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CANADIAN LIGHT & POWER COMPANY PURCHASE ANOTHER COMPANY.

THE Canadian Light & Power Company have just purchased the Saraguay Electric & Water Company, thereby increasing their hold upon the electric light business of the city. It is stated that there was considerable competition among the various electric light companies as to whom should obtain control of the Saraguay Company, but the Canadian Light & Power Company were successful. This purchase gives the Canadian Light & Power Company a considerable hold upon the power business throughout the city and adjoining municipalities, and was in every sense of the word a desirable move on their part.

The acquiring of the new company not only gives them many valuable customers in various parts of the city and the neighboring suburbs, but it also means that the profits from this business will be much greater under the Canadian Light & Power auspices than they were under the Saraguay Company. The latter generated their power from a steam plant but in future the customers will be supplied by electric power from the plant of the Canadian Light & Power Company. Although the gross revenue of the Saraguay Electric & Water Company for the present year more than doubled that of 1910 the indications are that the future growth of the company's earnings will be still greater.

Some time ago the Canadian Light & Power Company obtained control of the Central Light, Heat & Power Company, who have some 1,200 customers in the heart of the city and they have also a fine working arrangement with the Dominion Light, Heat & Power Company. Altogether the Canadian Light & Power Company have been forging to the front in a remarkable manner and have already become an important factor in the lighting and power business of the city.

The Saraguay Company was brought into official existence in the year 1906, the capital being authorized to the extent of \$3,000,000, and it is stated that the amount already expended on the plant amounts to close on to three-quarters of a million dollars. The bond issue amounts to \$500,000, worth \$125,000 of common stock and \$175,000 of preferred. The board of the Company is composed of French-Canadians with two exceptions, and a good deal of energy on the part of the officials has resulted in franchises being obtained from St. Laurent, Notre Dame de Grace, Cote des Neiges, Cartierville, Bordeaux, Ahuntsic, Sault aux Recollect, Longue Pointe, Tetreauville, Pointe aux Trembles and the City of Montreal. With the exception of the City of Montreal, Notre Dame de Grace, Cote des Neiges and Longue Pointe, franchises mentioned are exclusive.

The company which has just passed under the control of the big concern is composed of Messrs. Gaspard Deserres, president; G. M. Bosworth, Tancred Bienvenue, H. Laporte, William Wainwright, T. Bastien, Hon. Hector Champagne, of St. Eustache; E. Champagne, managing director; Hon. J. A. Ouimet, Alphonse Racine, Ed. Hurtubise, secretary, and Charles Brandies, chief engineer. The officials of the Canadian Light & Power Company are: Howard Wilson, president; E. A. Robert, vice-president and managing director; George G. Foster, K.C.; J. W. McConnell, Senator J. M. Wilson, J. M. McIntyre, N. Curry, R. N. Smyth, Fred J. Shaw and W. C. Finley.

It will be a matter of general satisfaction to the shareholders of the Canadian Light & Power Company to know that their directors have acquired this additional plant. It is also stated that the earnings of the Canadian Light & Power Company have been showing very satisfactory increases. Recently there have been some contracts entered into for the supplying of power with some of the largest industrial concerns in the City of Montreal.

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Street Railway Financing Successfully Accomplished.

IT is a matter of the greatest satisfaction not only to the directors of the Montreal Street Railway Company, but to their shareholders and the "Street" in general, that a saisfactory conclusion has been reached in regard to the financing of the company. N. W. HARRIS & Company, of Boston, early this week made a public offering of \$10,445,000 of Montreal Tramways Company's bonds. So attractive did this appear to the public that the entire issue was taken up within a few hours after being offered. It is said that the bonds are being widely distributed to many small holders not only in Canada and the United States, but in Europe as well. Following the sale of bonds there was shipped to Montreal between \$9,000,-000 and \$10,000,000 in gold, which was deposited with the Merchants Bank. This institution is acting on behalf of the Montreal Street Railway Company in effecting the transfer of its securities for those of the Tramways Company.

t is expected that by the end of the present week upwards of 85 per cent. of the Street Railway stock will have been exchanged for Tramways securities. The deeds of the transfer of the Montreal Street Railway Company and the other subsidiary companies of the Montreal Tramways Company were filed on Saturday with the various registrars of Montreal and in every sense the transfer is now an accomplished fact. The price paid for the transfer amounted to about \$6,000, owing to a deed of trust for \$75,000,000.

There has been considerable speculation regarding the value of the Montreal Tramways debentures. The directors of the company refused an order of 921/2 for the entire block, believing that 5 per cent. debentures of their class should sell at a much higher figure. It is pointed out that Toronto Power Company's debentures, which only carry 4½, are being sold in the Loudon market at 96. As the Toronto company is only in course of construction and has no earnings available on its securities, the price at which it is being offered to the British public is either too high or the price offered for the Montreal Tramways debentures is too low. The latter is regarded as the correct explanation by all financial experts. The Montreal Tramways debentures are well secured; they pay 5 per cent. interest and have large earning powers back of them. As is pointed out by the financial editor of the Moutreal Herald, on the basis of Toronto's selling values, the Montreal Tramways stock should sell at 106, or 14 points above the price offered the directors for their holdings.

There is no doubt but that the debentures will shortly see higher levels. There has undoubtedly been a great deal of opposition to and adverse criticism of the Street Railway Company, especially in connection with their financing projects. It is only natural to expect that a certain number of dissatisfied shareholders should unload their stock and then seek to minimize the value of the company's debentures. The present directorate of the Street Railway Company and those associated with them in the reorganization of the company and its refinancing, deserve the warmest congratulations for the successful outcome of their up-hill fight. It has been a long drawn out battle, but has terminated in a satisfactory manner.

MEXICAN TRAMWAYS EARNINGS.

MEXICAN Tramways earnings for the month of October increased to \$9,657. Net earnings from January 1 are now \$135,023. Net earnings of the Mexican Light & Power Company for October were \$549,786, an increase of \$58,386. Net earnings for the year show an increase of \$385,361.

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FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA.

During the year 1910 a total of 60 companies were engaged in the fire insurance business in Canada. Of these 25 were Canadian companies, 19 British and 16 American.

Cash received for premiums during the year in Canada amounted to \$18,725,531, being greater than that received in 1909 by \$1,676,-067, and the amount paid for the losses was \$10,292,393, which is greater than that paid in 1909 by \$1,645,567.

The gross amount of policies, new and renewed, taken during the year by fire companies was \$1,817,055,685, which is greater by \$237,-079,818 than the amount taken in 1909. The premiums charged thereon amounted to \$24,-684,292.40, being \$2,390,663.15 greater than the amount charged the previous year. The tate of premiums (1.358) is somewhat lower than that of 1909 (1.431), The loss rate 54.966 is 4.24 per cent.) greater than the loss rate of the previous year (50.72) and 8.67 per cent. less than the average loss rate (63.63) for the past 42 years.

As will be seen from the above figures, the loss rate during 1910 was greater than it was during the preceeding year, but somewhat less than the average loss rate for the past 42 years. We cannot expect any reduction in fire insurance rates so long as our present enormous fire waste continues. In the year 1909 we burned up \$18,905,538 worth of property and in 1910 a total of \$23,593,315. Our rate this year has been almost \$2,000,000 per month.

It is generally admitted that the fire insurance companies carrying on business in Canada during the past 40 years have lost money in their operations. An examination of the following statement will reveal the fact that the net loss on 40 years fire underwriting in Canada amounts to \$14,727. This is a rebuff to those who talk lightly about the huge profits which fire insurance companies are making.

While complete data are not available regarding the business prior to 1875, sufficient statistics are obtainable to give a clear idea of the trend of the business from 186) to 1874.

In that period the premiums received by companies reporting at Ottawa amounted to

From that amount is deducted \$100,000 representing outstanding premiums on December 31st, 1863, which leaves \$15,043,463 as net premiums. To that sum must be added \$210,-000 representing premiums unpaid on December 31st, 1874. Here, then, is a total preium amount of \$15,253,463.

The net losses paid in the five years' period amounted to \$),620,074; and with losses unpaid at the end of 1874 of \$234,176, the total losses incurred are \$3,854,250, a ratio to premiums of 64.60 pre cent. The increase of the reserve for unexpired policies in the five years amounted to \$2,022,303. Fifty per cent. of that gain, ing experts, and their hotel and other traveling together with estimated expenses of \$4,576,039 added to the losses paid, makes a sum of \$15, 441,400. Deducting premiums received, there is seen to be an actual loss in underwriting in the five years of \$187,977, a ratio to premiuns equal to 1.23 per cent.

In examining the figures of Canadian fire and agents, which ranges from 5 per cent, to 15,000,000 in the mining industry,

insurance reported from 1875 to 1908 complete 371/2 per cent. The real cause of high rates is paid and outstanding of Canadian, British, and United States companies totalled \$251,260,021. The ratio to premiums of losses incurred by the three groups of companies doing business in the Dominion were 66.75, 65.26 and 60.09 respectively. These losses approximate \$163,242,836, a ratio to premiums of 64.97 per cent. To that sum must be added \$9,453,479, representing. reserve on unexpired premiums and being a ratio of 3.76 per cent. of premium receipts. Finally there are expenses. Those of the Canadian companies were 33.35 per cent.; of British, 30.33, and of United States, 31.85 per cent.

The total expenses of the three groups between 1875 and 1908 were \$78,391,456, a ratio to premiums of 31.19. Adding together losses, reserve on uunxpired premiums, and expenses, a total outgo is obtained of \$251,087,771, a ratio of 99.92 per cent. This amount deducted from the premiums shows a profit to the companies in the thirty-four years' period of only \$173,250, a ratio to premiums of .08 per cent. Against this there is a loss for the six years prior to 1874 of \$187,977.

The last annual report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters shows that in 1909, 38.50 per cent, of all the premiums paid for fire insurance in the United States was consumed in expenses; in 1908, 40.47 per cent. was so consumed, while for the entire period from 1860 to 1909 the average was 36.07 per cent.

"Such a ratio of legitimate expenses to receipts hardly seems possible to the property owner, who is likely to think," says Mr. C. F Carter, in the American Review of Reviews, "that the simple process of filling out the blanks in a printed policy form by an agent constitutes the whole process of fire insurance. A liberal share of the expenses of indurance companies can be accounted for promptly under the head of taxes. Of the \$1,255,486,068 collected in fire premiums in the United States in the five years ending with 1909, no less than \$33,476,213 was consumed by taxes. a nounted to 2.67 per cent. of the gross amount of premiums collected. But as \$736,911,795 in fire losses were paid the taxes represented 6.45 per cent, of the premiums remaining after the losses had been deducted; or, in other words, 6.45 per cent. of the expenses.

"Since insurance is nothing more nor less than a method of levying taxes in order to distribute the losses by fire, the states are simply levying taxes upon taxes, or to put it another way, adding an extra burden to that already imposed by the destruction of wealth. For it must not be forgotten that an insurance company cannot pay out what it does not take in. The taxes paid by insurance companies are simply added to the premiums paid by policyholders.

"About 5 per cent. of the premium is required for adjusters and special agents, travelexpenses for supervising the business. Ten per cent. goes to pay the official staff at headquarters, clerks, bookkeepers, rent, advertising, postage, expressage, printing, stationery and general office expenses. The largest single in sugar mills and plantations, 25,000,000 in item of expense is the commission to brokers public utilities, \$25,000,000 in railroads, and

data are available. In that period the premiums the unnecessary waste by fire, which in the last thirty-five years, exclusive of forest, mine and marine fires, amounted to \$4,906,619,420. 1907, a normal year, recorded fire losses were \$215,084,709, while fire defence cost \$241,401,-191. The sum of the two items was equal to half the value of new buildings erected. The fire loss alone in the United States for the five years ending with 1907 averaged \$3.02 per capita per annum, whiile the per capita loss in in six nations in Europe, including Germany and France, for the same period averaged 33 cents a year. Matters are growing worse instead of better, for while the population increased 73 per cent. between 1880 and 1909, the fire loss increased 134 per cent. These facts sufficiently explain why during the half century ending with 1909 an average of 58.43 per cent. of premiums was required to pay losses. It also indicates the obvious way to reduce rates. Official figures gathered by the New York State Insurance Department for the eighteen years from 1891 to 1908 show that an average of only 3.66 per cent. of the premiums remained with the companies as profits each year.

> "An average profit of 3.06 per cent. throughout a period of eighteen years is hardly compatible with accepted ideas of trust methods. As a matter of fact there is no such thing as an insurance trust. The instinct of self-preservation has compelled the various companies to pull together in certain specific things for the common good; but aside from these each company works out its own salvation. The specific things include the educational propaganda and the fire prevention campaign conducted by the National Board of Fire Underwriters as already indicated, the limiting of commissions and the making of rates. State rate-making seems to be impracticable. Texas tried it, but gave it up. Kansas tried, but the law as it now stands limits State intervention substantially to inquiries and recommendations. The National Board of Fire Underwriters tried its hand at rate-making, but abandoned the task as beyond its powers in 1888, and has since restricted its efforts to other matters of common interest. Neither can any single company undertake to make rates for itself without inviting ruin for the sufficient reason that it cannot have in its own field broad enough experience upon which to base a rate both high enough for safety and low enough to attract business in competition with other companies. The New York Fire Insurance Exchange endeavors to apportion rates so that each class of risks may come as near as possible to the payment of its own losses and contribute its just proportion to ward expenses, profit, and reserve accounts. distinguishing between individual risks of the same class so that proper credit will be given for variations above the standard of the average risk of that class, and proper charges made for variations below the standard."

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DOMINION STEEL CORPORATION'S NEW ISSUE.

Ar a largely attended meeting of the directors of the Dominion Steel Corporation held in Montreal this week, it was decided to undertake some further financing in connection with the company's affairs. The Board decided that they would shortly make an issue of preferred stock, although they have in the treasury at the present time \$6,000,000 of unissued bonds. In deciding to make an issue of preferred stock instead of bonds, the directors were actuated by a desire to keep fixed charges as low as possible. It was also decided to have the parent company, the Dominion Steel Corporation, make the issue, although the money raised will be devoted to the extension of the coal company's plant. The directors feel, however, that it is much better for the parent company to make these issues than for any one of the subsidiary companies.

Mr. PLUMMER denied the various rumors which have been afloat regarding the company's affairs. One of these rumors was that the United States Steel Corporation were seeking control of the Canadian company. Mr. Plum-MER also stated that the affairs of the company were in a satisfactory condition and that the further increase in the number of collieries would augment the earnings of the company.

HEAD OFFICE TO BE MOVED.

In the notices sent out by the Union Bank of Canada regarding their annual meeting to be held on December 18th, there is a clause in serted giving notice that a resolution will be sub mitted asking the shareholders to confirm the action of the directors in their desire to move the head office of the bank from the city o Quebec to the city of Winnipeg. This action was to be expected owing to the large number of branches which the bank has west of th Great Lakes. It shows the gradual westward trend of business interests.

WANAMAKER'S PANACEA.

In New York recently, at a luncheon give in his honor, JOHN WANAMAKER proposed federation of 1,000,000 or more merchants i the United States to insure good times an check sensationalism. He put forward declaration of principles which included lower ing tariff, a parcels post, reduction of telegrap and telephone rates, punishment of bribe give and takers and reducing cost of living.

LA ROSE IN OCTOBER.

LA Rose mine in October made a net profit \$75,500. October production was rather larg than usual, being 255,800 ounces, the gro value of which was \$136,000. The October i come was \$141,000, and the total expenses \$65 500. La Rose is evidently looking to make record before the end of the year.

BANK OF MONTREAL'S RECORD YEAR.

THE annual statement of the Bank of Montreal for the fiscal year ended the 31st of October has just been made public. The profits for the year were the largest in the history of the bank, amounting to \$2,276,518, as compared with \$1,797,992 for the previous year.

The bank carried forward to Profit and Loss for the year 1910. During the year the bank issued new stock at a premium, the latter amounting to a total of \$365,677, while the congratulations.

adjustment of their Bank Premises account shows an increase of \$3,400,000. The Rest account was increased during the year by \$3,-000,000, making it now \$15,000,000, or a sum slightly in excess of the bank's paid-up capital.

The assets of the bank total almost \$230,000,-000, making the Bank of Montreal rank as one of the greatest financial institutions on the conaccount \$1,855,185 as compared with \$961,789 tinent. The showing made during the past

The Annual Meeting of Canada's premier bank is to be held, as usual, on the first Monday in December. The shareholders will have the following clear and fine statement to consider :-

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e	Quarterly Dividend 21/2 per cent. paid 1st Marc	sh, 1911	\$ 360,000	\$7,003,985_36 \$360,00	\$2,401,789 11 0
١,	Quarterly Dividend 2½ per cent. paid 1st June Quarterly Dividend 2½ per cent. paid 1st Sept	, 1911	360,000	360,00 360,00	0
t	Quarterly Dividend 21/2 per cent, payable 1st I			360,00	9 (
e	Amount credited to Rest Account		\$1,440,000 00		\$1,440,000 00
s	Amount expended on Premises during year				
s				\$5,148,800 00	
e	Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward				\$961,789 11
g	General Statement at S1st October, 19	11, with compa LIABILITIES.		, is as follows :	•
I -	Capital Stock	1911. 14,887,570 00 .	•	1910.	\$14,400,000 00
y	Rest	14,007,570 00 .	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$12,000,000 00	14,400,000
ıe	ward		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	961,789 11	
es	\$10,055,105 30			12,961,789 11	1.
	Unclaimed Dividends 1,508 of Quarterly Dividend, payable			1,855 51	
	1st December, 1911 360,000	17,216,693 37		360,000	13,323,644 62
of		\$32,104,263 37		•	27,723,644 62
oe	Notes of the Bank in circula- tion	,		14,502,591 00	
11-				43,425,978 33 154,117,878 17	
b-	Balances due to other Banks in Canada			122,238 37	
ie	_	197,816,157 28			212,168,685 87
ve	\$2	29,920,420 65 ASSETS.			239,892,330 49
of	Government demand notes 0 717 for 7	7	·	\$ 10,202,147 00 11,596,613 50	
)11 	Deposit with Dominion Gov-			107-70 3-	
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rd	ion 700,000			600,000	
	and other banks in Great Britain\$\$14,566,291 85		\$11,414,749 69		
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eı	in Foreign		5,799,898 87		
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	ited States 42,602,772 00		61,918,750 00	TO THE BOD NO	
er				79,133,398 58	
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	Banks	1 104,445,885 47	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	4,849,328 12	126,764,806 32
	Bank Premises at Montreal and Branches. (Valued at				
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os	and other assets	ī		. \$112,087,981 86	·
	1- Debts secured by mortgage or otherwise			. 231,424 79	
55	,- Overdue debts not specially pecured (loss provided for) 223.265			208,117 52	er en
е	a	121,474,535	18,,,		112,527,524 17
		\$229,920,420	65		\$239,892,330_49

STATEMENT OF BANKS ACTING UNDER CHARTER, for the month ending 31st

77. (g	A STATE OF THE CONTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE			LIA	BILITIES			
;;			CAPITAL STOCK	•				Balance Due
•	NAME OF BANK		i ta tar t		Amount of Rest	Rate Per Cent. of last	Notes li.	Government after deducting
	 A service of the property of the	Capital Authorized	Capital Subscribed	Capital Paid Up	or Reserve Fund	Dividend Declared	Circulation	advances for Credits, Pay- lists, &c.
·b	matrial personal control of the control of the		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i					
13 a	Dark of Wantural	\$16,000,000	\$14,911,300	\$14,887,570	\$15,000,000	\$10	\$15,914,654	\$7,306,559
1 2	Bank of MontrealBank of New Brunswick	1,000,000	907,900	907,900	1,618,826	13	886,796	93,331
Q	Quebec Bank	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,250,000	7	2,469,684	19,150
4	Bank of Nova Scotia	5,000,000	4,000,000	3,909,740	7,183,631	14	3,671,395	299,039
5	Bank of British North America	4,866,666	4,866,666	4,866,666	2,652,333	7	4,660,957	61,163
6	Bank of Toronto	10,000,000	4,646,500	4,547,175	5,297,475	11	5,(48,952	44,951
7	Molsons Bank	5,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,600,000	11	4,143,857	31,432 43,155
∘8	Eastern Townships Bank	5,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,250,000	9 7	3,314,890	, ~~,.~~
. 8	Banque Nationale	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,300,000	10	1,986,921 6,505,346	18,942 265,256 1
10	Merchants Bank of Canada	10,000,000	6,000,000	5,000,000	4,900,000 425,000	5	1,181,998	16,779
11.	Banque Provinciale du Canada	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,781,230	8	4,825,098	64.331
12.	Union Bank of Canada.	8,000,000	4,781,900	4,762,440 11,486,920	9,189,536	10	11,801,698	681,052
13	Canadian Bank of Commerce	15,000,000 10,000,000	11,683,600 6,200,000	6,200,000	7,000,000	12	6,504,265	126, 672
15	Royal Bank of Canada	10,000,000	4,740,200	4.629.476	5,629,476		4,916,378	40,439 1
16	Bank of Hamilton	3,000,000	2,745,900	2,743,400	3,064,677	11	2,759,660	56,131
17	Standard Bank of Canada	5,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,500,000	12	2,451,822	22,157
18	Banque d'Hochelaga	4,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	9	2,403,106	27,540 1
19	Bank of Ottawa	5,000,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,900,000	11 [3,766,865	81,643
20	Imperial Bank of Canada	10,000,000	6,000,000	5,970,034	5,970,034	12	5,851,675	161,214 2 18,651 2
51	Traders Bank of Canada	5,000,000	4,367,500	4,354,500	2,300,000	8	4,592,200	18,651 2
22	Sovereign Bank of Canada	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	Nil.		35,200 1,042,902	2
23	Metropolitan Bank	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,250,000	10	1,042,802	2
24	Home Bank of Canada	2,000,000	1,365,900	1,272,599	425,000 150,000	5	2,035,675	33,070 2
25 26	Northern Crown BankSterling Bank of Canada	6,000,000	2,207,500	2,207,500 968,584	281,616	, ,	953,625	20,070
27	Bank of Vancouver	3,000,000 2,000,000	1,036,100	620,505	Nil.] " .	410,840	2
28	Weyburn Security Bank	1,000,000	602,600	301,300	Nil.	[303,195	2
29	Banque Internationale du Canada		10,000,000	1.026,940	Nil.		168,360	2
٠.،	Total	169,866,666	116,605,466	106,163,549	93,418,824		105,855,021	9,512,657
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ASSETS

	NAME OF BANK	Specie,	Dominion Notes	Deposits with Dominion Government for Security of Note Circuistion	Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	Loans to other Banks in Canada, secured, including Bills rediscounted	Deposits made with and Balances due from other Banks in Canada	Balances due from Agencies of the Bank or from other Banks or Agencies in the United Kingdom	Balances due from Agencies of the Bank, or from other Banks or Agencies elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.	Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	Canacian Municipal Securaties & British For- cign or Colon- ial Public Securities other than Canadian	Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 6 17 8 9 20 22 23 24 25 6 26 7 28 29	Bank of Montreal. Bank of New Brunswick Quebec Bank Bank of Nova Scotia Bank of Nova Scotia Bank of Toronto Molsons Bank Eastern Townships Bank Banque Nationale Merchants Bank of Canada Banque Provinciale du Canada Union Bank of Canada. Canadian Bank of Canada. Dominion Bank of Canada. Dominion Bank Bank of Hamilton Standard Bank of Canada. Banque d'Hochelaga Bank of Ottawa Imperial Bank of Canada Traders Bank of Canada Traders Bank of Canada Metropolitan Bank Home Bank of Canada Northern Crown Bank Sterling Bank of Canada Bank of Vancouver Weyburn Security Bank Banque Internationale du Canada	402,275 2,823,816 886,117 816,798 447,087 457,296 181,792 2,125,256 33,155 639,428 7,693,710 4,200,091 1,523,712 669,061 533,706 299,855 940,289 1,564,782 540,641	\$ 9,717,605 487,980 860,014 4,029,939 3,022,523 3,374,744 3,383,023 1,176,308 4,160,757 109,950 3,942,767 6,920,959 7,143,220 5,478,548 4,112,346 1,485,812 1,41,766 3,496,643 9,440,631 4,214,869 4,214,869 4,214,869 768,933 894,915 470,364 186,990 73,350 337,715	\$ 700,906 42,500 94,640 94,640 164,029 1,416,556 188,800 180,000 177,000 52,000 190,000 175,000 190,000 112,100 175,000 245,430 197,395 42,499 50,400 95,800 45,600 30,272 5,079 5,000	1,476,222 5,031,553 964,358 3,631,749 8,071,552 5,541,661 4,327,925 2,480,625		124,832 5,882 250,047 11,703 3,048 382,121 620,359 51,706 7,121 385,573 263,936 45,922 63,467 87,596 46,947 317,329 304,117 2,966,695 970,345 572,187 	\$ 14,566,291 66,562 26,429 1,064,057 123,007 23,229 32,231 207,832 207,832 2,784,173 639,671 414,287 58,366 258,148 217,031 1,488,662 112,620 31,949 62,187	\$ 3,408,981 590,017 452,917 723,136 837,351 1,015,5x3 764,738 931,280 721,849 600,102 209,784 921,821 5,260,164 3,075,637 1,135,068 368,159 368,159 369,161 1,687,363 1,069,925 3,955,207 2,500,335 89,533 122,816 37,000 57,078 174,164 5,353 75,631		1,522,703 634,927 3,135,211 1,253,046 1,215,736 1,390,071 3,335,098 643,412 314,319 38,271 140,999 234,791	5,487,534 442,476 884,099 18,475 791,490 898,071 1,151,452 1,000,000 1,187,220 291,924 694,107 425,483 45,982	123460789 111213 1415167189 201223 24529 2728
1,7,	Total	37,287,510	86,015,980	5,815,000	68,382,456	1,132,975	9,676,236	23,486,850	31,033,608	10,186,681	22,461,448	63,105,538	
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Return of Canadian Bank of Commerce. Amount under heading "Other assets not included under foregoing heads," includes bullion.

Return of Bank of British North America. The figures for the Dawson and Fort George Branches have been taken from the last stalements to hand, viz. 21th and 25th Oct., 1911.

Asset Mo. 22 includes Bullion \$372,217.

Return Bank of Hamilton. The figures for the Leslie, Sask, Branch have been taken from the last statement to hand, viz; 27th Oct., 1911.

October, 1911, according to Returns furnished by them to the Department of Finance.

					LIA	ABILITIES						
	Balance due to Provincial Governments	Deposits by the Public Payable on Demand in Canada	Deposits by the Public payable after notice or on a Fixed Day in Canada	Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	Loans from other Banks in Canads, secured, including Bills Rediscounted	Deposits made by and Balances Due to other Banks in Canada	Balances due to Agencies of the Bank or to other Banks or Agencies in the United Kingdom	Balances due to Agencies of the Bank or to other Banks or 'Agen- cies elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	Liabilities not included under foregoing Heads	Total Liabilities	Greatest Amount of Notes in circulation at any time during the Month	
1234567890112341617849012234562789	\$2,255,440 106,663 154,798 253,492 1,290,146 35,394 260,525 164,138 227,401 1,883,007 310,120 2,259,264 4,322,637 6,507,003 232,429 \$12,808 55,396 59,628 391,031 2,595,632 291,855 28,845 32,005 893,997 41,722 50,996	\$50,816,050 1,155,590 4,090,649 26,204,667 11,438,474 14,677,164 9,585,739 4,897,023 3,455,408 1,681,581 17,854,922 52,394,380 23,009,094 14,914,631 10,256,830 6,292,249 4,790,822 10,413,902 10,413,902 18,476,49,1 12,111,714 2,817,006 2,480,172 6,238,684 1,559,405 726,332 440,713 311,424 331,953,562	\$ 94,184,760 6,259,007 9,580,271 5,946,647 21,059,899 25,712,605 25,304,473 14,482,014 10,619,008 55,429,629 5,962,723 23,511,431 66,539,373 38,283,306 37,058,506 23,715,342 21,846,190 12,752,510 24,602,143 32,050,495 27,491,776 	763,677 106,048 343,696 15,691,574 18,764,211 20,171				5,886 571,964 280,515 35,434 137,701 37,969 68,576 102,961 44,795 1,549,801 969,899 108,172 47,677 200,000 62,699 61,133 796,263	1,508 206,372 293 5,405 10,961,123 458 4,112 3,599 3,712 5,277 228,399 4,128,117 742 1,316 66,626 15,828	\$197,817,665 8,717,026 16,426,666 48,982,183 52,061,529 46,004,090 39,608,220 23,135,861 17,414,054 64,713,799 9,935,468 \$49,204,778, 163,271,394 94,948,154 57,542,419 37,857,187 31,501,434 21,327,504 39,354,304 59,253,008 45,445,338 4,163,333 9,822,858 10,050,582 16,344,259 6,290,853 1,846,736 908,006 607,355	\$15,914,654 886,796 2 523,179 3,671,392 5,116,121 5,048,952 4,143,857 3,314,910 1,986,921 6,642,969 1,183,868 4,825 0P8 11,882,446 6,504,265 4,933,993 2,454,822 2,435,257 3,97,185 6,260,250 4,597,905 35,890 1,067,347 1,263,400 2,035,576 1,107,405 491,000 303,611 168,360	122 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 28 24 25 26 27 28

ASSETS

Call and Short Loa on Stocks a Bonds in Canada	ns Short Loans and elsewhere than in	Current Loans in Canada	Current Loans elsewhere than in Canada	Loans to Provincial Governmenta	Overdue Debts	Real Estate other than Bank Premises	Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	Bank Premises	Other Assets not included under the Foregoing Heads	Total Assets	Aggregate amount of Loans to Directors and Firms of which they are Partners	Average Amount of Specie held during the Month	Average Amount of Dominim Notes held during the Month	
14 1,647,66 6,240,44 16 4,039,5 18 588,7 957,6 20 1,643,4 22 1,643,4 22 984,1 1,954,6 1,012,9 27 28 1,012,9 27	1,100,000 5,126, 71 7,268,615 15 15 16 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	4,364,379 1,586,627 824,348 433,994		111,635	\$ 421,469 49,441 53,455 119,162 767,969 159,863 268,647 112,337 36,421 214,466 53,492 160,410 407,021 275,481 171,374 121,156 268,503 101,112 176,262 53,614 286,884 6,043 99,680 89,591 22,612 32,643 23,259	55,916		\$ 4,000,000 188,200 78F,357 1,330,376 1,289,924 1,295,837 700,000 1,327,116 558,098 1,939,603 270,000 1,894,535 3,298,339 2,498,835 2,070,000 1,827,741 347,731 356,031 1,316,566 1,706,685 2,222,282 292,241 235,375 371,168 219,432 48,496 112,677	230,797 3,771,826 108,244 51,266 55,332 204,863 4,413	\$ 230,165,420 11,357,402 20,498,584 60,713,737 62,022,099 57,016,563 48,815,600 28,732,691 11,508,201 57,559,010 175,9 0,366 109,655,251 68,466,322 44,433,635 26,794,919 47,462,832 72,524,516 52,618,064 4,814,126 12,232,696 11,829,289 18,980,806 7,707,370 2,636,218 1,184,085 1,657,662	\$ 1,120,000 31.672 385,751 592,473 22,791 1,183,035 332,575 287,728 427,337 325,268 395,081 771,875 552,094 437,948 501,075 102,499 222,048 266,329 669,216 427,125 441,669 31,004 140,000 122,546 69,694 18,488	\$ 8,799,176 303,561 403,655 2,873,578 948,624 819,151 451,334 456,577 179,400 2,110,560 35,842 635,656 7,327,010 4,340,056 1,510,000 654,328 531,350 292,065 940,993 1,570,537 559,000 128,505 68,824 228,300 34,625 15,958 8,923 1,113	105,555 3,118,553 9,775,000 8,796,265 5,516,530 1,804,749 1,436,406 1,798,497 3,318,030 8,612,693 4,611,000 453,283 942,276 797,400 444,787 115,336 55,785 30,579	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
69,088,4	67 88,722,640	768,492,008	36,962,543	2,169,734	4,551,367	1,512,407	942,539	33,005,648	17,249,159	1,381,280,989	9,837,289	36,228,191	83,746,215	

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, 16th November, 1911.

T. C. BOVILLE.

Debuty Minister of Frag.

THE CANADA CEMENT COMPANY. Its History, Growth and Future.

THE stock of the Canada Cement Company has been active of late and fresh interest has been aroused in the affairs of this company. This is one of the big mergers which is apparently making good. During the past two or three years an epidemic of mergers struck Canada with the result that practically every industry in the country that is capable of being combined was consolidated with other similar enterprises. In some cases huge amounts of watered stock were offered for public subscripcompanies sank to almost a trifling fraction of the values set upon them by those at the head of the mergers. In other cases the stock has shown strength. The Canada Cement Company is one of these.

This company was incorporated a little over two years ago, with an authorized capital of \$30,000,000, divided as follows;-

Preferred 7 per cent stock,-	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Authorized	\$11,000,00)
Issued	10,500,000
Common stock,—	• • •
Authorized	19,000,000
Issued	13,500,000
Bonds,—	
Authorized	- 8,00,0000
Issued	5,000,000

Thus the total authorized securities of the company amount to \$38,000,000 while the total amount of securities issued amounts to \$34, 000,000.

Some twelve of the leading cement companies situated in various parts of Canada were included in the merger, the head office of the company being located in Montreal. In justifying the merger those at the back of it contended that the reduction in freight rates, of administration charges and selling expenses would effect immense savings. Previous to the merger competition was so keen that cement companies often shipped their product long distances with the result that freight charges ate up the bulk of their profits. This has been prevented by the merger and the cement plant in any given locality supplies cement to that neighborhood. Contrary to expectations, the price of cement decreased as soon as the merger took place.

The following table will show the prices which have prevailed during the past ten years. The prices quoted are taken from Government reports and apply to cement at the mills.

1900	\$	1.91
	,	1.78
		1.73
1903		1.83
1904		
1905		1.42
1906		1.49
1907		1.55
1908		1.39
1909		1.32
1910		1.34
1911	(estimated)	1.30

The following table shows the Canadian production and consumption of cement during the past few years;-

. 6	Ma	nufactured.	Consumed.					
1004		908,990 ba	rrels	910,358	barrels			
			,,	1,346,548				
1006		2,152,562	11	2,119,764				
		2,491,513		2,436,093	11			
1908		3,495,961	11	2,665,289				
1909		4,067,709	33.	4,209.903	11			
1910			11	5 70, 28	٠.			

The above figures show the remarkable growth of the industry in Canada and the indications are that the output during the next ment gives some interesting information refew years will be largely increased. The Canada Cement Company are at present enlarging their plants in various places and building a new one in Winnipeg with a capacity of 500,-000 barrels per year. In the latter city, however, strong opposition to the action of the Canada Cement Company has lately arisen. The Board of Control have decided to conduct an investigation into the cost of cement. The city claims that this year it paid \$2.25 per tion. In some cases the stocks of the merged barrel for 20,000 barrels, while in 1909 it paid \$1.76 for 25,000 barrels. The average price given by the Canada Cement Company for cement at the mills during these years is\$1.34 in 1910 and \$1.32 in 1909, which indicates that Winnipeg has been paying much higher prices than have prevailed elsewhere.

A comparison with the cost of cement in the Canada. The price in 1908 in the United States was 85c., in Canada \$1.39. In 1907 in katchewan and for one district in Nova Scotia. the United States the price was \$1.11 and in Canada \$1.55. On the other hand, however, the production of cement in the United States is much greater than in Canada and for this reason the cost of production will be much less. In the year 1900 the United States produced 8,482,000 barrels. In 1909 this increased to 62,508,000 barrels valued at \$50,510,000. During this period the price decreased from \$1.09 in 1900 to 81c. in 1909. Since the industry started in the United States a total of 458,075,-856 barrels have been produced, valued at \$358,423,385. In 1910 the United States exported 53,253 barrels of cement to Canada, desp te a heavy duty. Altogether a total of 349,310 barrels were imported into Canada last During the past year the Cement vear. Company's plants were only operated to 57.6% of their capacity but during 1911 they have been operated to a greater extent. In 1910 the company showed current assets of \$2,633,450 but expect to show considerably higher earnings for the present year.

Recently the Canada Cement Company and Sir Max Aitken in particular, came in for some adverse criticism from Sir Sandford Fleming, former President of the company. His charges were brought up in parliament but the dissolution of the House prevented them from being investigated. Whether or not they will be brought up again is difficult to say. There has undoubtedly been a great deal of criticism regarding the formation of this company, especially in regard to the amount of water injected into it. In round numbers almost half of the capital is water and to expect the public to earn dividends on some \$15,000,000 of water is asking them a good deal. The Canada Cement Company undoubtedly have been favored by the prosperity of the country and the increasing use of cement in all kinds of building. The increased consumption of cement, the saving of freight and administration charges and other economies have resulted in making this merger a success despite its heavy capitalization. Effiwith the success of the company.

FIELD CROPS IN CANADA.

A BULLETIN issued by the Census Departgarding the field crops in Canada.

The census enumeration of field crops taken in June shows for the North-west provinces together with Ontario and the Maritime provinces an area of 9,990,021 acres wheat, 7,661,862 acres oats, 1,291,287 acres barley, 133,053, acres rye, and 1,090,615 acres flax,-to which will be added the areas for two districts in Saskatchewan and for one district in Nova Scotia. For the harvest year of 1900 the corresponding figures of the census of 1901 for farms only were 4,068,328 acres wheat, 3,981,-370 acres oats, 765,273 acres barley, 156,352 acres rye, and 21,202 acres flax.

The increase in the production of the principal grains in the decade, computed for the present year on the estimates of correspondents, is shown to be in round numbers 148,035,000 United States is interesting. In 1909 the ave-bushels wheat, 187,049,000 bushels oats, 21,rage price prevailing throughout the United 711,000 bushels barley, 664,000 bushels rye, and States was 81c., as compared with \$1.32 in 12,360,000 bushels flax. These figures are exclusive of returns for two districts in Sas-

> The average yield of fall wheat in the Northwest provinces this year is 24.68 bushels per acre, of spring wheat 19.82 bushels, of oats 45.93 bushels, of barley 32.93 bushels, of rye 28.52 bushels and of flax 11.46 bushels. In Ontario and the Maritime provinces the averages are 21.75 bushels for fall wheat, 19.35 bushels for spring wheat, 30.76 bushels for oats, 30.67 bushels for barley, 18.24 bushels for rye and 12.61 bushels for flax.

> Including the province of Quebec but excluding British Columbia the revised totals of production in Canada for 1911 are in bushels as follows: Fall wheat 26,479,000, spring wheat 176,518,000, all wheat 202,997,000, rye 3,007,-000, barley 43,579,000, oats 348,774,000 and corn for husking 17,159,300.

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA.

THE annual report of the superintendent of insurance on companies other than life companies shows that during the year 1910, the business of fire insurance in Canada was carried on by sixty companies, of which 25 were Canadian, 19 British and 16 American.

Cash received for premiums during the year. in Canada amounted to \$18,725,531, being greater than that received in 1909 by \$1,,676-067, and the amount paid for the losses was \$10,292,393, which is greater than that paid in 1909 by \$1,645,567.

The gross amount of policies, new and renewed, taken during the year by fire companies was \$,817,055,685, which is greater by \$237,-079 818 than the amount taken in 1909. The premiums charged thereon amounted to \$24,-684,292,40, being \$2,390,663 15 greater than the amount charged the previous year. The rate of premiums (1.358) is somewhat lower than that of 1909 (1.431)! The loss rate (54,-966 is 4 24 per cent greater than the loss rate of the previous year (50.72) and 8.67 per cent. cient management has also had something to do less than the average loss rate (63.63) for the past 42 years.

WHISKEY AND TOBACCO.

CANADA'S consumption of liquors and Tobacco shows a marked increase for the past fiscal year.

The per capita consumption of spirits was 859 gallons, against .815 gallons in 1910; that of beer was 5.434 gallons, as against 5.276 gallons; that of wine, 104 gallons, against 097 gallons; while the tobacco used grew from 2 940 pounds per capita to 3.011 pounds.

The total quantity of tobacco smoked was 18 903,322 pounds, against 17,961,279 pounds in 1910 and 17,217,710 pounds in 1909.

The cigarettes smoked reach the enormous total of 585,935,370 against 551,095,138 in 1910, and 356,755,130 in 1909

The cigars smoked numbered 227,585,692, as compared with 205,820,851 in 1010 and 192,105,366 in 1909.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S TRADE GROWING.

EXCEEDING last year's record by \$900,000, the trade of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ending in June, set a new high mark according to an announcement just made.

For the fiscal year the colony's trade amounted to \$25,400,000, as against 24,500,000 for the previous year. The total imports showed an increase of 300,000, being 13,400,000. The exports totalled nearly \$12,000,000, showing a slight increase. The exports to Great Britain amounted to \$2,300,000, an increase of early half a million dollars. This was due largely to the output of the new pulp mills.

INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

THE British capital invested in South Ame rica has been calculated as amounting to nearly. \$3,000,000,000. Great Britain has thirty-five per cent, of the South American Trade and Germany has about sixteen per cent. The figures showing the amount of Trade with the United States are not available, but it is known that the increase over that of a few years ago has been very marked.

BANK ST. HYACINTHE.

At the last meeting of the shareholders of "La Banque de St. Hyacinthe," in liquidation, the following figures were given by Mr. Philie, the liquidator:—

Collected since June 24, 1908	
Circulation redeemed	259,815.00
Deposits of Provincial Government	55,664.21
Dividends to depositors and creditors	577.531.40
Premiums on insurance transferred to	
the bank	2,684.15
Costs of cases that were still pending	W
when the bank closed its doors	24,025.74
Salaries of employes	6,666.54
Costs of liquidation to date	15,250.02
Rent of branches, heating, etc	1,957.61
In bank, on the 19th Oct. inst	84,409.34
Due to the depositors, to reach 100 cents	
on the dollar	250,935.81
on the donar	250,935.01

As to the remaining assets, the liquidator is not in a position to give exact figures.

DOMINION COAL OUTPUT.

THE total output at the collieries of the Dominion Coal Co. during October was 349,992 tons.

WEEKLY CLEARING-HOUSE RETURNS.

MONTREAL.

Week ending Nov. 23, 1911 \$55,289,286 Corresponding week, 1910 41,746,105 Corresponding week, 1909 44,125,931 JOHN KNIGHT, Manager.

QUEBEC.

Week ending Nov. 23, 1911..... \$2,925,381 Corresponding week, 1910..... 2,580,410 F. W. RUSSELL, Manager.

OTTAWA.

Week ending Nov. 16, 1911	\$5,204,284
Corresponding week, 1910	4,266,272
Corresponding week, 1909	3,979,247
Corresponding week, 1908	3,983,133
Week ending Nov. 23, 1911	4,971,116
Corresponding week, 1910	4,120,003
Corresponding week, 1909	3,580,553
Corresponding week, 1908	3,511,147
	stie, Manager.

LONDON, ONT.

Week ending Nov. 23, 1911	\$1,505,813
Corresponding week, 1910	
Corresponding week, 1909	
I H HUNGERE	

HAMILTON.

Week ending Nov. 23, 1911 \$2,882,943
Corresponding week, 1910 2,425,802
Corresponding week, 1909 1,909,882
Corresponding week, 1908 1,505,693
G W Rogn'r Manager

BRANDON.

Week ending Nov. 16, 1911 \$	860,905
	683,527
C. M. ARNOL	D. Manager

CALGARY.

Week ending Nov. 16, 1911	\$5,254,744
Corresponding week, 1910	3,596,842
Corresponding week, 1909	2,633,233
Corresponding week, 1908	2,072,306
F. G. CRERAR	, pro-Manager

VANCOUVER.

Week ending Nov. 16, 1911 \$	11.908,573
Corresponding week, 1910	9,863 904
Corresponding week, 1909	7.372,207
Corresponding week, 1908	4,357,551
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VICTORIA.

F. H. LAU	NDY, Manage
Corresponding week, 1908	1,453,093
Corresponding week, 1909	1,957,503
Corresponding week, 1910	2,296,616
Week ending Nov. 14, 1911	\$2,598,547

G. T. R. EARNINGS.

Traffic earnings from November 8th. to	14th.:
1911\$	
1910	899,760
lucrease	\$60,220
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C. P. R. EARNINGS.

Return of traffic earnings of the	Canadian Pacific
tailway Company from November 7t	
1911	\$2,486,000
1910	
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SHAWINIGAN EARNINGS.

Mileage increased to 10,752.

SHAWINIGAN Water and Power gross in October was \$93,000, being an increase of \$17,791 over October, 1910. For the ten months of the year the gross increased over \$152,581 over the corresponding period of 1910.

RECENT FIRES.

Halifax, N. S.—Stables; loss \$10,000. Brockville, Ont.—Boathouse and two launches; loss covered by insurance.

Ottawa, Ont.—Rivermede Golf Club house and contents; cause, spark lodged between chimney and wall; loss \$9,500.

Belleville, Ont.—Crook block; loss about \$8.000.

Wilberforce, Ont.—General store and post office; loss \$2,000, entirely covered by insurance.

Winnipeg—Garage; loss \$11,000.

Middle Musquodoboit, N. S.—Barn and contents, including thirty head of cattle; loss heavy, but partially covered by insurance.

Harvey Junction—Quebec & St Maurice Industrial Company; loss \$15,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—Garage (Park & McVeity); loss \$50,000.

Belleville, Ont.—Clothing store; loss \$2,000; partially insured.

Montreal, P. Q.—Coal bunkers of S. S. Cassandra; loss slight.

Rodney, Ont.—General store; loss unknown.

BRITISH TRADE.

The monthly statement of the British Board of Trade shows that the imports in October increased £2,804,498 over those of the same month last year, and the exports gained £5,855,071. The subjoined table shows the trade in October this year and last year:—

Imports	£58,010,622 37,691,232	£60,815,120 43,546,303
Excess of imports From Jan. 1 to Oct. 31	,0 ,.0,	£17,268,817
Imports	£545,257,782	£550,249,001
Exports	350,268,276	374,724,190
Excess of imports	£188,989,506	£175,524,811

BANK CHANGES.

Mr. A. G. Campbell succeeds Mr. E. B. M. Austin as Montreal manager of the Eastern Townships Bank. Mr. Campbell was assistant manager. Mr. Austin has been for 42 years associated with the Eastern Townships Bank.

The Bank of Ottawa

Dividend No. 81

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of Two and three-quarters per cent., being at the rate of Eleven per cent. per annum, upon the paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank, has this day been declared for the current three months, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after Friday, the first day of December, 1911, shareholders of record at the close of business on 16th November next.

The annual general meeting of the share-holders will be held at the Banking House in this city, on Wednesday, the 20th day of December next; the chair to be taken at 3 o'clock p.m.

By order of the Board,

GEO. BURN, General Manager,

Ottawa, October 16th, 1911

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WARTERLY DIVIDEND

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of two per cent. for the current quarter, being at the rate of

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on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Corporation, has been declared, and that the same will be payable on and after

Monday, the Second Day of October

next, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the fifteenth day of September. By Order of the Board.

GEO. H. SMITH, Secretary Toronto, August 30th, 1911.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK

ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House in the City of Sherbrooke, on Wednesday, SIXTH DECEMBER next.

The chair will be taken at two o'clock.

By order of the Board,

J. MACKINNON,

General Manager. Sherbrooke, Que. November 1st, 1911.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

DIVIDEND No. 96

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of three percent being at the rate of twelve percent per annum) upon the Paidup 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 Monday, the and day of October next, to shareholders of record of 1sth Sentember. 15th September.

By Order of the Board. E. L. PEASE, General Manager

Montreal August 15: 1911

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The stock transfer books will be closed

The stock transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th proximo, inclusive.

By order of the Poard,

H. A. RICHARDSON, General Manager.

Halifax, N. S., 22nd August, 1911.

THE MONTREAL CITY & DIS-TRICT SAVINGS BANK.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two Dollars per share on the Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared and will be payable at its Banking House, in this city, on and after Monday, the 2nd October next, to Shareholders of the class of business on the 1st. record at the close of business on the 15th September next.

By order of the Board,

A. P. LESPERANCE,

: Manager,

Moutreal August 31st april:

The Standard Bank of Canada Dividend No. 84

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of three per cent. for the current quarter ending the 31st of October, 1911, being at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this Bank, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the head office of the Bank and its Branches on and after Wednesday, the 1st of November, 1911, to shareholders of record of the 20th, October, 1911. NOTICE is hereby given that a diviber, 1911.

By Order of the Board, GEORGE P. SCHOLFIELD. General Manager.

Toronto, 26th September, 1911.

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TIME TABLE

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PASSENGER-Leave Sherbrooke 4.00p,m. daily ex-cept Sunday, arrive Levis 9.10 p.m. Quebec 9.15 p.m. Dining car Sher-brooke to Black Lake.

ACCOMMODATION—Leave Sherbrooke 7.00 p.m. daily except Sunday, arrive Valley Jet. 3.30 a.m.

ARRIVING SHERBROOKE

BOSTON AND NEW YORK EXPRESS—Leave. Quebec 3.00 p.m. daily. Levis 3.30 p.m., arrive Sherbrooke 9.00 p.m. Dining car Black Lake to Sherbrooke, daily except Sanday. Pullman buffet sleep, ing car Levis to New York daily-connecting at Sherbrooke with Pullman sleeping car for Boston.

-Leave Quebec 7.30 a.m. daily except Sunday, leave Levis 8.00 a.m., arrive Sherbrooke 1.15 p.m. Dining car Robertson to Sherbrooke.

ACCOMMODATION—LeaveValley Jct., 8.00 p.m. daily except Sunday, arrive Sherbrooke 3.50 a.m.

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J. H. WALSH,

E. O. GRUNDY. Gen. Manager. Gen. Pass Agent.



SYNOPSIS of CANADIAN, NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

A NY even numbered section of Dominio Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reseved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for entry must be made by person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situate. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother son, daughter brother or sister of an in-

ership in land will not meet this require-

ership in land with account ment
(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence onfarming land owned solely by nim, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his come residence duties by living with the own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two pre-

ceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform

his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself, must notify

Agent for the district of such intention.

Six months' notice in writing must be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, at Ottawa, of intention to apply fe patent.

W. W. CORY
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior
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WINNIPEG CORRESPONDENCE.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov.-, 1911. Winnipeg is busy closing up its year's business-business which has gone into larger history of the city. There remains about six weeks of 1911 and this period will put the finishing touches upon the most remarkable of many remarkable years

Strong evidence of the manner in which Winnipeg's business has grown is afforded by the fact that the Canadian Pacific yards are now too small for the requirements of the road and a new site is to be found for them so that the immense traffic of the C. P. R, into and through this city may be handled with the celerity that the traffic demands. The CPR. Winnipeg yards are now the largest in the world owned by any single railway, and when yards of such a size as this are found to be too small, the fact is highly significant of the growth of the west in general and of Winnipeg in particular.

Passenger traffic to and from Winnipeg is also very large. There are 72 passenger trains running in and out of Winnipeg daily. Of these the C. P. R. has 44, the C. N. R. 22, and the G. T. P. has already six daily trains in operation. Ten years ago, the highest number of daily trains the city could muster was 18. The growth of recent years made by the Canadian Northern is typical of railroad developpment in the west. In the spring of 1901 the C.N.R. was operating 514.1 miles with a yearly pay roll of \$73,000, with one daily train into Winnipeg. The company is now operating almost 5,000 miles of line with a pay roll of about \$8,000,000. In 1900 they had one train a day in and one train a day out of Winnipeg, running into another company's station. To-day they are operating 22 trains daily in and out of Winnipeg from their own station, the finest in Canada. In 1901 the C. N. R. had 21 agencies; today it has 300. In 1900, 93,000 bushels of grain was handled by the C. N. R. system; this year the same road will handle 60,000,000 bushels.

The phenomenal building season now nearly at an end has brought about the expansion of the Winnipeg Builders' Exchange so that new quarters are required for that body. To provide these a new thirteen-story building exchange is to be built by a holding syndicate, in which Carter, Halls and Ardinger are the largest shareholders. E. C. Sheppard is the architect, and contracts will be called for in the near future. The details as to the site are witheld, but it will be a very central position in the down town district. F. H. Davidson is mentioned as the head of the syndicate Work of this new structure will begin early in 1912.

Business is extremely lively in the farther

sively for men ro establish themselves in the lucrative business openings which are available. It is estimated that the business and professional openings thus created mount up into the head office from Quebec to Winnipeg. thousands, and in addition the growth of the figures in all lines than ever before in the province generally has also been a factor in creating hundreds of new business openings in by fire in New York city. villages, towns and cities already established:

> The agricultural interests of the province are being well cared for. The Saskatchewan College of Agriculture announces that ninety seed fairs will be held in that province during the winter. The greater number of these will be held under the auspices of agricultural societies, but a few of them will be held by grain growers' associations. In addition to these seed fairs, special fairs will be held at Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Wolseley and Wilkie, in connection with four day short courses which the College of Agriculture will hold at these places in January and February. At Grenfell, Alameda, Carnduff, Lashburn and Bladworth, poultry shows will be held in connection with the seed fairs.

The victory of Seagar wheeler of Rosthern in the big Shaughnessy Prize at New York is a further evidence of the qualities of North-Saskatchewan soil. Naturally, there is much interest in Mr. Wheeler's victory over so many strong rivals, and the people of the Rosthern district have prepared to celebrate this really important event by a reception to Mr. Wheeler and a general celebration of the triumph of Saskatchewan wheat over all-comers at the New-York Land Show.

Word has been received by the Prince Albert Board of Trade from E. J Chamberlin, vicepresident of the Grand Trunk Pacific that their line into Prince Albert will be finished next summer, and trains in operation. When work closed this season about six miles of the grade remained to be finished.

QUOTATIONS.

"You don't use many quotations from Shakespeare."

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "Quotations of that sort would command more respect nowadays if Shakespeare were listed on the stock exchange."—Washington Star.

STRICTER REGULATIONS.

THE Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association has decided to adopt stricter regulations in regard to electric wiring. A higher grade of insulated wiring is required than formerly. It is stated also that the question of the prohibition of the placing of electric wiring in wooden moulding is under consideration.

FOLLOW THE LEADER.

PROBABLY 80 per cent. of the stocks bought western provincies. The large number of new and sold for speculation on the Stock Exchange towns established by the railways in Saskat- are bought and sold, not upon conviction, but seeking incorporation to grant, sell or purchewan during 1911 has opened up a vast field on example. A majority of the time it is true chase life annunities and endowments, and for commercial entreprise and many of these that the strongest reason people have for buy- generally carry on the business of life insurnew towns actually have to advertise extening is that others buy, or vice versa.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE NOTES.

The Union Bank of Canada will move its

It is estimated that there is one death a day

The telephone is now used for railroad purposes on 37,000 miles of railroad in United

The cable rate from England to Australia is to be reduced soon to 36 cents a word in case of messages that need not be forwarded immediately.

Russians pocketed last year \$26,204,230 fom exports of butter.

Italy, the cradle of the salt industry, has been manufacturing salt commercially for 2,500 years.

The Dutch keep up their reputation for cleanliness Holland has a hundred soap factories, which make nearly 10,000,000 pounds per year.

The Phoenix of Harvard has acquired 7,800 of the 8,000 shares of the Equitable Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford.

Canada's first land show opened at Calgary. November 11.

It is announced that the German Government will spend \$1,500,000 for military aeroplanes in 1912.

Two fifths of the adult population of Switzerland have deposits in banks.

It is reported that Russia and Great Britain are encroaching on the territory of Persia, with the view of gradually absorbing Persia.

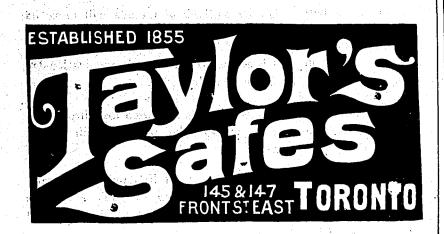
The London Fire Brigade costs the population of London 5d, a head yearly.

The co operative system of handling the apple crop of Nova Scotia has proved a decided success.

The Saskatchewan Life Insurance Company has been incorporated, and will carry on the business of life insurance in all its branches and forms under that name.

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The Rochester Chamber of Commerce calls attention to the fact that "all fires are the same size at the start." The great Chicago fire in proportion to size, one of the best-served was started by a cow kicking over a lamp.

The home of an Indianapolis man was burned recently, causing a loss of about \$3,000. The house caught fire in less than two hours after the agent had been refused a renewal of the insurance.

The Calgary Fire Insurance Agents' Asso ciation, of Calgary, Alta., has adopted a resolution to "demand of the companies" that they pay the agents a commission of 20 per cent. on every risk in the city of Calgary.

A general agency of the British American Assurance Company has been lately established at Copenhagen, Denmark.

An Englishman has invented a motor which it is claimed comes very near to perpetual motion. Its principal is magnetism, and it will run as long as its iron and steel lasts.

The Protectorate Life Assurance of Canada is seeking an extension of time within which the company may obtain a license to do business.

London advices say that the recent failure of the Bank of Egypt has uncovered a particularly unhealthy situation. Several Greek and other foreign banks are believed to be involved and may require assistance to prevent open trouble

Winnipeg will ask the Manitoba Legislature to pass a bill authorizing the seizure of all short weight wood and coal in that city.

The Western Canada Fire Insurance Com pany has obtained control of the Ontario Fire Insurance Company.

The Niagara Fire Insurance Company of New York will shortly begin writing business in the province of Manitoba.

Rescinding a recent decision, Postmaster General Hitchcock November 2 directed that letters addressed to "Santa Claus" may be delivered to charitable organizations or benevolent persons who ask for them instead of such mail being returned to the senders or destroyed.

The operation of the Manitoba Government's telephone system for the year 1911 will show a loss of nearly \$150,000.

At Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, there are valuable slate deposits good for roofing and packers. other purposes. They are 600 to 800 feet in width, and extend for miles.

More than \$50,000 worth of aeroplanes were September of the current year.

At the end of 1910 the extent of railways in Cuba was 2,125 miles. This makes Cuba, countries in the Americas in respect to railway transportation.

About \$500,000 already has been spent in raising the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, A board of five army and navy officers was appointed November 10 to proceed to Havana to inspect the wreck and report all possible data which it can gather, including the cause of the destruction of the vessel.

The Manitoba Government, at a Cabinet meeting at Winnipeg, November 10, decided to erect new Parliament buildings at Winnipeg at a cost of \$2,000,000. Work will begin next

Mr. P. E. Dowe, president of the Com mercial Travellers' National League, stated at Chicago, November 3, that \$50,000,000a year is disbursed by salesmen among bellboys, waiters and porters, in addition to \$325,000,-000 paid as regular hotel charges.

There are 9,828,294 negroes in the United States, or nearly 11 per cent of the total population. These figures do not include Porto

The Canadian Government census office re port shows that value of potatoes, fodder crops, hay and clover this year was \$219,055,-000. Nearly \$6,000,000 more of potatoes were raised this year than last.

Wage controversy between Canadian Pacific and Railway Freight Handlers' Union has been settled. Men who formerly received 17 cents an hour, and asked for 25 cents, have been granted 21 cents an hour.

The British Government has suggested to the Government of Cuba that claims arising from destruction of British property during the Cuban war for independence be submitted to arbitration.

The Earl of Plymouth has purchased the Crystal Palace in London, one of the greatest amusement places in England, for \$1,050,000, his idea being to hold it until the nation purchases it.

The first woman's jury to sit in Los Angeles was unable to reach a verdict and was dis charged November 10. The women were un able also to agree on a place to eat, and so went without lunch.

The squeal of the pig may yet be utilized,in the suit of the U.S. Government against the

Montreal has 1,061 liquor licenses, or one for every 440 of her population. Toronto has only 160 licenses, or one for every 1,275 of imported into and exported from the United her population. Montreal has 194 more States in the months of July, August and licenses than the next eleven largest cities in Canada combined.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

OTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND OF TWO-AND-ONE-HALF PERCENT, UDon the paid-up Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for the current Quarter, and that the same will be PAYABLE at its Banking House, in this City, and at its Branches, on and after FRIDAY, the SIRST DAY OF DECEMBER next, to Shareholders of record of 15th November.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Banking House of the Institution on Monday, the Fourth day of December next.

The chair to be taken at Noon. By order of the Board.

E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager. Montreal, 24th October, 1911.

THE BANK OF TORONTO

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of Two and three-quarters per cent. for the current Quarter, being at the rate of Eleven per cent. per annum, upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the Bank, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Bronches. will be payable at the Bank and its Branches, on and after the 1st day of December next, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the 15th day of November

THE TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the Sixteenth to the Twentyfifth days of November next, both days in

By order of the Board.

THOMAS F. HOW. General Manager.

The Bank of Toronto, Toronto, October 25th, 1911.

UNION BANK OF CANADA

- DIVIDEND NO. 99

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of eight per cent, per annum has been declared on the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Institution for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches, on and after Friday, the first day of December next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th of November, both days inclusive.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting for the election of Directors and other General Business will be held at the Banking House, in the City of Quebec, on Monday, the 18th December next. The chair will be taken at three o'clock in the afternoon. be taken at three o'clock in the afternoon. At said Meeting a Resolution will be submitted, requesting the Shareholders to confirm the action of the Directors in applying for an Act to amend the Charter of the Bank to change the Head Office from the City of Quebec to the City of Winnipeg, to provide for the election of an Honorary President and two Vice-Presidents, and to provide that Directors may be chosen from Shareholders resident may be chosen from Shareholders resident outside of Canada, the provisions of the said Act to be carried into effect at such time as the Directors shall deem proper,

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G. H. BALFOUR, General Manager,

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