railway asks. The merger of the three companies, the building of the lines of the company, the fares and the terms are all subject to the control of the commission, and the legislature at Quebec control of the commission, and the legislature at Quebec has provided that in case the orders of the commissioners are not carried out they may take over a public utility com-

pany and operate it themselves.

It could hardly have been intended to take matters of this nature entirely out of the hands of the city or to grant the city of the city or to grant the city of the perpetual franchises. On this latter point there is likely to be scrong opposition offered at Quebec.

RECENT FIRES.

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

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

St. John, N.B.-Lighthouse tower on Grindstone Island destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Lucan, Ont.—Residence of Mr. Thomas McCann destroyed. Loss about \$500. Origin unknown.

Eramosa Township, Ont.—Farm owned by Mr. John
Readwin destroyed. Loss and origin unknown.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Frame building on University grounds
destroyed Loss about \$400. Origin unknown.

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Portage la Prairie, Man.—C.P.R. station damaged. Loss

unknown. Origin, cigar stub carelessly thrown.

Berlin, Ont.—Buildings of Mr. Frank Carruthers, poulcryman, destroyed Loss estimated at \$400. Origin unknown.

Chatham, Ont.—House occupied by Mr. J. W. Shaw, 182

Selkirk Street, badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$200. Origin unknown. ig.n unknown.

Sydney, N.S.—Office of Dominion Steel Company badly laged. Loss estimated at \$1,000. Origin, overturned Origin, overturned

damaged. Lo

Kingston, Ont.—Post office at Kingston Junction, owned by Mr. Alex. Campbell, destroyed. Loss estimated at \$5,000.

Origin unknown. Toronto, Ont.—Packing room of Sherwin Williams store-room, 88 York Street, damaged. Loss estimated at \$200.

Origin unknown.
St. Gatharines.—Building occupied by Erskine's drug store, Jacobis' restaurant and Ross' fruit store, destroyed.

The astimated at \$2,500. Origin, cigar stub carelessly Loss estimated at \$2,500.

Ont .- Works owned by Messrs. Tolton Bros., Huskisson Street badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$2,000. Origin, supposed ignition while tapping barrel of japan. Insured with the following companies: Gore District. Perth Mutual and Western, Waterloo Mutual, London Insurance,

Norw.ch Union, Perth Mutual, Home Insurance Company and the Allan Insurance Company. The list is subject to

Montreal, Que.-Corporation carpenter shop at corner of Delorimier Avenue and Ontario Street destroyed. Loss un-known. Origin, defective wire. House of Mr. Narcisse Leclerc, 945 Rose de Lima Street, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown. igin unknown. Grocery warehouse of Messrs. D. C. Brosseau & Company, Notre Dame Street, destroyed, also Regina Shoe Company's prem.ses badly damaged. Loss estimated Shoe Company's prem.ses badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$75,000. Origin unknown. Front block on Hutchison Street destroyed, including twelve flats. Loss estimated at \$15,000. Origin unknown. Building at corner of Elm Avenue and St. Catherine Street badly damaged. Loss about \$5,000. Origin unknown. Dry goods store of Messrs. Hart and Small, 1357 East St. Catherine Street, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown. General store of Mr. B. Diamond, 424 St. James Street, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown. Barber shop of Messrs. Slutsky Bros. 46 Dorchester Street. St. James Street, destroyed. Loss and origin unknown. Barber shop of Messrs. Slutsky Bros., 46 Dorchester Street, destroyed, also mattress and pillow factory of Messrs. J. A. Teasdale & Company, 151 Visitation Street. Loss estimated at \$1,500. Or gin, overheated furnace in barber shop and feathers in pillow factory.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

Edmunston, N.B.—Felix Herbert Hotel sustained loss of \$4,000 on stock, and \$10,000 on buildings. Insured for

Teronto, Ont.—The McNab Fur Company sustained a loss of \$6,000 on stock and \$500 on buildings. Insured in following companies: Ontario, \$2,000; Independent, \$1,000; Metropolitan, \$2,000; York, \$4,000; Monarch, \$500; Rimouski, \$7,500; Economical, \$1,500; Crown, \$2,500; Merchants,

Regina, Sask.—The fire losses for January were \$2,029.50 on buildings, and \$2,555.00 on goods and household furniture, making a total loss of \$4,584.50 on buildings and goods. The insurance in force on the above goods. The insurance in force on the above property is \$273,800.00. The insurance companies interested in the above loss and the amount paid by them is as follows: Mercantile Fire Insurance Company, \$68.33; Caledonian, Insurance Company, \$68.33; New York Underwriters, \$68.33; London Assurance Corporation, \$205.00; Queens Insurance Company, \$1,100.00; American Central Insurance Company, \$770.50; Home Insurance Company, \$700.00. Causes: Cigarette stub, cigar, defective stove, gasoline, goods too close to stove, moving picture films.

Owen Sound, Ont.—February 1st—Burning chimney at residence of Mr. Wm. Walker, 705 6th Avenue East; no damage. February 6th—Fire at residence of Mr. Alex. Campbell, 804 6th Avenue West; damage to building, about \$600.00;

804 6th Avenue West; damage to building, about \$600.00; damage to contents about \$450.00; loss paid, \$423.00; in-surance on buildings, \$900.00, in "The Ontario"; insurance on contents, \$850.00, in "The Merchants." February 6th— Burning chimney at residence of Mr. Thomas Bullyment, 785 and Avenue West. February 8th—Burning chimney at residence of Mr. John Feather, 1603 and Avenue East; no damage. February 8th—Overheated stove pipes at residence of age. February 8th—Overheated stove p pes at residence of Mr. Fred. Edwards, 958 7th Avenue East; damage to contents, \$3.00; insurance on building, \$1,100.00; on contents, \$600.00. February 10th—Fire at residence of Mrs. Mary Holmes, 1047 2nd Avenue East; damage to building, \$15.00; damage to contents, about \$3.00; insurance on building, \$800.00, in "North British"; insurance on contents, none.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Fidelity Trust Company is to be formed at Montreal with capital of \$500,000. Careful inspection of trust companies in British Columbia

Careful inspection of trust companies in British Columbia is to be made by the provincial government.

The Trust and Loan Company of Canada made an issue of £300,000 in London this month. The head office of this company is in London, the president being Sir Vincent Caillard. The company was established in 1845 and according to the last returns made to the Dominion Government, dated September, 1909, the dividend declared during the year was 6 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent., amounting altogether to \$146,000. The subscribed capital stock is \$10,706,666, of which \$1,946,666 has been paid. Debentures payable out of Canada amounted to \$8,647,809. Among the assets were current loans secured on real estate \$10,941,467. The estimated value of real estate under mortgage was The estimated value of real estate under mortgage \$31,082,713.

The new building erected by the Sterling Bank at Fort Erie will be ready for occupancy within a week.

SPECIAL REPORT ON CANADIAN LIFE CO.

The special report made for the Dominion Government respecting the affairs of the Canadian Guardian Life Assurance Company was printed in these columns last week.

The following table shows share cancellations volun-

April 30, Dec. 31 " 31 Nov. 22	of tion. , 1906. , 1908. , 1909.	"	ence	164,500 67,700 10,800	Paid thereon. \$ 1,560 16,450 6,770 1,080
				\$253,800	\$25,900
31	, 1909.	Dr. G. B	Spence Smith	5,000	500 500 500

There was also surrendered voluntarily—

\$15,000

\$1,500

Nov. 18, 1907. E. C. Spence 22,700 3,405

The payments making up the \$3,405 were by notes to the company which were also surrendered by the company when the subscriptions were cancelled.

DOMINION MARBLE COMPANY.

The Dominion Marble Company is to be formed. Mr. C. J. McCuaig is one of the organizers. Mr. R. T. Hopper is to be president and Mr. Brown, who was in the employ of the Missisquoi Marble Company is to be manager. The company's quarries are located at South Stukeley, Que. The southern portions of the province, in the vicinity of the Eastern Townships, would seem to be rich in natural products such as marble and asbestos. Only one marble company of consequence has been operating this being the Missisquoi.

The Missisquoi Marble Company has been in existence for some years although only recently its operations have become remunerative. The company has a capitalization of \$500,000 besides which it has a bond issue of \$150,000 sixes. Mr. Henry Timmis, formerly of Messrs. Dale & Company, is managing director. The president is Mr. H. W. Richardis managing director. The president is Mr. H. W. Richardson, of Kingston, grain exporter and vessel owner, the vice-president being Mr. R. J. Dale, of Messrs. Dale & Company, Montreal, there being also on the board Mr. J. W. McConnell, of Messrs. Johnson, McConnell and Allison; Mr. William Mann, president of the Stock Yards Company; Mr. W. J. Morrice, of the Canadian Cottons and Mr. F. H. Ewing, vice-president of The Molsons Bank, all of Montreal; Mr. James Playfair, of the Midland Navigation Company and Mr. Geo. R. Crowe, grain merchant. Winnipeg.

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The Missisquoi Company owns marble quarries at Phillipsburg, on Missisquoi Bay, Lake Champlain and has its own railway connecting Phillipsburg with Stanbridge, a distance of six miles. Connection is made with the Central Vermont and the Canadian Pacific Railway. The company has sufficient orders to keep it busy for two years to come. Among these is one for \$100,000 for the new Transportation Building Montreal. The Missisquoi Company began paying 6 per cent, on its common stock not long ago and there is talk of an increase in dividend.

DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Pleasant Valley S.D., Sask.-\$800 61/2 per cent. 10 years

to Messrs. National Finance Company, Regina.

Collingwood S.D., Sask.—\$1,000 6½ per cent. 10 years, to Messrs. National Finance Company, Regina.

Lindsay, Ont.—\$55,000 4½ per cent. 30-year debentures,

to Messrs. Dominion Bond Company, Toronto.

Taber School District, Alta.—\$18,000 5 per cent. 30 years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

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

Wilkie Bay S.D., Sask.—\$1,200 6½ per cent. 6 years, to Messrs. Nay & James Regina.

to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina. Hohenloke, Sask.—\$800 6 per cent. 10 years, to Messrs.

Nay & James, Regina. Ryley, Alta. -\$2,000 6 per cent. 10 years, to Messrs. Nay

& James, Regina.

Bath, Ont.—\$5,000 4 per cent. 20 instalments, to Messrs.

C. H. Burgess & Company, Toronto.

Collingwood, Ont.—\$3,100 5 per cent. 10 years, to Messrs.

Brent, Noxon & Company, Toronto.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing Houses for the weeks ended February 17th, 1910; February 9th, and February 16th, 1911, with percentage change:

F	eb. 17, '10.	Feb. 9, '11.	Feb. 16, '11.	Ch	g. %
Montreal	\$36,314,553	\$40,580,044	\$40,253,772		
Toronto	26,705,727	32,123,364	31,986,939		
Winnipeg	12,879,990	14,955,674	15,285,942		
Vancouver	7,210,982	* 8,776,997	9,324,566		
Ottawa	3,701,724	3,408,732	3,645,356		
Calgary	3,172,880	2,722,009	2,577,922		
Quebec	2,418,784	2,391,553	2,036,602		
Victoria	1,584,390	2,197,504	2,400,602	+	51.5
Hamilton	1,632,996	1,710,722	1,705,175	+	4.4
Halifax	1,827,010	1,570,592	1,334,961	-	26.9
St. John	1,291,915	1,366,949	1,176,036	-	8.9
Edmonton	963,394	1.608,452	3,309,534	+:	243.5
London	1,075,430	1,171,330	1,175,785	+	9.3
Regina	648,330	810,669	939,834	+	44.9
Total\$	101.437.105	\$115,394,591	\$117,153,026	+	15.4
Brandon		450,794	471,453		
Lethbridge		385,673	309,211		
Saskatoon		776,631			
Brantford		431,391	399,377		
Moose Jaw		470,297			
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The Edmonton bank clearings show a large increase, which is due to payments into court by various banks of disputed money in connection with the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway controversy.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL NOTES.

Mr. W. A. Wykesmith, accountant of the Sudbury branch of the Sterling Bank has been appointed manager at Watford,

The Imperial Bank has opened a branch at the corner of Frederick and Yonge Streets, Davisville, with Mr. W. H. Patten in charge.

Mr. B. S. Walker, manager of the Sterling Bank, Adel-Street, Toronto, has assumed the management of the aide Street, Goderich branch.

Mr. C. L. Quig, of the head office staff of the Sterling

Mr. C. L. Quig, of the head office staff of the Sterling Bank, has been appointed acting manager of the Adelaide Street branch, Toronto.

Mr. H. H. Rowley, manager of the Bank of British North America at Brantford, has been appointed manager of the Union Bank of Canada at Ottawa.

Mr. J. A. MacArthur, accountant of the Sterling Bank, Winnipeg, is relieving the manager of the Gilbert, Plains, Man., branch during the absence of the latter, who is away on holidays.

on holidays. The Dominion Bank will open the following branches in Toronto at an early date. South-east corner of Queen Street and Lee Avenue, south-east corner of St. Clair and Vaughan, and south-east corner of Bloor and Dovercourt.

The following Ontario companies have increased their capital stock:—New Ontario Bottling Works, from \$10,000 to \$40,000; Gall Lumber Company, from \$24,000 to \$100,000; the Guelph Carpet Mills Company, from \$100,000 to \$500,000; and the Cobalt Power Company, from \$1,000,000

to \$1,500,000. Mr. Edg Mr. Edgar Tripp, Canadian commercial agent in Trinidad, reports that the branch of the Union Bank of Halifax, which had operated successfully there for some years, has now been absorbed by the Royal Bank of Canada. The bank has purchased a site in one of the most central positions in Port of Spain, and will erect a handsome office. In addition to this branch another has been opened at Sanfarrando

TENDERS FOR WATERWORKS DEBENTURES.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including March 15th, 1911, for the purchase of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) Waterworks Debentures, of the Town of Harriston, payable in thirty equal annual instalments, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. (5%) annum.

Debentures to be delivered and paid for on the 30th day

of September, 1911, and to bear interest from that date. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Any further information required will be LEONARD BRISBIN,

Treasurer, Town of Harriston.

Harriston, Ont., February 23rd, 1911.

THE SOVEREIGN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

Report of the Board of Directors for the Year Ending December 31st, 1910

To the Shareholders and Policyholders of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada:—

Your Board of Directors have much pleasure in submitting the Annual Cash Statement of The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada for the year ending December 31st, 1910, accompanied with a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities as on that date.

Your Board is pleased to report that the splendid financial position which your Company occupies to-day, as exhibited by this Statement, should, with economical management, be a guarantee of the Company's future prosperity.

The income of the Company during the year from premiums and interest amounted to \$138,856.61, being a considerable increase over last year. The interest received in cash during the year amounted to \$28,038.55, being \$9,307.77 in excess of that received during the previous year.

Careful attention has been given to the investment of the Company's funds in first-class bonds, mortgage securities and on loans on the Company's policies, fully protected by the reserves. Through the able assistance of your Directors resident in the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, your Board has invested during the year \$175.450 in first mortgages in city property and improved farm lands in Western Canada at 7 per cent. and 8 per cent., and in no case has the money advanced been in excess of 50 per cent. of the appraiser's valuation. At the close of 1910 your Company held securities, the book value of which amounts to \$492,783.10. The par value of these debentures, however, is considerably in excess of the book value, being \$507,142.40.

The total assets at the close of the year amounted to \$785,283.04, being an increase over the previous year of \$182,892.13.

It is gratifying to know that the death claims which matured during the year only amounted to \$5,376, being but 23½ per cent. of the expected claims, demonstrating the great care that has been exercised by your Medical Referee

An earnest endeavor has been made to confine the operating expenses to a reasonable limit consistent with due efforts for new business. The results show that a saving of \$7,868.31 was effected during 1910 over 1909, or slightly over 7 per cent. of your premium income.

The agents throughout the field and the Head Office staff have demonstrated their loyalty throughout the year and are entitled to much credit for their able efforts in furthering the Company's best interests.

A. E. DYMENT, President.

THE SOVEREIGN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1910.

Assets.

Municipal Debentures and Bonds	\$492,783	IO
First Mortgages on Real Estate	177,450	00
Loans and Policies secured by Legal Reserve	75,027	
Cash in Banks, Head Office and Agency	8,736	
Cash in Banks, Head Office and Highest	8,365	
Accrued Interest Premiums not	0,505	93
Net Quarterly and Semi-Annual Premiums not	. then	
yet due and Premiums in course of collec-		
continue to per cent, on first year and 5 per		00
monowold	14,195	
ander pon-tortellille agreements	2,514	48
	1,951	84
	35	07
Agency Balances reincured in other com-		
Reserve on Policies reinsured in other	4,222	10
panies	4,777	

Liabilities.

1	Liabilities.	
	Reserve Fund, Company's Standard computed to cover all the Company's Liabilities upon the total insurance in force, British Offices Om. 3 and 3½ per cent. Table	
		\$655,993 52
The state of the s	Surplus	129,289 52
		\$785,283 04
	CASH ACCOUNT, 1910.	
,	Receipts.	
	Cash at Banks, Head Office and Agency, January	
f		
-	Promiums less re-assurances	110,790 00
1	Tatament	1-7- 22
d	Condrige	72 72
1	Proceeds of Share Calls	BURE STORY
a		\$285,673 71
y		
	Disbursements.	at the second
r	Death Claims	\$ 7,625 00
S	C Janed Delicies \$11,124 92	
	Policy Loans Transfer	8.058.07
,	Policy Loans (net)	. 19,320 60
of		
,,	Dehentures (net)	. 12,409 20
	Operating Expenses:	
h	Hand Office Expenses, including	
ie		
e.	Directors' Actuary and Au-	
	ditors' Fees \$ 1/,/04	0
1e	Agency Expenses, including	ne with the
16	Rents Salaries, Commissions,	0
y		
	cal Fees 4,200 3	
	License Fees 2,071 0	
CE	Law Costs 1,522 2	
r	Miscellaneous Expenses 4,739 4	2 5 (1) (44)
	\$ 41,573	
	Extraordinary Expenses 12,500 C	0 54.072.01
		54,073 01
	Cash at Banks, Head Office and Agency, 315	8,736 93
	December, 1910	-

Audited and found correct.

HARRY VIGEON,
T. WATSON SIME,
Auditors, Chartered Accountants.

\$285,673 71

The following Shareholders' Directors were elected for the year 1911: A. E. Dyment, Toronto; R. R. Scott, Winnipeg; Thomas Baker, London; Stephen Noxon, Ingersoll; S. H. White, Sussex, N.B.; H. J. Meiklejohn, Toronto, and the tollowing Policyholders' Directors; J. W. Thompson, Toronto; W. Sanford Evans, Winnipeg; Robert J. Munro, Peterborough.

At a Directors' meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected:

A. E. Dyment, Toronto, President; Stephen Noxon, Ingersoll, First Vice-President; S. H. White, Sussex, N.B.; Second Vice-President; John McClelland, Treasurer; H. J. Meiklejohn, Managing Director; Sidney H. Pike and John Ferguson. Thomas Allen was elected Secretary and James Hayes Assistant Secretary.

THE

FEDERAL LIFE

ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada was held at the Company's Home Office in Hamilton, Tuesday, 21st February, 1911, at 2 p.m., Mr. David Dexter in the chair, Mr. W. H. Davis acting as Secretary.

The Annual Keport, as follows, was read and adopted, on motion of the President, Mr. Dexter, seconded by Dr. M.

Your Directors have the honor to present the Report and Financial Statement of the Company for the year which closed 31st December, 1910, duly vouched for by the Auditors.

The new business of the year consisted of two thousand

six hundred and forty-three applications for insurance, aggregating \$3,897,933.01, of which two thousand five hundred and twenty-seven applications for \$3,720,436.21 were accepted.

As in previous years, the income of the Company shows a gratifying increase, and the assets of the Company have been increased by \$352,493.55, and have now reached \$3,-

996,443.08, exclusive of guarantee capital.

The security for Policyholders, including guarantee capital, amounted at the close of the year to \$4,866.443.08, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, including \$25,000 set aside as a special addition to policy reserves, amounted to \$3,720.855.00, showing a surplus of \$1,145,588.08. Exclusive of uncalled guarantee capital the surplus to Policyholders was \$275,588.08.

Policies on one hundred and nine lives became claims through death, to the amount of \$192,734.16.

Including Cash Dividends and Dividends applied to the

reduction of premiums, with annuities, the total payment to Policyholders amounted to \$339,897.07.

Careful attention has been given to the investment of the Company's funds, in first-class bonds, mortgage securities and loans on the Company's policies, amply secured by re-serves. Our investments have yielded a very satisfactory serves. Our i

Expenses have been confined to a reasonable limit, consistent with due efforts for new business. The results of the year indicate a most gratifying progress. Compared with the preceding year, the figures submitted by the Directors for your approval show an advance of nearly ten per cent.

The assurances carried by the Company now amount to \$22,309,929.42, upon which the Company holds reserves to the full amount required by law, and, in addition thereto, a

considerable surplus.

The field officers and agents of the Company are intelligent and loyal, and are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the Company's interests. The members of the office staff have also proved faithful to the Company's service.

Your Directors are pleased to be able to state that the business of the Company for the current year has been of a very satisfactory character, and that the outlook for the future is most encouraging.

DAVID DEXTER, President and Managing Director.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Federal Life Assurance

Gentlemen,-We have carefully audited the books and records of your Company for the year ending 31st December last, and have certified to their accuracy.

The Cash and Journal Vouchers have been closely examined and agree with the entries recorded.

The Debentures, Bonds, etc., in the possession of the Company have been inspected, whilst those deposited with the Government have been verified by certificate, the total agreeing with the amount as shown in the Statement of

The accompanying Statement, viz., Revenue and Expenditure. Assets and Liabilities, show the result of the year's operations and also the financial position of the Company.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. SCOTT, F.C.A., CHARLES STIFF, C.A.,

Hamilton, 1st February, 1911.

Auditors.

Financial Statement for 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Premium	and Annui	rofits	\$ 767,460 3	38		
Interest,	Rents and	Flonts	103,493	-\$.950,953	38

DISBURSEMENTS.

All Other Payments	339,897 07 250,388 30 360,668 01)
Balance		\$ 950,953 38

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31st. 1910.

3	Debentures and Bonds	\$1,601,399	00)	
	Mortgages	961,552	79	
	Loans on Policies, Bonds, Stocks,	703,582	98	
	All Other Assets	729,908	22 \$3,996,443	08
-			10100-1110	

LIABILITIES.

-	Reserve Fund	\$3,656,001	00
1	serves	25,000	00
1	Death Losses, awaiting proofs	29,032	
1	Other Liabil ties	10,822	00
	Surplus on Policyholders' Account	275,588	08
	Assets	\$3,996,443 870,000	\$3,996,443.0
	Total Security \$ Policies were Issued Assuring		

The following Directors were elected: Dr. M. H. Aikins, F. F. Dalley, David Dexter, David A. Dunlap, John I. Grover, Thomas C. Haslett, John B. Holden, F. J. Howell, John Lennox, R. G. O. Thomson, W. G. Watson, Charles

Total Insurance in Force.... 22,309,929 42

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers were elected: David Dexter, President and Managing Director; Dr. M. H. Aikins and Thomas C. Haslett, Vice-Presidents; Dr. A. Woolverton, Medical Referee; Thomas C. Haslett, Solicitor.

Messrs. David Dexter, David A. Dunlap, John B. Holden, R. G. O. Thomson, Charles Wurtele, Executive Committee.

A banking firm acting for one of the parties interested announced that the Bewick-Moreing Company, the well-known English mining house, has taken over the development of fifty of the Timmins, McMartin & Dunlap claims other than the Hollinger and Miller-Middleton group in Porcupine. The Powish Moreing angineers are to work at one and an ex-Bewick-Moreing engineers are to work at one, and an expenditure in development of \$500,000 has been provided. It depth should be settled.

is stated that the ore body on the Hollinger property is now proven down to 200 feet, and for a total length of twelve hundred feet on one vein. On the Rea mines, the holding of Consolidated Goldfields in Porcupine, the diamond drill shows free gold values at a depth of 200 feet, and as the Dome have assurance of permanence to four hundred feet the question of

C. S. RILEY,

Manager.

The Northern Trusts Company

Head Office

George F	Galt President
George R	Crowe Vice-President
R. T. Ril	ey Managing Director

DIRECTORS

J. H. Ashdown	J. A. M. Aikins, K.C.	R. D. McNaughton
P. Burns.	J. H. Brock.	A. M. Nanton.
D. K. Elliott.	J. Hanbury.	J. Robinson.
G. V. Hastings.	A. Macdonald	Capt. W. Robinson.
G. W. Allan.	J. A. McDougall.	F. W. Stobart.
Capital Subs	cribed	\$1,500,000
	tal	

BALANCE SHEET 31st December, 1910

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Capital Stock sub-	Mortgages on Real
scribed \$1,500,000.00	Estate\$1,310,783.22
Sixty per cent. call	Interest accrued
paid up 900,000.00	and due 72,598.04
Payment in advance	Cash on hand and
of calls 368,982.01	in Banks 29,979.53
Profit and Loss Sur-	Furniture and Fix-
plus 133.180.69	tures 2,182,78
Loans not completed 13,380.87	\$1,415,543.57
\$1,415,543.57	Investments, Guar-
Guaranteed Funds	anteed, Trust and
for investment \$1,450,894.91	Agency 2,936,984.68
Trusts and Estates	Cash in Bank 205,284.86
Funds for in-	3,142,269.54
vestment 1,691,374.63	Estates and Trusts
3,142,269.54	-Assets under
Estates and Trusts	Administration. 1,634,911.26
—Unrealized As-	1,634,911.26
sets1,634,911.26	
1.634.911.26	

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.

\$6,192,724.37

\$6,192,724.37

Net Profit for year after deducting all expenses, including Cost of
Management, Directors' Fees, Loan Commissions, etc\$110,743.55
Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 31st December, 1909 93,927.44
\$204.670
Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 6 per cent per annum

The above Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement, which will be submitted at the Sixth Annual Meeting of The Northern Trusts Company, to be held in May, exhibits a continued and steady growth in every department and a comparison of these figures with those in the Balance Sheet of last year shows that during the year 1910:

The Paid-up Capital has increased by \$125,000.

The Guaranteed Investments have increased by \$435,000.

The Trusts and Estates Funds have increased by \$475,000.

And in making a comparison of this figure it must be taken into consideration that many trusts have been disposed of during the year and new ones taken in.

The total Assets under administration by the Company have increased by \$1,000,000 during the year, and the total amount of cash handled in that period was \$1,513,221.63 in excess of that handled during the previous year.

The Cash Dividend paid to Shareholders has increased from \$59,752.14 to \$71,490.30. The net surplus on Profit and Loss Account shows an increase from \$29,050 to \$39,250, and the total surplus at the credit of Profit and Loss has been increased from

\$93,927 to \$133,180. The above financial statement and the several facts submitted show the progress of The Northern Trusts Company to have been satisfactory indeed, so much so, in fact, that the Directors, who feel assured of the sound and profitable basis on which the Company is formed, at a recent meeting held by them, decided to declare a dividend payable at the rate of seven per cent. per annum until further notice, and this will leave a reasonable amount to add to Profit and Loss Account from year to year.

INSURANCE COMPANY

Head Office Winnipeg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

R. T. RILEY Vice-President and Man. Dir J. A. M. Aikins, K. C. R. J. Campbell	J	Γ.	H.	ASHDOWN			Presi	dent.
J. A. M. Aikins, K. C. R. J. Campbell								
				J. A. M. Aikins, K. C.	R. J. Can	pbell		
G. R. Crowe John Galt				G. R. Crowe	John Gal	lt		

George V. Hastings. C. S. RILEY, Manager and Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET as on December 31st, 1910

ate, Bonds and Debentures 677,000.00 and Bank Balances 1,078.57 42,376.10	Cash on hand and on Deposit with Bankers Investments—First Mortgages on Real Esta Accrued Interest to date on Investments a Net Balances due by Agents Office Furniture, Fixtures and Plans (less d
\$832,809.59	
L TTES.	LTABIL
The Control of the Co	To the Public—
	Reinsurance Premiums payable Reserve for Outstanding Losses Do. Unearned Premiums
	To the Shareholders—
\$500,000.00 140,621.85 	Capital Stock, fully paid
\$832,809.59	Certified by Edwards & Ronald, Chartered Accountants.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

To the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be held in the Office of the Company, Tuesday, 14th February, 1911.

Financial Statement for the year ended December 31st, 1910, duly audited and

Your Directors would report a satisfactory increase in premium income consistent with conservative underwriting, and that a Profitable business has been transacted.

The usual half-yearly dividends at the rate of 6% per annum have been paid.

During the year a new Insurance Act has become operative, changing the basis of Reserve for unearned premiums on policies in force, by reason of which \$46,415.28 is transferred from our Reserve to Surplus Account. A net profit in underwriting for the year of \$61,049.63, and an excess of interest earned over dividends paid of \$4,202.48, added to the balance carried forward from last year of \$28,954.46, shows a surplus on Shareholders' Account of \$140,621.85.

After providing for all liabilities and he legal Government Reserve, there is a clear surplus for the further protection of policy holders of \$640,621.85.

EXTRACT FROM PROCEEDINGS AT SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

J. H. Ashdown, President, in moving the adoption of the report, outlined the growth of the Company during the past fit en years, showing its steady progress. The Company has been built up on sound business principles and takes its place in the front rank with other successful western financial institutions. The statement presented shows that it furnishes ample protestion to its policy holders and satisfactory returns to its shareholders.

R. T. Riley, Vice-President, seconding the motion to adopt, stated:

The motto of the Company has been company in the fire insurance business, at the statement could now be made without fear of contradiction. The success of the Company is due to a practical application of the stock phrases "economy in administration" and "selection of business," which are used by many companies for advertising purposes only.

THE CANADIAN FIRE NORTHERN MORTGAGE COMPANY OF CANADA

Head Office Winnipeg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

G. V Hastings President.

D. K. Elliott. Vice-President.

R. T. Riley, Managing Director. J. H. Ashdown. G. F. Galt.

Capt. Wm. Robinson. F. W. Stobart.

J. A. McDougall.

J. H. Brock. G. R. Crowe. J. Hanbury.

R. D. McNaughton.

A. Macdonald.

THE MONETARY TIMES

Jerry Robinson.

BALANCE SHEET as at December 31st, 1910

ASSETS

Mortgage Loans Interest due and accrued. Canadian Bank of Commerce—Cash on hand Organization Expenses—Charter, etc	
Capital Stock— Authorized	\$10,000,000.00
Issued and Subscribed	3,000,000.00
First Call of 10% on Issued Stock	
Add Amounts paid in advance of calls	\$ 296,890.00 42,996.76
Paid up Capital Stock	\$ 339,886.76 \$ 1,374.09
Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Auditors.	\$ 341,260.85

The First Annual General Meeting of the Northern Mortgage Company of Canada was held on Monday, the 30th of January, 1911, and at this Meeting the Balance Sheet as published above was submitted, together with the report of the Directors to the

The statement of the Company's operations covered a period of three months only but, during that time, it was shown that after payment of the commission for the securing of all loans, and all expenses, less the actual organization expenses, and of the commission to December 31st, payable to The Northern Trusts Company, in accordance with the agreement entered into, the net profits for the period were \$1,374.09.

The \$3,000,000 of stock issued by the Company was subscribed for, in full, within two months after same was put on the market, and the only expenses incurred by the Company for organization was the \$1,200.00 odd, paid for the Charter, and the cost of procuring same, the cost of printing and sending out the prospectuses, and the advertising, in all, amounting to \$2,091.31.

The Shareholders' funds were invested, on the average, within two weeks of the time that they were received by the Company, and the average rate of interest earned was over 71/2% per annum.

The meeting was unanimous in confirming the issue of \$1,000,000 of Debenture Stock at a rate of interest not to exceed 5% per annum, as opportunity may offer.

After the appointment of the Auditors and the passing of the By-laws, the election of the Directors followed, with the result that the present Board was re-elected without

It was felt by all that the Company had made a most satisfactory start and that the prospects for a very successful year during 1911 were exceedingly bright.

Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the

LONDON LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Shareholders and Policyholders of the London Life Insurance Company was held at the Company's Head Office, London, Canada, Feb. 13, 1911.

The President, Mr. John McClary, occupied the chair, and there were present a number of Shareholders and Policyholders.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Manager and Secretary, J. G. Richter, F. A. S., after which the following report and financial statement were submitted:

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The directors of the London Life Insurance Company sub-

mit herewith the Audited Financial Statement of the Company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.

During the year 35,095 Applications for Insurance, amounting to \$6,180,141.50, were accepted, and Policies issued therefor for.

The net Premium and Interest Receipts of the year were respectively \$669,379.01 and \$172,714.31, a total of \$842,093.32, an increase over the previous year of \$87,785.60.

The payments to Policyholders, or heirs, for Cash Profits, Surrender Values, Matured Endowments and Death Claims, aggregated \$316,672.30, an increase over the previous year of \$71.021.42

\$71,021.42.
The Insurance in force on the Company's books at the

The Insurance in force on the Company's books at the close of the year, after deducting all re-insurances, aggregated \$16,795,393.05, under 91,398 policies, an increase of 8,791 policies, for insurance of \$2,605,779.90 for the year.

The Company's Assets, consisting of first mortgages on real estate and other high-class securities, amount to \$3,255,950.15, an increase of \$328,894.45 over the previous year. The interest and other payments falling due during the year were well met, and no losses were incurred in this connection. well met, and no losses were incurred in this connection.

The liabilities of the Company under outstanding policies, and in all other respects, have been provided for in the most ample manner, the whole amounting to \$3,094,287.23. The surplus on Policyholders' Account, exclusive of Subscribed but uncalled Capital, is \$161,662.92; and after deducting Paid-up Capital, the net surplus over all Liabilities and Capital, is

Owing to the rapid growth of the Company's business, the Owing to the rapid growth of the Company's business, the Head Office accommodation is proving inadequate for the Company's present and prospective requirements, and your Directors commenced, during the latter part of the year, the erection of such addition to the Head Office building as will meet the reasonable requirements in this connection. It is expected that the building will be fully completed during 1911.

JOHN G. RICHTER, F.A.S., Manager and Secretary. JOHN McCLARY, President.

Synopsis of Financial Statement REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.		
"Industrial" premiums	\$359,932	05
"Ordinary" premiums	309,446	96
Interest on investments	172,714	31
	\$842,093	32
Disbursements.		-
Paid policyholders or heirs	\$316,672	30
All other disbursements	295.298	31
Balance to Investment Account	230,122	71
	\$842,093	32
BALANCE SHEET.		
Assets.		
Mortgages, Debentures and Stocks	\$2,897,610	61
Loans on policies and other invested assets	205,629	
Outstanding and deferred premiums	66,366	
Interest due and accrued	86,344	22
	\$3,255,950	15
Liabilities.		_
Reserve on Policies in force	\$2,904,843	00
Accomplating and accruing profits	43.222	00
Investment Reserve and Contingent Funds ar	ıd	
-ther lightlities	146,222	
Surplus on Policyholders' Account	161,662	92

\$3,255,950 15

I hereby certify that I have made a continuous audit of the books and accounts of The London Life Insurance Co. for the year ending December 31, 1910. Payments have been verified by proper vouchers and the postings checked. I have examined the securities and find them complete and in good order. The Policy Reserve Liability has been duly certified by the

The attached financial statement is a correct showing of the Company's affairs and is in accordance with their books on December 31st, 1910.

London, February 9th, 1911.

JAMES McMILLAN, F.C.A. (Can.) Auditor.

JOHN G. RICHTER, F. A. S.

JOHN McCLARY,

Manager and Secretary

Manager and Secretary.

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

The basis of valuation of the Company's business as at the

The basis of valuation of the Company's business as at the 31st December, 1910, was as follows:

Ordinary Business—Hm. Table of Mortality, 3½ per cent. interest1910 Business, Om. (5) Table, 3 per cent. interest. Industrial Business—Issued prior to 1st January, 1900, Combined Experience Table, 4 per cent. interest. Issued subsequent to 1st January, 1900, Farr's English Table, No. 3, 3 per cent. interest. cent interest.

The total reserve, less the reserve on policies re-insured in

other Companies, amounts to \$2,904,843.00.

It will be noted that a further advance has been made this year in the standard of valuation, and that New Ordinary Business has been placed on a 3 per cent. basis.

As in former years, all profits earned on participating policies, whether accrued and unpaid or only earned on policies upon which the next distribution falls due in 1911 or subseupon which the next distribution falls due in 1911 or subsequent thereto, have been fully accounted for in the liabilities, the total amounting to \$43,222.00. Full provision has also been made for all other liabilities of a contingent nature.

The reserves in the Ordinary Branch have been computed on the assumption that the annual premium for the current policy years have been raid and includes therefore the reserves.

policy year has been paid and includes, therefore, the reserve required to be set out of premiums deferred and outstanding at the end of the year. The amount of such premiums has been taken into account only after ample deduction has been made for all commissions due thereon and cost of collection in connection therewith.

Under the new Insurance Act an allowance is permitted in the valuation of Ordinary Policies which would mean a very considerable reduction in the reserve set aside by the company. No advantage has been taken of this in modification of the Company's high standard of valuation.

EDWARD E. REID, B.A., A.I.A.

The President, Mr. John McClary, in moving the adoption

The President, Mr. John McClary, in moving the adoption of the Report, said:

The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Company for the year ending December 31, 1910, are, as usual, very full and complete.

The past year has in many respects been one of the best in the Company's history, as is evidenced by the large increase in the amount of New Insurance written, and in both "Ordinary" and "Industrial" premium receipts.

The income from investments has also been large and very satisfactory. The Company's funds were kept well invested throughout the year at good rates of interest, and no losses of any nature were experienced in this connection.

The Death Claims during the year were normal, and, with Matured Endowments, Surrender Values and Cash Profits, aggregated \$316,672.30 paid Policyholders or heirs, or 47.3 per cent. of the premiums received.

Besides these payments, there was added to Accumulating Profits, Claims and Matured Endowments accrued, and Reinsurance Reserve, the further sum of \$246,697.00, or 36.9 percent of the premiums received, making, with the former payments, a total of 84.2 per cent paid Policyholders or heirs or set apart for their special benefit, out of the Premium Income of the year.

The Company's funds are invested in high-class securities of the year.

The Company's funds are invested in high-class securities, as will be seen by reference to the Statement of Assets. The Liabilities have been taken into account on the Company's customary stringent basis, and the Surplus of Assets over Liabilities shown, is an absolute Surplus and not subject to any diminution whatever.

at their fair market value instead of the book value at which they are maintained by the Company, and the Liabilities computed only as by law required instead of on the Company's stricter standard, the Surplus of Assets over Liabilities which might be shown under such conditions, would be very largely increased over the amounts shown in the statement.

I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the

The Vice-President, Dr. A. O. Jeffrey, K.C., in seconding

the adoption of the Report, said:

In addition to the matters referred to by the President, there are a number of very gratifying features in the state ment of the year's business which should not be overlooked.

Of the large amount paid Policyowners during the year it is noticeable that \$117,856.50 was paid to the holders of Matured Industrial Endowment Policies, by far the largest payment of the kind in Canada by any Company. The number of letters of appreciation that are constantly being received is ample evidence that the promptness with which payment of these policies has been made is affording gratification. The amount of Matured Endowments in the Ordinary Branch also shows considerable increase, and the profit results on these policies have brought from these Policyholders, without exception overgoing of the atmost satisfaction. tion, expressions of the utmost satisfaction.

The Company's record in regard to profits to Policyholders as compared with estimates, has been fully maintained, and during the year no diminution was made from the full scale of profit estimates placed in the hands of the agents many years ago. I may say that this year the profit payments are actually in excess of the old estimates.

The high standard of valuation that has always been a feature of our reports has, this year, been still further im-

On the contrary, had the Assets been taken into account proved, the new Ordinary business for the year being placed at their fair market value instead of the book value at which on a 3 per cent. interest basis, as stated in the Actuary's Report.

The excellent condition of the Company's business is again shown this year by the fact that the net advance payments in the Industrial Branch amount to nearly 50 per cent. of the total weekly debit. In the Ordinary Branch the amount of outstanding and deferred premiums again shows, proportionately, a reduction and indicates that the collections during the

year have been very satisfactory.

Towards the close of the year the Directors, finding that excellent investments, larger in amount than our funds then on hand, could be obtained, decided to anticipate the January payments, which are always large. A temporary advance from our bankers was arranged for with this end in view. The bankers state that such advance has been fully repaid, and we have now secured investments of a more productive nature than could now be obtained.

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Report.

The Report was adopted unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the agents and other employees of the Company for the very efficient manner in which their duties during the year had been discharged. The vote of thanks was briefly acknowledged on behalf of the agents by T. B. Parkinson, Superintendent of Agencies, "Ordinary" Branch; J. F. Maine, Inspector of Agencies, "Industrial" Branch, and George McBroom.

The following Directors were re-elected for the current

The following Directors were re-elected for the current year: John McClary, President; Dr. A. O. Jeffrey, K.C., Vice-President; A. S. Emery, W. F. Bullen, Sir George C. Gibbons, Thomas H. Smallman, T. W. Baker, Judge Bell (Chatham),

W. J. Christie (Winnipeg).

THREE BANK RATE REDUCTIONS.

Effect of Action by English, German and Belgian Banks is Not Marked in Canadian Money Markets.

The effect of the reduction in the Bank of England rate from 4 to 3½ per cent. last week was only slightly noticeable at Montreal, where money became a little easier. At least one bank has new money to loan at the prevailing rate of 5½ per cent. In most cases banks report little change in conditions. Some brokers complain of the high rates at Montreal, stating New York money brings from 2 to 2½ per cent. and London and European money has been comparatively easy for several weeks. In all probability cheaper money will prevail early here in March. Money is easy in Toronto.

Western Reports are Good.

Money conditions at Winnipeg are a little easier. Renewed calls were made in some quarters, the rate to brokers remains at 5½ per cent. The slack market in London, New York, and Eastern Ontario has had little effect in Western Canada. The Winnipeg money market is in good shape and collections are fair to good.

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The supplies of money forwarded to New York have been so ample that notwithstanding the refusal of some of the large banks to release funds at present prices interest rates are still seeking lower levels. It is said that there is much idle cash piled in some of the New York lending institutions.

Dear Money in Germany.

The Berlin bank rate was reduced on Saturday from 41/2 The Berlin bank rate was reduced on Saturday from 4½ to 4 per cent. A reduction had been anticipated since the Bank of England reduced its rate on the previous Thursday. The last reduction was from 5 per cent. to 4½ per cent., made on February 7, following, as in this case, similar action in London. The rate remained at 4 per cent. from February 10, 1910, to September 26. It has not been below 4 per cent. since September, 1909, and the new 4 per cent. rate is below the average for the time of year. There has not been a 3 per cent. bank rate in Berlin since September, 1905. Money continues relatively dearer and capital scarcer in Germany than in any of the great markets of the world.

The rate of discount of the National Bank of Belgium was reduced on Saturday from 5 to 4½ per cent.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL AND COAL COMPANY.

One of the strongest statements issued recently by any Canadian industrial corporation was that made public last week by the directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. Net earnings of \$1,140,504.37, an increase of \$232,555, over 1909, and reductions in fixed charges were shown, 555, over 1909, and reductions in fixed charges were shown, enabling the directors to increase the dividend on the common stock to six per cent. The big reduction in fixed charges was due entirely to the refinancing carried out some eighteen months ago. When President Harris announced that the old bond issue, with its fixed charges of eight per cent. would be converted, and new bonds with fixed charges of 51/2 per cent. substituted, there was some criticism of the plan, but it is now apparent how much has been saved through this

In 1908, the year previous to the conversion of the old In 1908, the year previous to the conversion of the old bonds, the company had \$3,561,500 outstanding in bonds and borrowed nearly \$900,000 from its bankers, a total of \$4,461,500. The fixed charges in that year were \$382,000. In 1910, the company had bonds and debentures of \$5,960,000 upon which the interest charges were \$308,000. Next year there will be \$25,000 payable to sinking fund, which will bring the total fixed charges up to \$22,000. Thus the combring the total fixed charges up to \$333,000. Thus the company has secured \$1,566,000 more capital at a reduction in

fixed charges of \$50,000. A strong policy has been followed in at once writing off all the discounts and expenses in the issue of these bonds. As the company has authority to issue \$7,000,000 more bonds and debentures further capital is amply provided for. As regards current assets and liability the company is nearly \$800,000 better than last year. Current assets have increased \$348,000, while current liabilities have decreased \$444,000, and a balance of \$500,602.95 has been carried forward. On the whole the statement is decidedly the best ever presented to Scotia shareholders, and the showing contained therein was enough to warrant the increase in enough to warrant the increase tained therein was dividends.

FEDERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The twenty-ninth annual report of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada is a satisfactory one, and indicates that a careful and progressive policy has been employed by the company. The assets have been increased by \$352,493.55, and now are \$3,996,443.08 exclusive of guarantee capital. The security for policyholders, including guaranteed capital, shows \$4,866,443.08, and the liabilities for reserves, and all outstanding claims, including \$2,000.000. capital, shows \$4,800,443.00, and the habilities for reserves, and all outstanding claims, including \$25,000 set aside as a special addition to policy reserves, amounted to \$3,720,855, showing a surplus of \$1,145,588.08. Exclusive of uncalled guaranteed capital the surplus to policyholders is \$275,538.08. The total insurance carried by the company amounted to \$22,309,929.42. During the year 2,527 policies aggregating \$3,720,436.21 were issued. The change in the control of the management is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

DOMINION BOND COMPANY WILL MAKE SEVERAL ISSUES.

Mr. Garnet P. Grant, president of the Dominion Bond Company, Limited, returned to Toronto after a business trip to London and Paris. Mr. Grant, in an interview with The Monetary Times, stated that his trip had been very successful. He completed arrangements for the public issue of the \$1,300,000, 6 per cent, first mortgage bonds of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, and the issue will be made very shortly. He stated that strong interests there had been identified with the issue, and that the bigger part of the amount available had already been taken up. He part of the amount available had already been taken up. has also made arrangements while abroad, for the financing of several other issues which the company has in hand.

EAST AND WEST.

Union and United Empire Bank Amalgamation Confirmed. Board of Trade Notes.

Mr. S. J. Adler, former y of Calgary, has been appointed

district inspector of the North American Life Insurance Com-pany, at Edmonton, Alta.

Officers of the Kaslo Board of Trade are: President, Mr. H. Giegerich; vice-president, Mr. A. T. Garland; sec-

retary-treasurer, Mr. J. W. Cockle.

Mr. J. E. Hughes has been appointed provincial inspector of Manitoba for the Northern Life.

Mr. Wm. McBride, manager of the North American Life Insurance Company, Winnipeg, has resigned from active field

k. He is devoting his time to consulting. Mr. T. H. McLean has been appointed district manager of

Mr. T. H. McLean has been appointed district manager of the North American Life Insurance Company, at Calgary. Mr. McLean was formerly of Winnipeg, Man.
Mr. H. R. Harris, lately promoted to assistant superintendent for the Metropolitan Life, leaves shortly to take charge of Portage la Prairie district for the same company. Richmond and Point Grey board of trade has elected the following officers:—President, Mr. Hugh Murray; vice-president, Mr. W. G. Easterbrook; secretary, Mr. M. C. Gordon. At the annual meeting of the North Empire Fire Insurance Company, Messrs. M. Conway, of Winnipeg, and N. Gardner Boggs, general manager of the Saskatchewan Investment Company, were elected directors.

ment Company, were elected directors.

The officers of the Brandon Life Underwriters' Association are Mr. J. E. Hughes, president; Rev. Richardson, vice-president; Mr. T. McWhirter, secretary and treasurer. Executive committee, Messrs. D. Anderson, E. Daw, F. Whitney, S. Lowes.

Union and United Empire Amalgamation Confirmed.

It is stated that the Canadian Pacific Railway is com-It is stated that the Canadian Pacific Railway is completing arrangements and will establish a steamship line between the Maritime Provinces and the West Indies via Boston and will build summer hotels at St. John, N.B.; Yarmouth, N.S.; Jamaica and Bermuda.

Officers of Cranbrook board of trade are: President, Mr. R. T. Brymner; vice-president, Mr. W. H. Wilson; secretary, Mr. R. B. Benedict; executive, Messrs. E. Paterson, P. Hunt, C. R. Ward, E. Elwell, H. W. Supple, M. A. Macdonald, W. F. Gurd, and J. G. McCallum.

Work is proceeding on the three-mile tunnel between Greenwood and Phoenix, B.C. Mr. Thomas A. Woodruff, Chicago; Mayor Duncan McIntosh, and Mr. Isaac H. Hallett, of Greenwood, are interested in the enterprise. The object

Chicago; Mayor Duncan McIntosh, and Mi. Isaac in of Greenwood, are interested in the enterprise. The object is to tap lower levels of productive mineral veins.

A special meeting of the directors of the United Empire Bank was held recently for the purpose of confirming the agreement of amalgamation with the Union Bank of Canada. The additions to the Ontario Board of the Union Bank will be Messrs. George Reid, E. A. Duvernet, K.C., and Samuel Barker, M.P.

Samuel Barker, M.P.

The western public is being invited to invest in the stock of the Pacific Northwest Fisheries, Limited, with head offices at Victoria. Officers are:—Capt. John Irving, president; Mr. F. E. Mitchell, vice-president; Mr. H. V. Mills, secretary-treasurer; directors, Messrs. George A. Fraser, H. O. Kirkham, C. R. Sergeantson.

Mr. Martial Chevalier, general manager of the Credit Foncier Franco Canadien, has been appointed a director on the Montreal Board of the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, Limited. The other directors are Sir.

surance Company, Limited. The other directors are Sir. Edward S. Clouston, Bart., Mr. Geo. E. Drummond, Mr. F. W. Thompson, and Sir Alexandre Lacoste.

F. N. Burt Company Purchases Company.

The F. N. Burt Company has completed arrangements to purchase the Dominion Paper Box Company. There will be an issue of \$750,000 of preferred stock, a large part of which will be handed over to the vendors of the Dominion Company, and the remainder will be distributed pro rata among the shareholders, giving them some rights.

The associated boards of trade for the Okanagan district of British Columbia, which held its annual meeting at Summerland, elected officers as follows:—President, Mr. G. A. Henderson; secretary, Mr. P. Dickson; vice-presidents, consisting of the presidents of the affiliated boards. At meeting a strong resolution was passed condemnatory of the proposed tariff arrangement.

WANTED.

Secretary for Fire Insurance Company in Must understand underwriting and be good office itoba. State experience and salary required. Box 281, Monetary Times.

TORONTO INSURANCE INSTITUTE.

Another successful meeting of the Toronto Insurance Institute was held on Thursday evening. Mr. C. P. Sparling, inspector of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, read an interesting paper respecting special hazards of saw mills and lumber yards. Owing to pressure on space we are unable to print extracts this week. Mr. W. A. P. Wood, B.A., A.I.A., A.A.S., gave an unusually instructive paper on natural and level prem um system of life insurance, with some reference to the nature of life insurance reserves. next meeting of the institute will be held on March 23rd, when Mr. R. E. Patterson will read a paper on employers' liability assurance, and Mr. C. D. Cory one on fire insurance adjusting.

UNION LIFE ANNUAL CATHERING.

The writing of industrial insurance is a strenuous occupation and companies transacting that growing business must continually write a large volume of business. energetic field man, therefore, is an important factor. Union Life Assurance Company have recognized this fact and place their field men every year in healthy competition. The winners in last year's campaign were entertained by the company at the King Edward Hotel on Thursday. The agency force of the Maritime provinces and Western territory were the victors and they with delegates who qualified from other territories, numbering about 200, participated in the reward. Mr. Pollman Evans, president of the company, opened the proceedings with a stirring appeal for good work during the current year and praise for the results of the past twelve months. He gave some interesting statistics respecting the growth and possibilities of industrial insurance and the substantial progress and exceilent prospects of the Union Life. Two more branch offices are to be opened in Montreal, and another in Toronto, making three in the Queen City. Twenty new superintendents will be appointed and at least Iwenty new superintendents will be appointed and at least 120 additional agents. Many toasts were honored, the speakers being Messrs. Bingham, D. J. Scott, H. Cole Evans, H. Symons, K.C.; G. Muntz, Heath, Dr. G. E. Millichamp, Michaud, Gelinas, Maddox, C. P. Muckle, Gifford, Tremblay, C. Young, A. G. Bradley, Stredder, Annette, Methot, Patterson, Marks, Coxon, Dr. F. G. Hughes, W. H. Carrie, C. J. Harvey, and Prof. Tufts. The Union Life annual banquet is one of the most enthusiastic insurance functions of the is one of the most enthusiastic insurance functions of the

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing Houses for the weeks ended February 24th, 1910; February 16th, and February 23rd, 1911, with percentage change:

	Feb. 24, '10.	Feb. 16, '11.	Feb. 23, '11	%Cho.
Montreal		\$40,253,772	\$41,153,099	
Toronto		31,986,939	30,794,318	
Winnipeg		15,285 942	16,583,517	
Vancouver		9,324,566	9,502,261	
Ottawa	3,211,143	3,645,356	3,817,645	+ 18.8
Calgary	1,985,217	2,577,922	3,009,034	+ 51.5
Quebec	1,968,488	2,036,602	2,265,459	+ 15.08
Victoria	1,629,561	2,400,602	2,248,084	+ 37.9
Hamilton	1,624,818	1,705,175	2,013,153	+ 23.9
Halifax	1,642,651	1,334,961	1,510,620	- 8.03
St. John	1,335,842	1,176,036	1,471,361	
Edmonton	849,036	3,309,534	1,697,082	+ 99.8
London	1,063,158	1,175,785	1,148,617	
Regina	548,472	939,834	1,246,738	+127.4
Total	\$98,903,328	\$117,153,026	\$118,460,988	+ 19.7
Brandon		471,453	370,594	
Lethbridge		399,211	415,950	
Saskatoon		866,802	724,335	
Brantford		399,377	419,429	
Moose Jaw		437,022	538,650	

Mr. T. McWhirter, local manager for the Metropolitan, has just returned from the annual convention at New York, where he was guest of honor for having the best staff record in 1910 in Canada.

One result of the proposed reciprocity agreement is the possible formation of a syndicate in London, Ontario, to bond farms in the western part of that province. If the agreement is passed, it is thought that there will be a rapid advance in the price of farming lands in that section. Large areas of land are being bonded in the counties of Elgin and Kent, and another syndicate is working in Lambton County.

The Toronto Mortgage Company

Twelfth Annual Report of the Directors, he year 1910

being	for	th
The Directors of the Toronto Mortgage Company mit the usual Financial Statement of the Company's the year which ended on 31st December, 1910: The Gross Earnings, including the balance of \$24,052.50 brought forward from 1909, amount to After deducting cost of management, interest on debentures and deposits, and all other charges amounting in all to	affairs, \$185,329	for 23
There remains a Net Profit of		
Leaving a surplus of	\$44,490 20,000	00
Leaving a balance to be carried forward to 1911 of	\$24,490	00
The Reserve Fund is now equal to 53% of the Ca Debentures matured during the past year amounting \$70.00, to renew which, and for new moneys, new De the Company have been issued to the extent of \$410,62 Loans were made amounting to \$566,550.00, and aggregating \$283,975.00 were renewed for further the due examination of the present values of the propert tion. The Revenue taken credit for consists of actual continuerest and net rentals.	bentures 5.00. Mortga erms, at ies in qu	of of ges fter ues-
The office staff have performed their duties to the of the Directors, and the books and accounts, and a held by the Company, have been regularly audited. All of which is respectfully submitted.	satisfact Il securi	ties
WM. MORTIMER CLARK, Pro	esident.	
THE TORONTO MORTGAGE COM	ANY	
Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Decer	nber. 19	110
Liabilities. To the Public: \$1,273,786 03 Debentures, Sterling 267,278 34 Accrued Interest thereon 12,586 76 Deposits, Savings Accounts 177,670 31	,731,321	
To the Shareholders:	1. 441647	

Financial Statement for the year ending 31st	December, 1	910
To the Public:		
Debentures, Sterling\$1,273,786	03	
Debentures, Currency 267,278	34	
Accrued Interest thereon 12,586	76	
Accrued Interest thereon	31	
	\$1,731,32	1 44
To the Shareholders:		
Capital Stock, fully paid	00	
385.000	00	
Unclaimed Dividends	00	
Dividend payable 3rd January, 1911 12,679	63	
Balance carried forward 24.490	00	
	\$1,146,74	7 63
Total	\$2,878,06	9 07
Assets.		-
Modern.		
Mortgage Loans Office Premises in Toronto Street	\$2,408,00	0 26
Ronds Stocks etc. owned by the	45,00	0 00
Bonds, Stocks, etc., owned by the Company	22	
Call Loans on Stocks 93,800	26	
Cash in Banks 39.952	51	
Cash in Office 1,076	82	
	425,06	
Total	\$2,878,06	9 07
Profit and Loss Account.		
Dr.		
Interest on Sterling Debentures paid and accrued	\$ 40.10	5 60
Interest on Currency Debentures paid and accrued	10.45	
Interest on Denosits	EFO	
Charges on moneys borrowed and lent	and 6,33	4 13
Office Rent, etc	1864	4 06
Dividends on Capital Stock, at 7%	50,71	
Transferred to Reserve Fund	20,000	

Total\$185,329 23

50,718 50 20,000 00

Balance brought forward		Cr.		
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		Premises		73
Total\$185,329 23		Total	. \$185,329	23

WALTER GILLESPIE, Manager.

We have audited the Books and Accounts of the Toronto Mortgage Company for the year ending 31st December, 1910. We have examined the Vouchers and Securities relating thereto. We find the books carefully kept, and hereby certify that the foregoing statements are correct.

E. R. C. CLARKSON, F.C.A., J. HARDY, F.C.A.,

Auditors.

Toronto, 10th January, 1911.

TWELFTH GENERAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Toronto Mortgage Company was held at its offices, No. 13 Toronto Street, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the 8th day of February, 1911.

There were present: Hon. Sir Wm. Mortimer Clark, Alexander Smith, C. S. Czowski, H. R. Shuter, George Martin Rae, Charles Niehaus, Herbert Langlois, Thomas H. Wood, George Murray Dr. H. B. Yates, Edward R. Greig, Wellington Francis, Rev. J. S. Allan, William Martin and others.

On the motion of Dr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Rae, the President, Hon. Sir William Mortimer Clark, took the chair, and the Manager acted as Secretary.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read, and confirmed.

The Secretary read the Financial Statement and Profit and Loss Account for 1910, and the Annual Report.

Loss Account for 1910, and the Annual Report.

Before moving the adoption of the Report, the Chairman expressed the pleasure of the Directors at their being able to present to the Shareholders, statements of the affairs of the Company for the year 1910 which are so thoroughly satisfactory. He called attention to the fact that, after payment of all charges, and of the increased Dividend of 7%, the Board had been able to transfer to the Reserve Fund the sum of \$20,000, as well as to carry forward a balance of undivided profits amounting to \$24,490.

He said that it was the intention of the Directors to continue to build up the Company's Reserves, while rates of interest on mortgage investments remain good, so that, should these rates decrease, the income from the Reserve Fund may offset any diminution in the earnings of the Company. He also emphasized the importance of strengthening the Reserve in the interest of the debenture holders and depositors.

The revenue of the Company exceeded that of the previous year by \$10,426, and the whole amount credited to Revenue Ac-

The revenue of the Company exceeded that of the previous year by \$10,426, and the whole amount credited to Revenue Account has been received in cash. It is the settled policy of the Directors not to capitalize overdue interest on investments.

The Chairman mentioned that, through the zeal and energy of our British Agents, as well as through the high standing which the Company occupies in Scotland, the Sterling Debentures issued show an increase of \$97,000. Considering the fact that no Debenture of the Company carries a higher rate of interest than 4%, this indication of public confidence is very satisfactory to the Directors, as it assures them of the approval of their policy.

The attention of Trustees and Executors is invited to the Debentures of this Company, which by Order-in-Council are declared

The attention of Trustees and Executors is invited to the Debentures of this Company, which by Order-in-Council are declared to be a legal investment for trust funds. They are largely held on account of the absolute security afforded. These debentures are issued in denominations, and for terms, to suit investors.

The President drew attention to the substantial increase of \$125,000 in the Mortgage Loans, which now amount to over \$2,400,000. The high-class character of the Company's investments is well illustrated by the fact that the Directors are able to report that, at the close of the business year on 31st December last, the total arrears on all the securities amounted to only one-eleventh of one per cent., since when they have been reduced to the insignificant sum of \$176.20. For the fourth year in succession the Company has no property on its hands for sale in any way. From all appearances, the mortgage accounts were never in better shape than they are at present, as the instalments of principal continue to be made with gratifying regularity. This result, probably, is largely due to the policy of your poard of lending money, as far as possible, directly to owners on their own homes. Experience has shown this to be the safest class of mortgage business. For several years

practically 75% of the new business written has been of this charpractically 15% of the new business written has been of the sector, and the results, now in your hands, speak for themselves. The Directors almost invariably insist on the principal of the mortgage being repaid by instalments.

During 1910 there was a good demand for mortgage loans at remunerative rates of interest, which the Directors took full advantage of, bearing in mind at the same time the wisdom of keeping these loans well distributed. In this connection it may be interesting to mention that, omitting a few larger mortgages which cover more than one property, the average size of the Company's loans at the end of the year was \$1,835.

The Chairman said that, looking at every department of the work of the Company, it will be found that the progress has been eminently satisfactory.

Moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, that the Annual Statement and Report, as read, be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Herbert Langlois, seconded by Mr. Thomas H. Wood, that By-Law No. 7b, passed by the Directors on 3rd March, 1910, as follows: "By-Law No. 7b—Whereas it is desirable that By-Law 7a, providing for the payment of Dividends half-yearly, By-Law 7a, providing for the payment of Dividends hair-yearly, should be amended so as to authorize the payment of Dividends either quarterly or half-yearly. Now, therefore, the Directors of the Toronto Mortgage Company enact, as follows:—By-Law 7a is hereby amended, so that the same shall read as follows:—Shareholders shall receive such Dividends quarterly or half-yearly upon their Paid-up Stock as may from time to time be declared by the Directors? Directors.

(Signed) WM. MORTIMER CLARK, President. (Signed) W. GILLESPIE, Manager.

be, and the same is, hereby confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. George Murray, seconded by Mr. Alexander Smith, that the thanks of the Shareholders are due, and are hereby tendered to Messrs. Allan, Buckley, Allan & Company, Advocates, Aberdeen; Messrs. J. & A. r. Adam, W.S., Edinburgh and Messrs. Fraser, Stodart & Ballingall, W.S., Edinburgh, the British Financial Agents of the Company in Scotland, for the valuable services they have rendered this Company during the past year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Edward R. Greig, seconded by Mr. William Martin, that Messrs. E. R. C. Clarkson, F.C.A., and James Hardy, F.C.A., be appointed Auditors for the current year, at a salary of \$300 each. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Herbert Langlois, seconded by Mr. Thomas H. Wood, that, in recognition of the valuable services performed by the President and Vice-President, the annual compensation allowed

to them be increased by the sum of \$500, and the yearly Directors' compensation be accordingly increased to that extent for that pur-Carried:

Moved by Mr. Charles Niehaus, seconded by Mr. H. R. Shuter, that a poll be opened for the balloting of votes for the election of Directors, to be closed, if, at any time, three minutes should elapse without any votes being polled. Also, that Messrs. E. R. Greig and Wm. Martin be appointed Scrutineers for the occasion. Carried

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS

Toronto, 8th February, 1911.

We hereby certify that the following gentlemen have been unanimously elected Directors of the Toronto Mortgage Company, at the Twelfth Annual Meeting, held at the offices of the said Company, this day at 12 o'clock noon:

Hon. Sir Wm. Mortimer Clark, Wellington Francis, K.C., Thomas Gilmour, C. S. Gzowski, Herbert Langlois, George Martin Rae and Henry B. Yates, M.D.

(Signed) EDWARD R. GREIG, (Signed) WM. MARTIN,

Scrutineers.

At a subsequent meeting held by the Board, the Hon. Sir Wm. Mortimer Clark, LL.D., W.S., K.C., was re-elected President, and Mr. Wellington Francis, K.C., Vice-President.

The Royal Bank of Canada has opened a branch at 115 Harbor Street, Kingston, Jamaica. The manager is Mr. J. D. Leavitt, formerly manager at Porto Rico.

Mr. J. A. R. Rome, manager of the Eastern Townships Bank at Lethbridge, Alta., has been appointed assistant manager at Vancouver.

The annual meeting of the Wood Products Company, of Canada, Limited, was held on February 13th, at which the annual report was presented, showing a successful year's annual report was presented, showing a successful year's operation. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year:—Messrs. J. A. Kammerer, R. E. Gibson, R. A. Donald and Robert McKay, K.C., of Toronto, and J. H. Burland, J. W. McConnell, and H. A. Lovett, K.C., of Montreal. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following were elected:—President, Mr. J. A. Kammerer, Toronto; vice-president, Mr. J. W. McConnell, Montreal; secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. A. Donald, Toronto.

THE EMPIRE LOAN CO.

Annual Statements Presented at Meeting of Shareholders, Held at Head Office, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, February 14th Inst.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER, 31, 1910

Assets.					
Loans of First Mortgage nd Real Estate .		\$3	90,576	96	
Cash and Bank Balances			1,482	26	1
Office Furniture			895	-	l
Accounts Receivable			109	25	1
Debenture Costs divisible over term			3,000	00	I
		\$3	396,084	37	1
Liabilities.					1
Permanent Stock		\$2	225,603	37	1
Instalment Stock			37,022		1
Debentures			98,590		1
Union Bank			13,000		4
Reserve			12,000	00	4
Profit and Loss Account			9,812		
		\$3	396,084	37	
Profit and Loss Account			000	0.4	d
Balance from 1909		\$	20,569	01	i
Net Profits for 1910			20,000	91	i
		\$	20,862	25	i
Disposed of in-					i
Poyment of dividend at the rate of 6% per					ğ
annum for the year ending the 31st of	411.040	19			ij
December, 1910	\$11,049	45			į
Payment of bonus dividend of 276 on permanent stock, making 8% for the year.	3,673	56			
	\$14,722	99			
	1,933	52			á
Apportioned to Installicate Placed to Reserve	4,000				
Placed to heserve		-\$	20,656		
Leaving to be carried forward			205	74	

Reserve Fund.	
As at 31st December, 1909\$12,000 00	
Now transferred from Profit and Loss 4,000 00	
\$ 16,000	00
Capital Account.	
Authorized Capital	00
Capital Subscribed (Permanent) 448,600	00
Capital Paid Up (Permanent)	37

Auditor's Certificate.

Winnipeg, 13th of February, 1911.

JOHN SCOTT, C.A.,

I beg to report to the shareholders that I have audited the books of The Empire Loan Company for the year ending the 31st of December, 1910, and hereby certify that the foregoing accounts and balance sheet are, in my opinion, properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a full and fair view of the Company's affairs as shown by the books of the Company.

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Scotland and

Comparative Statement.

	Assets.	Reserve.	Dividend.
1905	\$127,860 23	\$ 1,115 13	8%
1907	195,034 58	3,782 99	8%
1909	259,005 15	12,000 00	8%
1910	396,084 37	16,000 00	8%

At the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Empire Loan Company, held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Directors' Report, with the above statements, was presented and adopted, and the election of directors for the ensuing year resulted in the old Board being re-elected as follows: R. H. Agur, H. H. Beck, Wm. Brydon, C. W. Clark, A. N. McPherson, Richard McKenzie and Chas. M. Simpson.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company

Insurances. During the year the Insurances issued and revived amounted to \$9,828,748. Of these, \$6,448,334 were issued in Canada, being the largest Canadian business in the history of the Company. The Insurance in force at December 31st, 1910, was \$60,829,317.

Income. The Net Premium Income was \$2,424,862.22, an increase over 1909 of \$142,227.45, while the total Income amounted to \$3,043,081.87, an increase of \$175,662.56. The Income from Premiums and Interest exceeded the Income from the same sources in 1909 by \$222,077.85.

Death Claims and Payments to Policyholders. The payments to Beneficiaries and Policyholders were \$987,253.18, notwithstanding that the Death Losses during the year were again extremely favorable.

Assets. The Assets amounted at the end of the year to \$13,001,275.02, an increase of \$1,359,558.52.

All classes of Securities have been valued on a most conservative basis.

Reserve and Surplus. The Reserves for the Protection of Policyholders have been increased by \$1,055,116.00, and at December 31st amounted to \$11.748,645.00. The Surplus which is also held for their further protection now amounts to \$1,076,538.55, an increase during the year of \$324,110.68.

Increase. The following comparisons show a record of remarkable and steady progress:

Insurances in Force, December 31st	1902 830,152,883	1906 \$47,380,655	\$60,829,317
Insurances Issued and Revived Income	6,368,580	9,144,821 2,193,519	9,828,748
Payments to Beneficiaries and Policyholders	316,557	455,758	987,253
Reserve for Protection of Policyholders Assets	3,753,892 4,406,329	7,244,151 8,472,372	11,748,645

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

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J. F. W. ROSS, Esq.

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Assistant Manager.

J. F. W. ROSS, Esq., M.D., Chief Medical Referee. DUBLIC Notice is hereby given that under the First Part of chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 306, known as "The Companies of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 306, known as "The Companies of the Revised Statutes of Canada, ago, known as "The Companies of the Revised Statutes of Canada, bearing date the 19th 409 of January, 19th, incorporating John Wood and Thomas Wallace Lawson, barrister-sa-law; Joseph Edward Riley and John Fraser MacGregor, accountants, Harry Riley active and the provision of the Collowing purposes, viz. (a) To inport, manufacture, ditti, methylate, but, sell and deal in chemicals, spirits, explosives and other products, and the company of the

to the company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or any portion thereof, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the company's property or rights; (w) The powers in each paragraph to be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph; (x) To do all such other things as are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the above objects. The operations of the company to be carried on throughout the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by the name of "Standard Chemical Iron and Lumber Company of Canada, Limited," with a capital stock of six million dollars, divided into 60,000 shares of one hundred dollars each, and the chief place of business of the said company to be at the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 19th day of January, 1911.

THOMAS MULVEY.

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Under-Secretary of State.

DUBLIC Notice is hereby given that under the First Part of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, known as "The Companies of the Province of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, known as "The Companies of the Companies of the Province of the Province of Pebruary, 1911, incorporating Emil Andrew Wallberg, of the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, civil engineer; and Afferd Bicknell, barrister, be city of Toronto, Province of Ontario, mechanical engineer; Roderick Joseph Parke, 1912, and the Companies of Contario, electrical engineer, for the following purposes, viz.—(a) to man dool ingots, billets, rods, bars, sections, shapes and all other products the companies of the c

of Ontario.

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 4th day of February, 1911.

THOMAS MULVEY, Under-Secretary of State. Below is presented the ANNUAL REPORT of the above named Company, as submitted at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting, held in Winnipeg, Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 1911

Winnipeg Electric Railway Co.

Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st December, 1910.

Assets,	Capital Account.
Cost of Property:	Authorized Capital Stock subscribed and paid in \$6,000,000 00
Street Railway—Buildings, Plant and Equipment Electric Lighting—Plant and Equipment	Correct subject to report. W. A. HENDERSON & CO., Chartered Accountants.
Electric Power—Plant and Equipment Gas—Buildings, Plant and Equipment\$14.612,222 68	Correct. F. MORTON MORSE, Secretary-Treasurer.
Stores 142,456 39 Accounts Receivable 186,277 10	REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS
Cash—Bank of Montreal\$225,453 58 Cash on hand in office	For the Year Ending 31st December, 1910.
Conductors' Working Fund	To the Shareholders:
Subsidiary Companies	In presenting the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Company, your Directors beg to submit a statement of the past year's business, showing net earnings of \$934,769.53, after providing for all operating expenses, taxes, the City of Winnipeg's proportion of
Liabilities. \$6,000,000 00 Bonds 5%, payable Jan. 1, 1927\$1,000,000 00	earnings, and other fixed charges. Out of these net earnings your Directors declared four quar-
Bonds 5%, payable Jan. 2, 1935 4,000,000 00 5,000.000 00	\$234 760 52 which has been transferred to the credit of Profit
Debenture Stock, 4½% perpetual £500,000 00 2,434,602 62	31, 1910, of \$1,196,199.56.
Accounts payable	All the properties of the Company have been efficiently maintained.
Wages for December	In accordance with the plan of extensions adopted at the last annual meeting, the following improvements and additions to the company's equipment and system have been made in the various departments.
Car License due Feb. 1, 1911 4,600 00 City Percentage, due Feb. 1, 1911 63,293 70	Track and Road-Bed.—10.157 miles of track was laid, as follows: 4.803 miles with concrete foundation and asphalt pavement; 4.422 miles with broken stone foundation and gravel pavement.
Unredeemed Tickets	ment, and .931 miles surface track.
\$14,302,680 42	the body of the car and the motorman's vestibule, and many
Surplus as per Profit and Loss Account 1,196,199 56	operators were constructed in the Company's Winnipeg shops and
Contingent Liability. \$15,498,879 98	Three new snow-sweepers of latest modern design were pur-
Suburban Rapid Transit Co.'s Bonds	chased during the year, and are also in service.
Interest and principal guaranteed. \$900,000 00	
Revenue and Expenditure.	Gas Distribution System.—38,729 feet of new gas main were
Gross Expenses for Year	laid, and 827 new gas services installed in extension of the Company's gas distribution system.
Net Earnings for Year	city of boilers 3,000 horsepower.
1,294,738 70	Addition to pump room. Gas holder, capacity 1,000,000 feet, partly erected. The
Surplus for Year	whole of the tank, inner lift, and portion of the middle lift set on piles and concrete base.
Balance at Credit 31st December, 1909 \$ 861,430 03 Net Earnings as per Revenue Account 334,769 53	New retort house and chimney at gas works, with ten benches of six retorts each bench. New brick and steel five-track car barn, at Main Street
Balance at Credit Dec. 31, 1910	- I tow brief that been are breef out out, at I want
	L STATEMENT.
1910	1906-1910. 1909 1908 1907 1906
Gross Receipts	\$2,623,731 41 \$2,206,094 88 \$1,722,406 69 \$1,416,305 04
Operating Expenses	1,320,665 09 1,088,872 50 775,731 02 701,963 73
Operating Expenses—Per cent. of earnings	50 34 49 35 45 05 49 56 1,303,066 32 1,117,222 38 946,675 67 714,341 32
Increase 1910 over 1909—25.05%	14 39 13 14 12 01 11 17
1908, 5,669,541 average 1907, 4,664,200 average	
1906, 4,144,480 average Passengers carried	26,382,773 22,019,507 20,846,317 17,229,556
Increase 1910 over 1909 4,986,648 Transfers 8,003,038 Transfers 1,003,038	8,925,849 7,777,315 5,954,067 3,109,09 10 03 9 80 9 84 8 31
Railway Earnings per capita 10 02	Correct, F. MORTON MORSE, Secretary-Treasurer.

BONDS and MUNICIPAL CREDIT

PULP MILLS BONDS

To be Issued in London - Regina Debentures Listed Overseas.

Mr. Garnet P. Grant, president of the Dominion Bond Company, Toronto, has completed arrangements in London for the issue there of \$1,300,000 Spanish River Pulp Mills, 6 per cent. bonds. The issue is to be made simultaneously in Canada

and England.

Some large banking concerns are behind the Societe Financiere pour L'Industrie du Canada, a Swiss company which has been formed in Paris for the investment of funds in Canada. It has a capital of 5,000,000 francs, and is promoted under the auspices of the following firms: Lazard Brothers; Grenfell, Morgan & Co.; Bonn & Co.; Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas; Societe Generale; Spitzer & Co.

The City of Regina 4½ per cent. debentures to the value of £89,200 have been listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Successful underwriting has attended the sale of \$1,000,000 Successful underwriting has attended the sale of \$1,000,000 6 per cent, bonds of the recently merged Ames-Holden and McCready Companies. The bonds have been underwritten successfully. The subscriptions of the underwriting being in excess of the amount available, the allotment was reduced. In addition to the \$1,000,000 bonds, there will be \$2,500,000 7 per cent. preferred stock issued at 95, with a 40 per cent. bonus of common stock. The combined companies are showing separately 12½ per cent. on the preferred stock, after paying the bond interest. The companies should show from 4 to 5 percent. increase in earnings next year.

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Unless the American Bank Note Company gets the contract for the engraving and printing, instead of the New York Bank Note Company, the Stock Exchange has notified Comptroller Prendergast that it will not list the new \$30,000,000 issue of bonds sold last month. Mayor Gaynor has refused to sign the contract giving the engraving and printing to the American Bank Note Company for the reason that the New York Bank Note Company put in a lower bid.

Instead of signing the paper the Mayor announced that he would call a special meeting of the Board of City Record to decide if the city should yield to the Stock Exchange or defy it. Comptroller Prendergast believes that the city should get its work done for the least money possible, but he believes also that the city is under a moral obligation to see that its securities are properly listed out of regard for the interests of the investors now holding the temporary certificates.

President R. H. Thomas, of the New York Stock Exchange, in reply to a question on the subject declared that he had nothing to say. Secretary George W. Ely also declined to be interviewed. Efforts to get members of the governing committee to discuss the matter were likewise unsuccessful.

North Midland Railway Bond Guarantee.

The North Midland Railway Company object to the city of London, Ont., demanding a first mortgage on the road between there and St. Marys as security for the guarantee of \$200,000 worth of bonds. The clause stating that the city's bonds should be a first mortgage on the road, caused a debate in council in council.

"We cannot agree to that," declared Mr. Rumball. think that the city's bonds should take the same chance as the others. We can by no means finance the road if that is insisted on. People would not buy second mortgage bonds. "I see no objection to this clause whatever," declared Ald. Richter. "It protects the city, as it should."

The company was informed that the city would pay only a proportion of the cost of the road, depending on the rate per mile.

mile.

"Our guarantee reads that the city will guarantee the bonds up to \$25,000 a mile to the extent of \$200,000," stated Ald. Richter. "If the road is built for \$20,000 a mile, we only pay four-fifths of our guarantee, or \$160,000. That should be made plain."

There was some objection to that, but City Solicitor Mere-

There was some objection to that, but City Solicitor Meredith pointed out that such was the understanding between the committee and himself, and he thought it proper.

During the first nine months of 1910 the number of immigrants entering Canada was 274,901, divided as follows: From Great Britain, 96,924; from the United States, 96,366; from Continental Europe, 81,611. For the entire year 300,000 is apparently a safe estimate, while some go as high as a third of a million. It is estimated that of this number about 180,000 will settle in the Western provinces.

BOND TENDERS INVITED.

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

North Vancouver, B.C .- Until February 28th tenders for

\$141,000, 5 per cent. 50 years will be received.

Perdue, Sask.—The village will borrow \$2,900 for permanent improvements. H. Andison, secretary-treasurer.

Macklin, Sask.—The village will borrow \$65,000 for permanent improvements. Mr. J. Nichols, secretary-treasurer.

Burnaby, B.C.—The ratepayers will be asked to vote on by-laws amounting to \$83,000 for school purposes at an early

Brant Township, Ont.—Until March 8th for \$2,000 5 per cent. 15-year debentures. F. W. Miehlhausen, clerk, Elmwood.

Dundurn, Sask.—Until February 28th, for \$14,000 8 per cent. 20-year debentures. Mr. F. E. Livingstone, secretarytreasurer.

Marquis, Sask .- The village has been empowered to borrow \$2,000 for permanent improvements. C. Graham, secretary-treasurer.

Star City, Sask.—The village has been authorized to borrow \$1,000 for permanent improvements. Mr. R. Jones, secretary-treasurer.

St. Lambert, Que.-By-laws empowering the municipality to borrow \$225,000 for permanent road improvements, has been approved by the city council.

St. John, N.B.—Until March 18th for \$250,000 4 per cent.

40-year debentures. H. E. Wardroper, city clerk. (Official

advertisement appears on another page).

Prince Rupert, B.C.—Until March 2nd, tenders will be received for \$795,560, 5 per cent. local improvement debentures. Mr. Ernest A. Woods, city clerk.

Strathcona, Alta.—Until March 3rd for \$17,000 5 per cent. 30-year school debentures. G. F. Downes, secretary-treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page).

Township of Parpoonge, Ont.—A by-law to raise \$4,000, as the township's share towards building bridge across the Kaministiquia River, will be submitted to the ratepayers at an early date.

North Bay, Ont.—Until March 1st for \$18,000 storm sewer, \$16,000 school debentures, interest 5 per cent., payable in 20 equal annual instalments. M. W. Flannery, treas urer. (Official advertisement appears on another page).

Regina, Sask .- The following by-laws will shortly be submitted to the ratepayers: Power plant addition, \$100,000; Y.W.C.A., \$15,000; fire hall equipment, Health and Relief Department, moving of incinerator, Board Street subway.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS EMPOWERED TO BORROW MONEY.

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

Alberta.

Mammoth, No. 1379, \$3,100. A. Carter, Raymond. Leonard, No. 1643, \$500. W. J. Brennan, Hastings

Tolman, No. 2204, \$1,600. L. E. Lane, Tolman. Daisy Bank, No. 2175, \$1,500. H. Bailey, Halkirk. Innis Lake, No. 2237, \$1,000. J. S. Livingstone, Olds. Dowling Lake, No. 2272, \$2,200. C. W. Tingle, Dowling

Aspen, No. 2275, \$1,100. J. E. McDonough, Edgerton. Donahoo, No. 2277, \$800. S. K. Donahoo, Junkins. Edmonton Highlands, No. 2292, \$1,000. A. W. Coone,

Rainy Hills, No. 2313, \$1,500. W. B. Larson, Tilly. Berta Vale, No. 2331, \$2,000. W. G. Way, Strathmore.

Ebraz, No. 2403, \$1,000. J. Megas, Rosthern.
Sunnyfield, No. 2457, \$800. J. C. Wilson, Tugaske.
Naseby, No. 2601, \$1,000. J. Meikle, Naseby.
Good Hope, No. 2674, \$1,000. J. J. Keith, Waldron.
Holdsworth, No. 2686, \$2,200. R. W. Hutton, Limerick.
Three Buttes, No. 2702, \$1,200 P. Hopper, Longworth.

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HEAD OFFICE -TORONTO

THE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS WRITTEN, AND FINANCIAL RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR 1910 THE MOST SATISFACTORY IN A UNINTERRUPTED CAREER OF SUCCESS.

Issued and Revived during year	\$2,509,150.50
Insurance in Force	13,785,705.95
Assets available for Security of Policy Holders Increase\$249,947.12	2,552,863.49
Net Assets	2,183,711.70
Total Reserves	1,886,852.00
Company's Special Reserve Fund	25,380.00 68.00
Cash Income, Premiums and Interest\$37,030.02	543,210.61
Total Expenses	147,261.60
Paid Policyholders, or set aside for their benefit	370,792.13
Net Surplus on Policyholders' Account (New Government Standard)	266,391.49
*Unallotted Surplus above all Liabilities Increase\$49,433.12	166,011.49

*The Excelsior fourth quinquennial allotment.

The Company in its Financial Statements has not taken advantage of a credit of \$48,892.00, which the Insurance Act of 1910 would permit being deducted from the Reserve Liabilities on new business, although this sum, together with \$37,278, included in Government Reserve for old policies issued on 4½% basis, Special Reserve \$25,380.00 and Un allotted Surplus \$166,011.46, in all \$277,561.49 represents the real surplus of the Company.

SUMMATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS.

Assets Increase			•	14 p	er cent.
Reserve, Government	Standard.	Increa	ase	14	"
Death Rate Experien			•	50	"
Net Unallotted Surph			-	43	"

Total Assets for Security of Policyholders One Hundred and Thirty Four Dollars for Every Hundred Dollars of Liability.

Interest earned on mean invested assets, 7.14 per cent. Increase, 10 per cent in rate.

Decrease, 4.58 per cent.

N.B.-Interest received in cash pays all death claims, rent, head office salaries, medical fees, postage, printing, advertising, government Leense fees, and all other expenses (except agents' compensation and expenses), and leaves a credit balance of \$12,846.80.

SUBSTANTIAL PROCRESS DURING FOUR QUINQUENNIALS.

Year.	Income. Prems.	Reserves.	Assets.	Insurance in Force.	Death Losses.	Death Rate er 1,000.
1890 1895 1900 1905	 and Int. \$3,626.38 71,675.85 129,240.35 324,504.43 543,210.61	\$5,372.00 115,524.26 325,069.49 984,025.30 1,861,472.00	\$43,828.23 181,579.10 400,343.85 1,009,700.05 2,183,711.79	\$267,500.00 2,525,983.13 4,007,022.15 9,008,774.00 13,785,705.95	Nil. 5,412.80 13,067.66 32,510.71 66,880.00	2,11 3-33 3-90 4-98

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NOTES OF BIDDING.

Eleven Toronto bond houses bid for the \$96,667 4½ per cent. debentures of Guelph, Ont. As previously noted, the issue was awarded to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company.

For the Owen Sound, Ont., \$50,000 4½ per cent. 20-year debentures seven offers were received by Toronto firms. As previously noted, the bid of Wood, Gundy & Company, To-

Eleven bids were made for the \$9,000 5 per cent. 20-year local improvement debentures of Killarney, Man., which

were awarded to Messrs. Alloway & Champion, Winnipeg.
For the Collingwood Township, Ont., \$3,100 5 per cent.
school debentures, maturing in 1921, six bids were received.
The bonds were awarded to Messrs. Brent, Noxon & Company, Toronto.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

The following are the railroad earnings for the week ended February 7th:-

	1011.	1910.		crease.
C. P. R	\$1,160,000	\$1,438,000	_	278,000
G. T. R		729,669	+	10,606
C. N. R	159,400	168,700	_	9,300
Halifax Electric	3,913	3,475	+	437
T. & N. O		27,953	-	7,104
	* *	* *		

The following are the railroad earnings for week ended

rebruary 14th:—			In	crease
	1911.	1910.		crease.
C.P.R	\$1,589,000	\$1,450,000	+ \$1	39,000
G.T.R		719,869	+	29,202
C.N.R	203,900	189,300	+	14,600
T. & N.O	24,119	28,048	-	3,929
Halifax Electric	3,564	3,437	+ charge	127

After paying working expenses, fixed charges and dividends, the Canadian Pacific shows a surplus from operation for the half year of \$10,233,411.

The following are the earnings of the Calgary Street Railway for 1910:-

Operating Expenses	\$13,409.86	\$ 8,762.02
Contingent Account, 5 per cent. Gross Receipts Interest and Sinking Fund	993.94	578.23 2,715.88
Net Profits	2,759.14	12,056.13
	\$19,878.82	\$11,564.60

The report of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company shows net earnings for the year of \$200,474.61, an increase of \$22,500.82, and the year's surplus was \$102,474.61. The total earnings for the year were \$477,109.06, an increase of \$30,539.22. The operating expenses were \$246,633.45, an increase of \$7,028.40. The proportion of the operating expnss to income was reduced to 51.94 per cent. During the year 4,848,767 passengers were carried, an increase of

283,459.

The annual report of the Ottawa Electric Railway shows
The annual report of \$748,708,75, an increase gross earnings for the year 1910 of \$748,708.75, an increase over the previous year of \$71,351.64. The net earnings for the year were \$277,292.11, an increase of \$79,374.18 over the previous year. The number of passengers carried reached a total of 16,987,334. The statistical statement shows that about 16,000,000 more passengers were carried in 1910 than in the first year of the company's operations, and that the gross receipts have increased from \$71,698.99 in the first

year to \$748,708.75 in 1910.

DIVIDENDS PAYABLE.

The following is a list of bank dividends payable on

March 1st:— Bank.	Rate %.	Term.	Payable.
Home		half-year	March 1st
Ottawa		quarter	" Ist
Commerce		"	" Ist
Quebec		"	" Ist
Union		"	" Ist
Hamilton		"	" Ist
Toronto		"	" Ist
Hochelaga	2	"	" Ist
Montreal	2½	"	" ist
Merchants	21/2	"	" Ist

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GEO. BURN,

General Manager.

Ottawa, Ont., January 16th, 1911.

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DIVIDEND NO. 94.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three per cent. (being at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum) upon the paid-up capital stock of this bank has been declared for the current quarter, and will be payable at the bank and its branches, on and after Saturday, the first day of April next, to shareholders of record of 15th March.

By order of the Board.

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ended 31st December last.
On the Common Stock, two and one-half per cent. for the quarter ended 31st December last, being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from revenue and three per cent. per annum from interest on proceeds of land sales and other extraneous assets.

Both dividends are payable 1st April next to share-holders of record at 3 p.m. on 1st March next. Warrants will be mailed on 31st March next. By order of the Board. W. R. BAKER,

Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

UNION BANK OF CANADA.

Dividend No. 96.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of two per cent. (being at the rate of eight per cent. per annum) on the paid-up capital stock of this institution has been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and at its Branches, on and after Thursday, the second day of March next, to shareholders of record, on 15th February, 1911.

By order of the Board.

G. H. BALFOUR,

Quebec, 21st January, 1911.

General Manager,

CANADIAN WESTINGHOUSE COMPANY, LIMITED.

DIVIDEND No. 25.

The regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent. (1½%) has been declared upon the outstanding capital stock of the Company, payable April 10th, 1911, to share-holders as of record at the close of business March 31st, 1911. Transfer books will be re-opened April 10th, 1911, at ten o'clock a.m. Cheques will be mailed to shareholders.

By order of the Board.

JOHN H. KERR,

Secretary.

Hamilton, Canada, February 20th, 1911.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

Dividend No. 96.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of two and one-half per cent. upon the capital stock of this institution has been declared for the three months ending the 28th February next, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its branches on and after Wednesday, 1st March next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 14th to 28th

February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

ALEXANDER LAIRD,

General Manager.

Toronto 20th January, 1911.

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NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till 8 p.m., February 27th, 1911, for the purchase of \$141,000 fifty-year five per cent. general debentures of the city of North Vancouver.

THOS. SHEPHERD, City Clerk.

North Vancouver, Feb. 1st, 1911.

DEBENTURES FOR SALE.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1911, for the purchase of Debentures of the Town of North Bay, \$18,000.00 for storm sewer purposes, and \$16,as follows: as follows: \$18,000.00 for storm sewer purposes, and \$16,000.00 for Public School purposes, both bearing interest at the rate of Five (5) per cent. per annum, payable in Twenty equal annual instalments. Delivery to be made at the Traders Bank of Canada, North Bay, Ont.

M. W. FLANNERY,

North Bay, February 7th, A.D., 1911. Treasurer.

NOTICE.

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By order of the Treasury Department.

ADAM P. MACINTYRE, Comptroller.

DUNCAN G. LINGLEY, Chamberlain.

Dated, Saint John, N.B., February 8th, 1911.

STRATHCONA, ALTA.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to six p.m. of the third day of March, 1911, for the sale of seventeen \$1,000.00 debentures of The Strathcona Public School District No. 216, of the Province of Alberta, bearing date September 1st, 1910, and repayable in thirty annual instalments, one thirtieth of the principal being repayable annually on the 1st day of September, 1911, to 1940 (both inclusive), with interest at five per centum per annum. chasers to allow vendors for accrued interest to date of sale. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Cash in Banks Deposit with Alberta Government Debentures Loans, secured by mortgages Interest accrued Agents' Balances (Net) (Less reserve for bad debts) Bills receivable Real Estate and Buildings Office Furniture, (Less depreciation). Fire Maps, (Less depreciation) License, Insurance, etc., paid up for 1911 in 1910 Capital Stock Subscribed but not Called.	\$50,251 59 5,000 00 61,350 00 63,567 43 5,334 85 21,225 03 1,758 62 5,428 80 1,909 33 6,178 90 239 00 374,037 48	Capital Stock \$5 Subscribed Capit \$100 each Losses under ad Reserve for unea amount as a Government Accounts Payable Balance—Net Su

\$596,281 03

Liabilities

Capital Stock \$500,000 oo Subscribed Capital Stock, 5,000 shares at
\$100 each \$500,000 00
Losses under adjustment 4,580 90
Reserve for unearned premiums, being full amount as required by the Dominion
Government 52,624 07
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Balance—Net Surplus 38,499 81

\$596,281 03

I have audited the accounts of The Occidental Fire Insurance Company for the year ending December 31st, 1910, and certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet is a full and fair statement of the affairs of the Company as shown by the records. shown by the records. CHARLES D. CORBOULD,

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All companies named in the tables will favor The Monetary Times by sending copies of all circulars is sued to their shareholders, and by artifying us of any errors in the tables.

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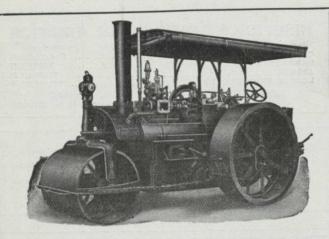
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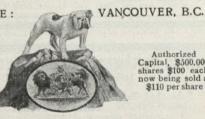


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