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The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 3/1st of December, both days inclusive.

By order of the board,

JAMES ELLIOT. General Manager.

Montreal. 28th November, 1906.

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DIVIDEND No. 101.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVI-DEND of FIVE PER CENT. for the current half-year, being at the rate of TEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM, upon the paid-up Capital of the Bank, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after Saturday, / the First Day of December next.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the Sixteenth to the Thirtieth days of November, both days inclusive.

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The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Banking House, 61-63 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 22nd of January, 1907, the chair to be taken at twelve o'clock noon.

By order of the Board,

H. S. STRATHY, General Manager.

The Traders' Bank of Canada,

Toronto, November 16th, 1906.

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

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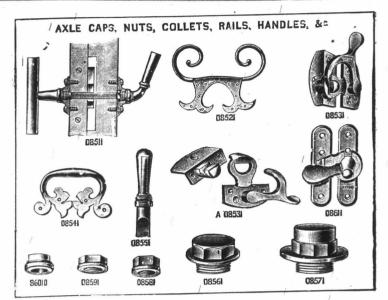
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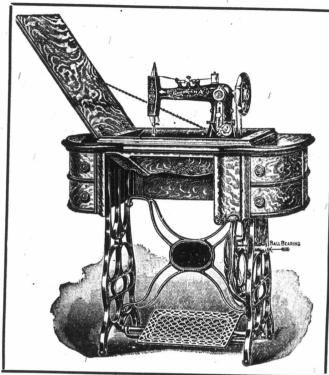
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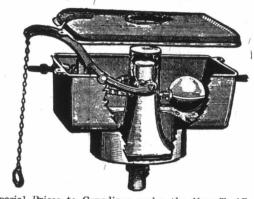
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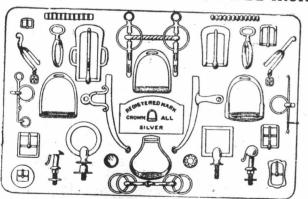
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-Italy is holding her warships in readiness to act as mail-boats should the general seamen's strike interfere with the postal service.

-The Transcontinental Railway Commission are negotiating for the purchase of a tract of land about two miles long at Winnipeg for shops and yards.

-The Spanish Minister of Finance introduced bill in the Chamber of Deputles providing for the temporary taxing of foreign wheat  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pesetas (50 cents), and flour 4 pesetas (\$1) per 100 kilograms (220 lbs).

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- Bananas grown in the Duke of Manchester's gardens at Kylemore, County Galway, were on sale in Dublin Fruit Market. They are fully equal in size to the Jamaica fruit.
- Ottawa Clearing House total for week ending Dec. 20. 1906, \$3,374.829; corresponding week last year. \$2.809,661.—London Clearing House total for week ending Dec. 20, 1906, \$1,250.958.
- Secretary Root and Sir Mortimer Durand signed a supplementary agricle to the existing extradition treaty between the United States and Great Britain, including bribary, in the list of extraditable crimes.
- The Post Office Department at Ottawa issued a notice on Friday last that on and after 1st January the rate of postage on letters mailed in Canada addressed to Egypt and the Soudan will be two cents per half ounce.
- —E. P. Stavert, who has been for some years inspector of the Bank of New Brunswick, at St. John, N.B., has resigned and will leave at the first of the New Year for New York, where he has accepted a responsible position.
- The transcontinental railway commissioners have purchased a block of land two and a half miles long and half a mile wide, four and a half miles east of Winnipeg, for yards and workshops. The price is about \$225,000. The land was purchased from Mr. Matthew and Mr. Kern.

- —Hamilton has received another bill for expenses in connection with the militia visit. The second bill is for \$4,588 for transportation and pay of soldiers. The first bill was \$2.297 for maintenance while in the city. The total is \$6,875, and the item makes poor reading for taxpayers.
- A company has been formed in Quebec city for the manufacture of a new cement that will take the place of stone for building purposes. The company in question is composed mainly of Quebec men, who have subscribed a capital of \$600,000 to erect suitable works and carry on the manufacturing process.
- Mr. T. Lindsay, of the T. Lindsay Company. Ottawa, has purchased the Caldwell Woollen Mills, in Hull, and will, at as early a date as possible, open the establishment and carry on the manufacturing business. It is Mr. Lindsay's intention to employ about 150 hand and run the factory to its fullest capacity.
- The New South Wales Parliament has passed a bill authorizing the construction of a huge dam at Barren Jack, on the Murrumbidgee River, at a cost of \$7,500,000. The work will irrigate and make available for settlement 1,358,000 acres, and the catchment, or area from which the water will be drained to the dam will be 5,000 square miles.
- A report from Toronto says the Erindale Power Co., an ally of the York County Loan Co. has been sold by the liquidator to the Stark Telephone Light and Power Co. for \$47,500. The bulk of the property is covered by a mortgage to secure the bondholders so that the proceeds of the sale will go to the bondholders rather than the general creditors. This sale has been concurred in by all parties concerned. According to the statement of the liquidator, about half the proceeds will go to the York County Loan Co.

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—A syndicate of gentlemen from Portland Maine, identified with the Berlin N. H. Paper Company, have purchased the Breakey syndicate of timber limits at La Tuque for a quarter of a million dollars, and La Tuque water-power and other properties, involving one million dollars, and will erect the largest pulp and paper mills in Canada at La Tuque. The company is capitalized at three million dollars, and will be known as the Quebec Industrial Company, with Mr. Hebert J. Brown, of Portland, Me., president.

—According to a statement furnished by the Department of Trade and Commerce, only 22 Chinese immigrants came into Canada last year, each of whom paid the head tax of \$500; six entered at Victoria, 11 at Vancouver, four at Montreal, and one at Halifax. Chinese to the number of 2.411 paid \$1 each as a registration fee on leaving Canada for China; 828 of these registered at Victoria, 1.560 at Vancouver, 16 at Montreal, four at Halifax, and 13 at North Sydney. They had six months within which to return to Canada without paying any poll tax.

—A despatch from Detroit says Hickey Oil Ce. of Detroit, which was the wonder of the Leamington-Comber oil fields in Essex County. Ontario, has wound up its affairs and passed out of existence. It struck two or three gushers in the latter part of 1904, but they proved to be only "pockets" and did not last long. It sold about \$15,000 worth of oil to the Imperial Oil Co. of Sarnia, and received about \$7,000 in bounties from the Canadian Government, but machinery and well construction were costly. One dividend of about one-half per cent. was paid. The total loss to stockholders will be over \$14,000.

—Kootenay and Boundry. B.C., ore shipments and smelter returns for week ending December 15, 1906, are as follows:—Boundry shipments 21,506 tons; Rossland 4,208; Slocan-Kootenay 1,829. The total shipments from the mines in the above districts for the past week were 27,543 tons, and for the year to date 1,512,500 tons. Grand Forks, B.C., 13,543 tons; Greenwood, B.C., 3,630; Boundry Falis, B.C., 4,197; Trail, B.C., 3,033; Hall Mines, Nelson B.C., 161; Marysville 600. The total amount of receipts reported from local and foreign mines for the past week were 25,165 tons, and for the year to date 1,440,046 tons.

—Arrangements were perfected in New York last Saturday, whereby the National Life Assurance Co. of Canada takes over the Canadian business of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, a company having its head offices in New York. The combined business of these two companies in Canada amounts approximately to eleven millions. The amalgamation is designed to reduce operating expenses, the Provident Savings Life Company withdrawing from Canada on the first of the year. The National Life has its headquarters in Toronto. Elias Rogers is president, and Albert J. Ralston, manager director.

—The Times' correspondent sends the following cable dispatch from Pekin:—China's financial outlook is much more pleasing than a year ago. Her revenue this year is said to be the largest on record, and she also profits largely by the appreciation of silver. Another thing gratifying to the appreciation of silver. Another thing gratifying to the Chinese is that the prospect is considerably brighter now than it was during the time of the boycott that the United States will retund China the unexpended balance of her Boxer indemnity, amounting, it is understood, to 22,000,000 gold dollars.

—The Public Works Department of the Alberta Government are making arrangements for the construction of a public telephone line between Edmonton and Lloydminster. Specifications have been completed and the men chosen, and the Government is now advertising for bids for material required. Starting from Edmonton, the route chosen for the trunk line follows the general direction of the C.N.R., but for the greater part of the way will follow the section and range lines. Every town on the railroad between Edmonton and Lloydminster will be connected with the system, and later on inland towns will be connected by branch lines.

—A special cable from London to the New York Herald says: The total wealth of the United Kingdom amounts to £9,188,559,564 (\$45,940,000,000), enough to give every man woman and child of the population £207 (\$1,035), and produce from an average safe investment £7 (\$35) per head per annum. These figures are the result of an elaborate calculation, made by two well-known statisticians, W. J. Harris and Rev. K. A. Like, and summarized by them in a paper read at a meeting of the Royal Statistical Society. It is also pointed out that in twelve years, up to 1905, the nation's wealth had increased at the rate of about £72,000,000 sterling (\$360,000,000) a year.

—William Thomson and Co., of St. John, N.B., announce that they have acquired the controlling interest in the Accident and Guarantee Company of Canada, and have purchased the charter of the Ontario Fire Insurance Company, in connection with which they are now applying for a Dominion license. With regard to the accident company, the management would be carried on from their own office, Montreal. The Ontario Fire Insurance Company will have headquarters in Toronto, and W. E. Fudger has been engaged to act as managing director. The capital of the company was \$500,000, of which \$325,000 is now being subscribed for. The stock will be principally held by New Brunswickers.

—The Halifax Council unanimously adopted a draft agreement under which the corporation will float 30-year 4 per cent. debentures sufficient to pay the Silliker Car Works Co. \$125,-000, taking therefore a mortgage on the property. The money will be paid to the company in the proportion of one dollar to every two put up by the stockholders. The loan will be effected at 4 per cent., but the company will pay 5 per cent., the

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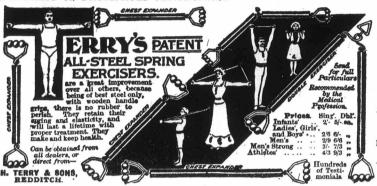
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—Patent Report.—The following Canadian and American patents have been recently secured through the agency of Messis. Marion and Marion, patent attorneys. Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D.C. Any Information on the subject will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above named firm:
—Canada: Carl Jentz, Grand Mere, Que., pulp screen plate fastening; William H. Decker, Moose Jaw. Sask., oil pump; Albert J. Hitch, Windsor, Ont., railway signalling apparatus; William Maloney, Sherbrooke, Que., combined cutting knives and distributors for harvesting threshers.—United States: Victor E. Beauchemin, Sorel, Que., vehicle wheel; Edmond Lamoureux, Montreal, Que., shuttles; Albert J. Hitch, Windsor, Ont., railway signalling apparatus; Alfred H. Maçe, Montreal, Que., ice cream freezers.

Important work was accomplished during the year by the life-saving service of the United States Government, thousands of imperilled lives and millions of dollars' worth of property being saved through the heroism and vigilance of the life-General Superintendent Kimball, of the life-saving service, shows, in his annual report, that the number of marine disasters was 849 in the waters of the United States. Of these 49 vessels and 29 lives were lost and 811 persons were succored at the various stations. The total value of property saved was \$12,266,100, while that lost was \$2,775,046. Of the disasters 5.320 lives were imperilled. At the close of the last fiscal year the life-saving establishment comprised 279 stations, of which 200 were on the Atlantic coast, 60 on the Great Lakes, 16 on the Pacific Coast proper, and one each at the falls of the Ohio River and Nome, Alaska. The life-saving crews rendered assistance of more or less importance to 39<sup>†</sup> vessels in addition to those which were lost

The total value of the mineral production in the United States in 1905 amounted to \$1.623.877.127, being an increase over 1904 of over \$260,000,000, according to a statement issued by the Geological Survey. The value of iron in 1905 was \$382,450,000. During the same period there was a total production of over 300,000,000 short tons of coal, with a value of \$476,756,963. Of this amount there was produced 77,659,850 tons of anthracite coal, valued at \$334.877.963. The value of fuel amounted to \$602,473,217. The coke production amounted to 32,231.129 short tons, valued at \$72,476,196. There were produced 40,454,215,132 cubic feet of gas, 5.751,378 short tons of coke, \$0.022,043 gallons of tar, 42,986,268 gallons of ammonia

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-Many Americans are doubtless under the impression that this land of free public schools and other great educational advantages exceeds all others in the use it makes of the post office. But according to statistics recently submitted by the eniversal Postal Union, Great Britain ranks ahead of us in this respect. In 1905 the number of letters and postal cards passing through the British post office was 78.3 per head of population, while the U.S. came next with 67.6 per head. The report furnishes other surprises. France and Norway, for instance, each with a good school system and a highly intelligent people, stand lower on the list than Austria and Argen-New Zealand comes next to the United States 66.3 per head, and after that Switzerland, with 59.70. land of the Alps stands first in the number of post offices in proportion to the population, the ratio there being one office to every 896 people. Germany has one for every 1,460, Great Britain one for every 1,859, Denmark one for every 2,586, Italy one for every 3,981, and France for every 4,751. Great Britain derives the greatest profits from her postal system, netting annually about \$23,438.627, the second country being Russia, with \$20.595.595 profits. Russia is not considered a letterwriting country, and its printed matter is restrained, and yet on its peculiar system it derives good profits.

The San Francisco policyholders of the Atlanta-Birmingham Insurance Company held a meeting last week in that city and elected a committee to look into the matter as to the best method to press the claims of policyholders. As soon as the meeting was called, Bush Finnell, attorney for the insurance company, who had called the meeting, announced that he had just received a dispatch from J. T. Dargan, former president of the company, stating that the Alabama Department had put the company in the hands of a receiver, and that, therefore, further negotiations would have to cease. After a thorough discussion of the situation, the policyholders decided that the best they could do would be either to send an attorney to Atlanta to press their claims or else to engage one already located in that city who was familiar with the insurance laws of Georgia and Alabama. A committee of three, consisting of Joseph Cumming, H. W. Ballentine and Ralph P. Doolan was Georgia and Alabama. elected to investigate the situation as soon as possible and to

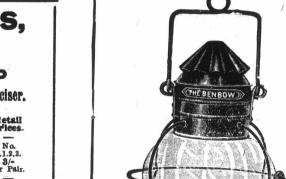
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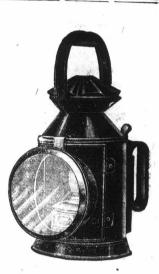
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report to the policyholders. Lately the Atlanta-Birmingham made an offer to its San Francisco creditors to settle all claims on a basis of 25c cash payment and 15c in notes of the company payable six months after date. The offer however, was rejected by a committe of the policyholders. Some of the heaviest policyholders who were not present at the later meeting, it was announced, had already engaged attorneys, who will shortly go to Atlanta to make a thorough investigation of the situa-

—The first steps were taken last Friday toward the formation of an "Association of Life Insurance Presidents." Broadly speaking, the purposes of the organization will be to further the interests of policyholders and to bring about a more nearly uniform practice in the conduct of life insurance busi-The meeting was at the suggestion of President Paul Morton, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and brought together representatives of 24 companies. Three other companies sent communications, expressing approval of the proposed association. Mr. Morton presided and Thos. A. Buckner second vice-president of the New York Life, was made temporary secretary. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws and subsequently reported a tentative plan of organization/: Copies of the plan which met with general approval were distributed, but final action was deferred until December 28, when it is purposed to effect a permanent organization. Presidents and vice-presidents represented their companies will be eligible to membership. Mr. Morton sail of the gathering that it was the general disposition to enter into an association, provided one could be formed on the right Under the tentative plan, he continued, the welfare of the policyholder would be the first thing considered, and next would come a better and more uniform practice generally in life insurance. Expenses were to be reduced where possible and waste eliminated. The association, he said, would publicly present its views to law-making bodies and all others wishing information on life insurance matters. There would be nothing about the proposed organization to keep from the public. It is their interest the organization was trying to serve

The N.Y. Insurance Press says questions have been asked lately, What will the two Canadian companies, which are now licensed in New York, do next year? Will they comply with the Armstrong legislation, or will they withdraw? Inquiry at the office of the Canada Life elicited the information that it will temporarily cease writing new business but will maintain offices for the convenience of its clients. Officials said that under the New York law the strongest British company, as at present constituted, could not do business in the State. The reason is that companies doing business in New York must declare dividends annually. No British company does that, and it is doubtful whether any would agree to do it. The Canada Life has been built up along British lines, declaring dividends quinquennially, and during the past twenty years it has also written deferred dividend contracts. Both systems have been popular. As the Canada Life has been in New

York only a few years, its management is disinclined to upset the company's established practice for the benefit of the New York fraction of its business. Another reason for a temporary cessation of writing new business in the State is that stipulation of the law for a valuation basis materially lower than that of the Canada Life. The officials believe that it would be a great mistake to weaken the strength of the company valuation basis, and they are firm in the conviction that to modify their contracts to conform with the requirement would be contrary to the interest of policyholders. The company having entered Great Britain recently and obtained a satisfactory business there, the officials do not feel justified in disturbing the agency contracts there and in the States where the company was well established before it entered

-Mr. Lloyd-George was the chief guest at the twelfth aunual dinner of the Liverpool Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society, which was attended by nearly three hundred shipbrokers and merchants. As to the suggestion that the shipping industry was in a depressed condition, he said he found that the gross tonnage of the world was 31,700,000, and out of that the British Empire claimed 16,000,000, and the United Kingdom alone had got 15,000,000, which was pretty good for a depressed industry. In the year 1850 Great Britain had less than onethird of the shipping of the world, and now we have got one-half, which again is pretty good for a depressed industry. Again, proceeded Mr. Lloyd-George, Sir/Alfred Jones warns us against German competition. He is very much afraid of Germany. I am not. I have heard this talk about Germany wiping the floor with us ever since I was a small boy, and that is a long time ago. But where are they in steam? total German steam tonnage is 3.400,000, and they come second best to us. Yet during the last six years we have added 4,000,000 tons. We have added more in six years by 600,000 tons to our British mercantile marine than the whole tonnage of this formidable body that frightens even a brave man like Sir Alfred Jones. We are keeping a respectable distance from Germany. In the year 1900 the excess of our gross tonnage over Germany was 10,000,000. We have 10,000,000 tons more than the German Empire, with all its swagger. This year the excess of British tonnage over German is 13,000,000. increased the distance. Where is Germany? It is out of sight. I am not afraid of Germany, at any rate not until she annexes the British Isles, and that will take some doing. don't know what the aeroplanes will do-but I am perfectly certain we need not fear anything from Germany. We have had a most extraordinary increase in British shipping, and the marvel to me is not that other countries have grown, but that we have succeeded year after year in capturing such a share of the trade of the world. That Great Britain was more than holding her own was the greatest compliment to British grit. for the sea was open to all on equal terms. Yet Britain had beaten the world. Everywhere could be found British ships. plying backwards and forwards, like ants, carrying cargoes to and from every country under the sun.

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### CHRISTMASTIDE.

Never in the history of Canada has business been so brisk at this season of the year. For several days before Christmas every thoroughfare leading to the retail shops in our towns and cities where goods suitable for holiday gifts were displayed, people of both sexes and of all ages could be seen wending their way intent upon purchases for all and sundry.  $At_{/}$ the doors of all the principal stores crowds elhowed their way in and out, and every counter space was filled with customers waiting to be served; in many places the visitors lined the counters two and three deep. In some stores the clerks of both sexes were now and again heard to remark in the evening twilight that they had not had a moment for mid-day meals of late, and that they did not hope to get home before midnight. Even the telephones were busy with orders. Sleighs and messengers laden to the utmost, were seen hurrying along in every direction until "the wee sma' hours ayont the twal," delivering parcels more or less valuable, useful or attractive, for young and old, preparing for the joyous display of Christmas morning and the accompanying hilarity which rouses paterfamilias from his slumbers hours before his usual time for wakingand he is thankful for the succeeding silence that-

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/A friend, who has himself "given hostages to Fortune," here reminds us of the reproof administered in the old legend to him who had all his life been holding forth to his audiences upon the wretchedness of the world—one who had not given such "hostages." Being asked at the Judgment-Seat how the latest arrival had liked the beautiful world He had made for man, and having no answer ready, was requested to return to Earth again and examine it from another standpoint. He remained as long as he was permitted, and when he again presented himself before his Creator it was as a better and a wiser being.

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the post-office. And it is not in the towns and cities that this rush has been apparent: the village post-offices have been actively besieged also. In the cities the carriers were each provided with a horse and sleigh to bear their loads of missives, picture-cards and packets of all limited sizes. The number of letters and newspapers put through the Montreal post-office on Christmas Eve was about double that of a year ago. This all means increased revenue to the Department at Ottawa and a pleasant frame of mind to the worthy Minister himself.

### TAXATION ON INCOMES.

The latest sought amendment to the statutes of the Province of Quebec is intended to provide for power, to levy a tax upon the incomes of persons in receipt of salaries of \$1,200 and upwards who do not otherwise directly contribute to the revenue. Whether such authority lie within the power of the Province is a question which may be determined by reference to the British North America Act. The proposal seems to come, however, rather untimely when the Legislature is announced as preparing to repeal the tax upon agents for business establishments which do not possess branches within the Province of Quebec. The proposed new tax would probably come home to every one of the several thousand commercial travellers whose homes are understood to be within the limits of the Province, a fact that should render it far more objectionable and unpopular than the existing tax upon travellers from be-The promoters of the tax contemplated , have, doubtless, reckoned upon the members of the various professional callings; the physicians and surgeons, lawyers, notaries, real estate dealers and brokers, school-teachers and college professors, music teachers, lodging-house keepers, municipal servants, government employes, bachelors living in hotels, young men living on their incomes, young and elderly women of more than ample means, wealthy widows, managers and accountants, and many others who do not in any way pay taxes to help provide for the various benefits they enjoy as citizens, but which others must and do pay for-such as protection to life and personal property, the use of light, water, parks, and streets—such as they are. They doubtless are convinced that curb-stone brokers and those engaged in mining and produce transactions should contribute to the revenue with at least as much reason as do the members of the Stock Exchange.

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The exhibit of first year's expenses submitted by the Conpany to the Legislative Investigating Committee shows the lowest ratio of expense to expense margin of all companies doing a general business.

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high prices they sometimes pay to holders or controllers of licenses and to those who are ready to sell their privileges for a good round sum, and consider whether these generally independent people could not afford to contribute each of them from 25 to 50 per cent. more than they now do. This, they have doubtless been told would have the effect of weeding out some of the undesirable keepers, persons who have so little regard for any rules or regulations that they may transgress with impunity or with the connivance of guardians with itching palms and easy consciences.

Were the burden of the taxes more evenly imposed in such manner that each and everyone shall bear his fair proportion—there would be less complaint on the part of business men, insurance companies--who are compelled to pay a tax upon the thrift of the peopleand other institutions, and there would be less frequent marching to the Capital for authority to render life more expensive upon those who already pay more than their share into the public chest. Whatever may be argued concerning exemptions for religious edifices and communities, educational institutions and the like, a proportion of the municipal or governmental financiers inclines to the belief that many of those embraced in the catalogue enumerated have no claim to be exempt from contributing their share towards the burden which must be borne, no matter who escapes his due responsibility.

It will doubtless be urged by many professional men that they already pay business taxes; but the authorities are likely to reply that this is a mere drop in the bucket to what is borne by merchants, manufacturers, banks and underwriters of all sorts and conditions.

### THE BANK STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER.

The approaching close of the year affords evidence that the expansion of banking business will out-distance all former records. The statement for November maintains its customary character of being the month in which the circulation attains its greatest height, and also begins to show evidence of its tendency to find its way back into the banks after performing its functions in assisting to move and market the crops. And here it may be remarked that wheat is not the only cereal produced in the North-West nor the North-West the only portion of Canada calling for the intervention of banking currency in harvest time. The regularity of the demand upon the banks during the harvesting and marketing period of the year and the rise and fall of the

movement may be seen by the following table giving the annual maximum and minimum amount of circulation at the three dates named:—

	July 31.		Oct. 31.	Nov. 30.
	*		*	Nov. 30. \$ 80.502.353
1906	68,182,979		83,718,630	80,502,357
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	15,535,651	Dec. 3,216,273
1905	61,277,590		16,890,860	72,592,540
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	15,613,210	Dec. 4,298,320
1904	59,979,830		12,226,306	69,426,930
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	12,246,476	Dec. 2,799,370
1903	51,563,660		70,480,610	67,425,580
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	12,916,950	Dec. 3,055,030
1902/	52,010,060		65,928,970	64,497,640
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	13,858,910	Dec. 1,431,330
1901	48,947,970		57,954,779	57,741,560
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	9,006,809	Dec. 213,219
1900	16,007,900		53,198,770	51,947,261
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	7,190,870	Dec. 1,251,510
1899	40.270,100		49,588,230	47,839,500
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	9,318,130	Dec. 1,748,730
1898	36,553,540		42,543,440	42,350,940
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	5,989,900	Dec. 192,500
1897	32,709,470		41,580,920	40,143,870
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	8,871,450	Dec. 1,437,050
1896	29,515,380		35,955,150	35,262,590
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	6,379,770	Dec. 692,560
1895	29,138,110		34,671,020	34,362,740
Inc. or dec.		Inc.	4,932,910	Dec. 308,284

We should mention here that while the figures as at 31st October are given at \$83,718,630, the highest point reached by the circulation in that month was \$86,304,-765, an expansion during the season of \$18,121,786, or an increase of upwards of 2½ millions beyond the largest excess on record at the time. The decline shown by the November Statement was \$3,216,273, or, taking the maximum circulation during October, a reduction of \$5,802,808, which far outruns all preceding returns. A study of the comparative table subjoined will prove interesting in this respect.

The swelling of deposits continues unabated, being an increase of \$11,380,000 in Canada as compared with last month, or, taking 7½ millions outside of Canada, nearly 19 millions. Here is something which deserves to be writ in letters of gold. It may be seen also that there is much liquidation going on.

The item Current Loans (Discounts) in Canada shows considerable expansion also, a fortunate circumstance all round, if the excess of deposits is to be kept employed. The increase during the month was about \$7,675,000. There is but little increase in domestic call loans, those made outside of Canada show an expansion that had not been expected. The feature formerly noted of the correspondence between the amounts of "Deposits outside Canada" and "Call Loans outside Canada" is again apparent; at this time both are greater than usual.

Taking the Statement as a whole, it shows a remarkable degree of prosperity throughout the country as the result of the year's business, and everything seems auspicious for a continuation of the blessings which the Divine bounty has bestowed upon the people.

We append the usual comparative table: the detailed statements of the different banks are given on succeeding pages:—

### THE BANK STATEMENT.

Nov., 1906.	Oct., 1906.	Nov., 1905.	Nov., 1896.
Capital authorized113,646,666	113,646,666	102,646,666	72,958,685
Capital subscribed 96,146,453	95,984,653	85,927,053	69,513,752,
Capital paid-up 94,665,447	94,343,742	84,542,498	61,725,769
Reserve Fund 67,689.54)	66,543,794	58,529,624	26,438,799
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LIABILITIES. /			
Notes in circulation 80,502,357	83,718,630	72,592,543	35,262,599
Due Dominion Government 5,494,445	3,910,851	3,672,460	2,523,818
Due Prov. Govts 8,978,559	8,712,998	6,602,086	2,856,325
Deposits on demand 183,391,213	181,408,733	157,548,539	70,051,597
Deposits after notice400,307,693	390,909,519	354,393,053	126,791,355
Deposits outside Canada 62,815,090	55,236,427	43,987,686	
Loans from bks. in Can., sec., 6,860,331	9,950,620	577.895	155,000
Depts on demand in Can. bks. 7,336,848	7,075,480	6,413,169	2,751,050
Due agencies in U.K 7,204,976	7,350,003	5,280,560	2,346,270
Due agencies abroad 2,217,838	2,160,743	2,159,488	169,207
Other liabilities 13,608,569	14,221,588	11,099,904	1,020,541
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Total liabilities	764,655,672	664,328,327	244,015,473
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Dominion notes	45,208,690	39,712,000	14,811,770
Notes & cheques on other bks. 31,972,968	4,746,247 32,036,799	3,875,499	1,836,218
Loans to other bks. in Can., sec 6,860,899		25,325,795	9,441,263
Depts on demand in Can. bks. 9,953,110	9,950,735	5,73,784 7,977,408	260,786 3,663,972
Due from banks in U.K 8,313,137	8,718,667 9,217,859	11,421,605	
Due from foreign bks., etc 17,559,315	18,129,580		10,126,734
Dom. & Prov. Govt. secs 10,075,764	9,253,891	15,886,242 8,957,075	18,230,126 $2,789,529$
Can. Munic, & other pub, secs. 21,289,893	20,728,006	19,949,834	9,719,885
(Not Dominion.)	20,728,000	10,040,004	0,110,000
Railway and other secs 40,861,806	41,148,540	39,576,294	11,758,440
Call loans in Canada 56,440,834	56,878,521	48.792,009	14,216,343
Call loans outside Canada 66,919,335	00,536,937	59,508,234	
Current loans in Canada 538,695,115	531,019,419	457,008,145	212,906,674
Current loans outside Canada, 35,988,827	35,725,257	32,080,027	,
Loans to Govt. of Canada 1,867			
Loans to Prov. Govts 978,982	809,091	1,858,859	589,746
Overdue debts 2,880,124	2,352,095	1,696,723	3,979,866
R. E. besides bk. premises 808,839	760,320	661,081	2,086,233
Mortgages on real estate 431,394	409,557	530,780	459,285
Bank premises 14,149,343	13,760,956	11,220,397	5,651,437
Other assets 10,181,051	10,488,906	9,836,267	2,096,719
Total assets	935,313,464	817,149,132	333,077,531
Loans to directors & their firm 9,656,370	9,495,918	8,594,105	8,019,857
Av. specie for month 21,858,090	20,322,706	19,776,046	8,338,094
Av. Dom. notes for month 44,911,563	40,460,400	37,533,332	14,476,108
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### THE BANK OF HOCHELAGA.

As the statement presented at the annual meeting of the Bank of Hochelaga a year ago covered eighteen months' business, comparison is not quite as facile as usual. A proportion (namely two-thirds) of the earnings for a year-and-a-half, equals, in round numbers, \$315,000, showing that the earnings for the 12 months ended the 30th November ultimo, were greater by 1.64 per cent. on the paid-up capital, or \$32,843, than the 12 months of last year's net profits. In other words, the net earnings for the 12 months ended the 30th November, 1905, were about \$314,661, or 15.73 per cent., as against \$347,504, or 17.37 per cent., for the

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year under review. This is a remarkable record, and goes far to justify the resolution carried at the meeting held on the 19th instant to double the capital stock of the Bank, as shown by the detailed statement on another page, to which we invite attention. A further comparison is given by the table which follows:—

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	Nov.	30,	1897.	Nov.	30, 190	)5. 1	Nov.30,	1906

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Capital paid-up	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Reserve Fund	400,000	1,450,000	1,600,000
Circulation	951,230	1,753,700	1,831,275
Deposits'	4,271,500	10,179,700	12,250,817
Discounts /	3,860,900	10,448,860	12,558,542
Assets	6,930,000	15,664,400	18,224,340

After paying three quarterly dividends, being at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, and a fourth (the last of the year) at the rate of 8 per cent.; carrying \$150,000 to the Reserve Fund; writing \$50,786 off bank premises, etc., and devoting \$5,000 to employes' pension fund, the sum of \$19,710 was carried forward to eredit of profit and loss account.

Thus the resources of the Bank and its active business have almost trebled during the nine years since the close of 1897—a period too characterized by keen competition among banks in Canada—a worthy tribute to the management and those who guide the destinies of the institution. As already remarked, the Hochelaga is proving within itself that great success in banking business is not so confined as it is sometimes thoughtlessly said to be.

The acquisition of two more directors in the persons of Mr. E. H. Lemay, wholesale lumber merchant, and Mr. J. M. Wilson (Boivin, Wilson and Co.), wholesale wine merchant, cannot fail to prove a valuable addition at the councils of the Board, which is now constituted as follows:—Messrs. F. X. St. Charles, R. Bickerdike, J. D. Rolland, J. A. Vaillancourt, A. Turcotte, E. H. Lemay and J. M. Wilson. Messrs. St. Charles and Bickerdike were re-elected president and vice-president respectively for the ensuing year.

### THE SAN FRANCISCO ADJUSTMENTS.

The effects of the severe earthquake which destroyed the greater and best built portion of San Francisco in April last, promise to be in evidence for a long time to come. The misfortune is not so much felt by the people of that city who have, many of them, lost their all, as by the insurance companies and their shareholders in the United States, Great Britain and Canada. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce undertook some time since to deal with the insurance settlements incident to the destructive fires resulting from the earthquake. Their report, just published, contains much valuable information, which, however, should be read in connection with the graphic address delivered last week by Mr. J. E. E. Dickson, manager for Canada of the Law, Union and Crown Insurance Co., some extracts from which were reproduced in our issue of the 21st instant:

The situation that the companies had before them on the 21st of April was the most difficult in the whole history of fire insurance. In the first place the conflagration itself was the largest that there had ever been; secondly, it was not an ordinary confiagration but had been preceded by an earthquake for whose direct effects the companies were not liable, and yet the evidence of which had been largely obliterated by the fire; third, as to some extent in all conflagrations or large fires, but there particularly, there was a large destruction not only of policies but of records of all kinds among the insured; fourth, San Francisco being the city from which all the Pacific Coast business was managed, there was a large destruction of the records of the companies, some companies for instance, which sent no details to their home loffices but whose accounts were audited there, losing their records in toto. These had to be reproduced as best they might from agents' and brokers' records and from maps in cases where these had fortunately been saved.

The situation would have been complicated enough if there had been relations between only the companies and the insured, but there was in addition a vast mass of reinsurance not only among the companies directly involved, but with other companies. Some of these foreign treaty companies soon after the fire united in publishing a letter to the reinsured companies warning them that the reinsurance companies would not follow them in their settlements beyond the point of strict liability. The most perplexing feature of the early situation was probably the fact that the companies were at a loss to know how much of their reinsurance they could collect.

The report then details the events that led up to the "New York Agreement" and the split in the ranks of the companies, and says:

"A word may be said as to the composition of the two classes. The first class was largely made up of old, substantial companies with a reputation for honourable straightforward methods. They had had large losses but they had also large surpluses to cover their losses. There was every reason why such companies should proceed to settle their losses in the old recognized way, adjusting each loss upon its individual merits. The second class, on the other hand, was less homogeneous. It included first some companies so 'hard hit' as to be unable, at the time at least, to contemplate payment in full, second, some companies that were quite willing to take any opportunity to escape as easily as possible, and third, some companies which sincerely enough thought the plan a fair one and favourable for the insured, and were at least willing to put themselves on record in favour of it on a test vote. As a matter of fact when it came to actual settlement some of the 'six-bit' companies settled their claims quite as favourably as the 'dollar for dollar' companies.

The difficulty of establishing claims where policies or the companies' records were destroyed, and particularly in the case where both were lost, was one of the elements of the early situation. Many of the companies did everything in their power to help the insured in this matter, others apparently tried to make as much trouble as possible. It was the same with the filing of proofs of loss. Some of the companies aided the in-

sured by furnishing blank forms and by actual assistance in filling in the information; other companies, on the other hand, did everything to prevent the filing of proofs of loss. Proofs of loss were refused, were thrown into the faces of claimants without being opened, and were even refused when sent by registered mail.

Reports of such gross incivilities very naturally found their way into the newspapers; as did likewise reports of many of the early settlements, which, as a matter of fact, were much lower on the average than they were later, some of the companies which began paying early offering 40 and 50 per cent., while others definitely denied liability altogether. The result of this behaviour by a part of the companies, followed as it was very soon by the 'six-bit' split, led to a wave of popular indignation. The newspapers were largely responsible for this, but the blame for its inception unquestionably lies with those companies which began /by using thoroughly disgraceful methods in dealing with their claumants.

Such a state of feeling between the insurers and the insured was most unfortunate. On the one hand, the timid-poor people for the most part, whose insurance was all they had-were frightened in thousands of cases into settling their claims at a much lower figure than was right: on the other hand, whatever natural instincts the insured may have had for telling the truth about their losses and for treating the representatives of the insurance companies as well meaning gentlemen received a hard blow. There were undoubtedly many cases of fraud on the part of the insured; it is doubtful if, on the other hand, there has ever been an insurance situation in which there has been such disgraceful intimidation and discourtesy. Discourtesy was even recognized as worth a definite amount in salvage.

It cannot be said to emphatically, however, that this does not apply to all the companies, nor even to most of them. Apparently the trouble was principally due to adjusters from the outside who came prejudiced and impressed with the necessity of making drastic compromises. And this was quite natural after all. The early newspaper accounts of the calamity represented San Francisco as destroyed by an earthquake, fire having simply burned the ruins. Nearly every person who came there from the East during the first few weeks came with this impression. It was weeks before a true understanding of the situation thoroughly affected the insurance companies, and some have not been affected yet.

The companies which are most to be praised are those which, using as nearly as possible the methods of ordinary times, made careful but fair adjustments. Such companies have no serious complaint to make of the insured, and difficult as the situation was, their experience proves that the attempt to adjust each less on its merits was the only satisfactory method.

On account of the great number of losses and on account of the lack of evidence in a great number of cases as to the nature and extent of the damage done, adjustments on the whole could not be made with as great care as usual. The companies generally insisted, following the New York agreement, upon a 10 per cent. reduction in the case of lack of books to prove the loss

on stocks of merchandise, and in general this was thought to be reasonable, it being evident that a failure to prove a loss satisfactorily opened a proper field for compromise.

The matter of earthquake damage was handled by the companies in very different ways. Some of the companies counted the earthquake damage, if any, against the sound value along with depreciation. This seldom brought the claim below the face of the policy, particularly as there was very general under-insurance. Other campanies, while making no claim for earthquake damage where no evidence existed, in case of proved earthquake damage settled by a compromise on the face of the policy, the reason for compromise being the possible voiding of the policy under the fallen building clause. Other companies claimed a general concession from each policyholder on account of general conditions. There was no serious attempt made in general to escape paying for damage done by dynamiting. The companies which made large discounts could hardly have been said to have made adjustments; their process of settlement being nothing more in reality than the buying of policies.

The account of settlements made by the various companies, which is given hereafter, has a double purpose. There has been general interest throughout the country in the way in which the insurance companies were meeting the situation; to meet this demand it seemed only fair that some impartial account should be given, based on carefully collected information. Secondly, it will be a pity if the San Francisco conflagration passes out of remembrance without serving to point the way to some needed changes in fire insurance; first, in the actual conduct of the business by the companies themselves; second, in legislation, and, third, in the attitude of the insured. The practically most important thing to know for this purpose is just what, in this crisis, the companies have done.

The account given herewith is based on the tabulation of some 10,000 settlements. Information concerning these/has been furnished by the insured, partly upon blank forms distributed by the Chamber of Commerce and partly on coupons printed in the newspapers. Reports on a large number of settlements have been received from the savings banks. This information was supplemented in some cases by personal statements from the companies themselves, a circular letter having been sent to all the companies inviting them to make statements if they so desired."

The report then submits a list of the committee's findings as to settlements, which will be found interesting to underwriters, but it is doubtful as to how they regard its accuracy. The list is as follows:—

Aachen and Munich, settled most of its claims at 75 per cent., but paid 80 to 90 per cent. on many claims, particularly committee losses.

Aetna, settled its claims at 100 per cent.

Agricultural, began by discounting at 75 per cent., but later paid mostly in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

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Alliance of London, same policy and settlements as Commercial Union of London.

American of Boston, settled its claims at 40 per cent.

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American of Newark, began by discounting, but later paid in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

American Central, paid mostly in full with from 2 to 5 per cent. discount for cash.

American of Philadelphia, settled its claims at 50 per cent.

Assurance Company of America, settled its claims in general at 75 per cent.

Atlanta-Birmingham.—The representatives of this company left the State in May. Nothing has been paid up to the present time, although offers of 25 per cent. cash and 15 per cent, in notes have been recently re-

Atlas, settled its claims in full, and less 1 and 2 per cent. for cash.

Austin Fire, settled its claims at from 65 to 85 per cent. largely at about 75.

Austrian Phoenix, denied liability and withdrew from the State, having paid no claims.

British America of Toronto, paid some claims at 85 and 90 per cent., but largely at one-third cash, one-third in 6 months, one-third in 12 months.

British America of New York, same settlements as the British America.

Buffalo German, settled its claims in general at from 75 to 90 per cent.

Caledonian of Edinburgh, settled claims at from 75 per cent. up to 98 per cent., but largely at about 90 per

Caledonian-American, same settlements as Caledonian of Edinburgh.

California settled its claims at 100 per cent.

Calumet.—Certain stockholders subscribed special fund of \$500,000 upon the agreement of a majority of the claimants to accept this settlement, releasing thereby the plant and already existing assets of the company from further claims. The surplus to policyholders at the time was \$375,000.

Camden, involved in San Francisco conflagration only as a reinsurer.

Citizens, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Colonial Underwriters, same settlements as National of Hartford.

Commercial Union of London, policy contains earthquake clause. Settled its claims at 50 and 75 per cent., according to location. Paid claims of \$500 or less in full and at least \$500 on claims of \$500 or more.

Commercial Union of New York, same policy and same settlements as Commercial Union of London.

Concordia, settled its claims at 75 to 90 per cent.

Connecticut, settled its claims in full, and less 1 and 2 per cent. for cash.

Continental, settled its claims at 100 per cent.

Delaware, settled its claims at from 60 to 80 per cent., largely at 75 per cent.

Dutchess, settled its claims at 30 per cent.

Eagle, settled its claims mostly at 75 per cent.

English-American Underwriters, same settlements as the London and Lancashire.

Equitable, involved in the San Francisco conflagration only as a reinsurer.

Federal, settled its claims at from 85 per cent. up, but largely above 90 per cent.

Fire Association of Philadephia, settled its claims at from 75 to 95 per cent.; its early claims largely at 75 per cent., its later claims largely at 90 per cent.

Fireman's Fund, has paid 20 per cent. on claims; has offered to pay 30 per cent. more in cash and remaining 50 per cent. in stock of company. Claimants have generally accepted this offer.

Franklin, settled claims at from 75 per cent. up, largely at about 90 per cent.

German of Freeport, settled its claims at 60 per cent. German of Peoria, settled its claims at 50 per cent.

German Alliance, policy contained earthquake clause which was not taken advantage of. Settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

German American, policy contained earthquake clause which was not taken advantage of. Settled its claims mostly in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

German National, settled its claims at 60 per cent.

Germania, setted its claims at from 75 to 95 per cent, largely at about 85 per cent.

Girard, settled its claims at from 75 to 90 per cent., mostly at 75 and 80 per cent.

Glens Falls, settled its claims at from 90 per cent. up, but mostly in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Globe and Rutgers, settled its claims mostly at 75 per cent.; a few at 90 per cent.

Hamburg-Bremen, settled its claims at 75 per cent. Hanover, settled its claims at 75 per cent. up, largely at about 90 per cent.

Hartford, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Home, settled its claims in full, and less 1 and 2 per cent. for cash.

Home Fire and Marine, same settlements as Fireman's Fund.

Indemnity, same policy and settlements as Norwich Union.

Insurance Company of North America, settled /its claims in full, and less 2 per cent. for cash.

Kings County, involved in San Francisco conflagration only as a reinsurer.

Law Union and Crown, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Liverpool & London & Globe, settled its claims at / 100 per cent.

London and Lancashire, began by paying its small claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash; in June dropped to payments of largely about 90 per cent., coming back finally to 98 and 100 per cent. The company states that its payments have averaged about 93 per cent. of the amount of its claims.

London Assurance Corporation, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Manchester, settled its claims in full less 2 per cent. for cash; all policies had been reinsured in the Atlas.

Mercantile Fire and Marine, settled its claims mostly in full, less 2 to 5 per cent. for cash.

Michigan Fire and Marine, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Milwaukee Mechanics, settled its claims at 70 per

cent., having taken advantage of the Wisconsin Safety Fund Law.

Nassau, settled its claims at from 70 to 90 per cent., mostly at 75 per cent.

National of Hartford, began by discounting at 75 per cent., later settled nearly all its claims at upwards of 90 per cent. The company states that its payments have averaged 94 per cent. of the face of the policy.

National Union settled its claims at 75 per cent. up, largely at about 90 per cent.

New Brunswick, settled its claims largely at about 75 per cent.

New Hampshire, policy contained earthquake clause which was not taken advantage of. Settled its claims in full, and less 1 per cent. for cash.

New York, settled its claims at 40 per cent.

New York Underwriters, same settlements as the Hartford.

New Zealand, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash. About one-fifth of the entire number, of outstanding policies contained an earthquake clause; company settled such claims at from 75 to 90 per cent.

Niagara, settled its claims in full, less 2 p.c. for cash. North British and Mercantile, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

North German of New York, has paid nothing; company in the hands of a receiver.

North German of Hamburg, company has denied liability and retired from the State, having paid no claims.

North River, settled its claims mostly at 75 per cent.; in a few cases at 90 per cent.

Northern of London, settled its claims in full, less 1 per cent. for eash.

Northwestern Fire and Marine, settled its claims in general at from 75 to 85 per cent.

Northwestern National, settled its claims largely in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Norwich Unjon, policy contained earthquake clause, Settled its claims at 50 and 75 per cent., according to location. /Claims of \$500 or less paid in full,/and at least \$500 on claims of \$500 or over.

Orient, same settlements as London and Lancashire. Pacific Underwriters, same settlements as Fireman's Fund.

Palatine, same policy and settlements as Commercial Union.

Pelican, settled its claims in full, less 2 to 5 per cent, for each.

Pennsylvania, settled its claims in full, less 2 to 5 per cent. for each.

Phenix of Brooklyn, began by discounting claims at 75 per cent.; later settled claims in general at from 85 per cent. up to 100 per cent.; data furnished by the company indicate that about 75 per cent. of company's liability will have been settled at an average of 98 per cent. of the amount of the claims.

Philadelphia Underwriters, settled its claims at from 90 per cent. up.

Phoenix of Hartford, policy contained an earthquake clause, which led to settlement of early claims at 75 per cent. The bulk of its claims were, however, settled without reference to the earthquake clause, mostly in full, less 2 per cent. for eash.

Phoenix of London, settled its claims in full, and less 2 per cent. for cash.

Protector Underwriters, same policy and settlements as Phoenix of Hartford.

Providence-Washington, settled its claims in general at from 90 per cent. up, but largely in full less 2 to 5 per cent. for cash.

Prussian National, settled its claims at 75 per cent. Queen, settled its claims at 100 per cent.

Queen City, began by settling claims at 75 per cent.; later settled claims in full, giving notes in some cases; the company states that some payments on earlier claims have been brought up to the same standard.

Rhine and Moselle, policy contains earthquake clause. Denied liability and withdrew from the State. Claims of \$500 or less have been paid at 50'per cent.

Rochester-German, settled its claims largely at from 90 per cent. up.

Royal, settled its claims at 100 per cent.

Royal Exchange, settled its claims at from 75 per per cent. up, but largely at 85 to 95 per cent.

Scotch Underwriters, same settlements as Caledonian. Scottish Union and National, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

Security of New Haven, settled its claims largely in full, less from 2 to 5 per cent. for eash.

Security of Baltimore, in the hands of a receiver.

Springfield, settled its claims in full, and less 1 per cent. for cash.

Spring Garden, settled its claims in general at 70 per cent.

State of Liverpool, settled its claims mostly in full less from 2 to 5 per cent. for cash.

St. Paul Fire and Marine, settled its claims mostly in full, less from 2 to 5 per cent. for cash.

Sun, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash. Svea, settled its claims at from 75 per cent. up.

Tutonia, settled its claims in full, less 2 to 5 per cent. for cash.

Traders, in the hands of a receiver.

Transatlantic, denied liability and withdrew from the State; no claims paid,

Union of Philadelphia, involved in the San Francisco conflagration only as a reinsurer.

Union-Assurance, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent. for cash.

United Firemen's, settled its claims at from 75 per cent. up, but in general at about 90 per cent.

Victoria, settled its claims in full, less 2 per cent.

Westchester, settled some claims at 75 and 80 per cent., but later paid largely in full, less from 2 to 5 per cent. for each.

Western of Toronto, same settlements as Brit. Am. Williamsburgh City, most of its policies contain earthquake clause. Settled claims on these at 50 to 75 per cent., according to location. On such policies paid claims of \$500 or less in full and at least \$500 on claims of \$500 or more. Settled claims on policies that did not contain earthquake clause largely at 95 per cent.

The report then submits the following suggestions in regard to possible legislation:—

"Nothing is more certain than that there ought to be more money invested in the fire insurance business than the there is cities. That the attractive of the in

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than there is to-day, or than there has ever been, if there is to be adequate insurance protection for large cities. To this end, as has been said, it is desirable that the business of fire insurance should be made as attractive to capital as may be consistent with the good of the insured.

"A long step in this direction may be taken by applying intelligence and fairmindedness to the subject of insurance legislation; in fact, intelligent legislation would have the effect of improving conditions for both the insurer and the insured, for inevitably any restriction upon the insurer is immediately shifted to the shoulders of the insured. But in our present condition in California the thing we least/need now is more legislation. Publicity is better than legislation, and for some years fire insurance will continue to be a matter of public interest. There is no more inexorable economic fact than that unwise legislation will do one of two things, either raise the rates or drive companies out of business. The best thing that could possibly be done for the insured is to remove all unnecessary/restrictions from the companies and to encourage the formation of organizations for properly adjusting rates and preserving stable conditions.

"Such organizations seem to have the character of trusts, but in reality their nature is entirely different. Of course, any organization may be used in such a way as to prevent competition and doubtless boards may be and have been used for this purpose; but there is nothing in the fundamental nature of a board as ratemaker that tends to restrict competition; quite the opposite; for this information regarding rates must of necessity become largely public property, and is to that extent generally available for whoever will to use. There will always be non-board companies and rates will always be kept down by competition."

### HIGHEST & LOWEST QUOTATIONS OF STOCKS.

On another page will be found the customary annual table of highest and lowest quotations of the principal stocks dealt in on 'Change in Montreal, covering the years 1886 to 1906, inclusive. If there be any doubt so far as bank values are concerned, that these constitute the most reliable index to the state of the country's trade, it must be dispelled by even a cursory examination of this table.

There are, unfortunately, exceptions to every good rule, and one or two examples are to be seen, as furnished by the malfaisance of officials occupying the highest positions. What a series of supported misstatements are suggested by the seconded "H & L." line across! How astute the rise and fall concurrently with the ebb and flow of general credit and the quotations of undoubted securities! The manner in which the price of Ontario Bank shares was supported was of such a character that any remarkable drop, such as ordinary securities could bear without serious comment, was sufficient to bring on a crisis. Hence the sudden collapse from 131, at which the last few shares changed hands in October, down to worse than nothing on the 18th of that month, so far as the shareholders were concerned. It is not a little singular that the manager

could alone have been all these years sitting on the edge of a precipice, and feel that the end must come, soon or late.

Other fluctuations are observable, but they are such as result from issue of new stock, of which there has been sufficient latterly to equip a series of respectable new banks. This was, of course, to be expected according as reserve funds approached the amount of the paid-up capitals on which latter alone dividends are estimated. It is to be confidently affirmed that no element of speculation has insinuated itself in the business of any of our great institutions, whatever may have been said of some life insurance companies.

The net earnings have, as a rule, been of a most satisfactory character, but what a strong will must his be who refuses to take a step when great profit is as certain, in his judgment, as certain, can be. We need occasionally to remind ourselves of the example set by the temptation on the mount nearly 1900 years ago, and of some meaner ones furnished us in this present generation. How tersely has the text been put by the Bard of Ayr:

"To catch Dame Fortune's golden smile,
Assiduous wait upon her,
And gather gear by ev'ry wile
That's justified by Honour:
Not for to hide it in a hedge,
Nor for a train attendant,
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

There is a feature in connection with the steadiness in the prices of stock of late years that cannot have escaped some financial minds. The drop in British Consuls has been attributed largely to the low rate of interest being paid by these gilt-edge securities, many holders being tempted to sell out and invest in some of the many investments which pay, or promise to pay, four or five times as much. The same temptation assails holders of the most conservative securities in Canada, the prices of which sometimes invite owners to make "a change into something new and strange" which returns double or trebie the amount of the dividends; but absolute security is, in a sense, a dividend in itself; and that the public believe so is shown by the paucity of the transactions on 'Change. Indeed there is a remarkable scarcity of bank shares offering. The facility with which money can be had upon these gilt-edge stocks through the agency of the savings banks, renders holders in a measure independent of usurious lenders, who some of them wonder at the holdings indicated by the blue-books.

In Miscellaneous Stocks the greatest degree of interest surrounds Dominion Iron and Steel, common. The truce patched up lately between them and the coal people does not appear to have had any apparent effect for an advance in values. The flourish with which this security was announced in 1892, when local owners of inherited wealth poured in to the counters of trust agents, and promoters could be recognized behind the screens wistfully watching those who entered to buy is still fresh in the minds of on lookers. The drop from the quotations—nearly 80—in those days to the 7 of 1904, and even to the 21 of the present year, recall

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12   Hermon Salbands		Bank of Toronto Molsons Bank Eastern Township Bk.	4,000,000 5,000,000 3,000,000	3,964,400 3,000,000 2,941,400	3,943,530 3,000,000 2,933,910	4,443,530 3,000,000 1,860,000	10 10 8	5.546,905 2,716,911 2,393,380	50,632 34,924 13,487	501,407 315,094 9,896	9,063,945 6,003,277 2,733,763	$15.121,138 \\ 17.324,433 \\ 10,014,922$	2,658,759 
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20   Deporting Hanks, Carmella   0.000,000   1.7,20.80   1.315.351   10   2.915.30   1.00.000   2.70.000   2.70.000   2.50.000   2	22 23 24	Banque de St. Jean Banque d'Hochelaga Banque St. Hyacinthe.	1,000,000 2,000,000 1,000,000	500,200 - 2,000,000 - 504,600	$\begin{array}{r} 316,166 \\ / 2,000,000 \\ 329,515 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c}                                     $	4 8 6	$\begin{array}{c} 206,978 \\ 1,831,275 \\ 275,910 \end{array}$	22,302	22,885 $52,038$ $18,841$	48,044 $3.310,095$ $137,819$	392,707 8,768,459 826,557	
2   Control Bank of Canada   2,000,000   931,000   927,161   NIL   170,000   6   617,220   221,122   716,799   124	27 28 29	Western Bank, Canada Traders Bank, Canada, Sovereign Bk, Canada,	1,000,000 5,000,000 4,000,000	555,000 4,441,600 1,000,000	555,000 4,316,426 3,955,480	300,000 $1,250,000$ $1,255,230$	$\frac{7}{7}$	484,550 $2,984,550$ $2,569,295$	1,301,000	32,252 217,471	606,528 $5,804,692$ $5,259,077$	19,406,661 $3,721,748$ $15,627,272$ $11,577,267$	160,964
Total	32 33 34	Home Bank of Canada Northern Bank Sterling Bank of Can	1,000,000 2,000,000 1,000,000	881,200 $1,250,000$ $804,600$	$\begin{array}{c} 812,610 \\ 1,093,621 \\ 629,376 \end{array}$	Nil. Nil.	6	975,365 523,520	37,082	23,152 585,709	716,789 1,862,288 454,332	3,471,501 1,191,433 920,800	
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7 Bank of Toronto         71,795         40,138         30,186         195,751         28,621,900         690,652         2,165,326         145,000         1,233,309           8 Molsons Bank         197,820         91,636         2,26,687,098         477,707         1,414,909         140,000         1,035,448           9 Eastern Township Bk         41,546         19,549         15,225,546         162,257         1,104,768         106,090         450,006           10 Union Bank         6,000,738         1,093,462         7,574,139         122,837         10,145,207         121,879         614,194         75,000         660,380           11 Ontario Bank         6,000,738         1,033,442         122,050         43,401,627         1,030,444         24,768,842         240,000         2,288,789         113,972           12 Banque Nationale         9,001         13,777         231,235         45,000         2,223         4,732,734         29,105         35,730         422,41         149,742           15 People Bk, N. B.         13,773         45,000         2,23         4,732,734         29,105         35,730         42,241         149,742           16 Union Bank of Canada         70,443         25,333         4,000         29,842,398         2,341,6	2 3 4	New Brunswick Quebec Bank Bank of Nova Scotia		$\begin{array}{c} 86,942 \\ 90,235 \\ 155,945 \end{array}$		281,907	40,482 493	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \ 676,541 \\ 10,882,329 \\ 28,356,725 \end{array}$	125,700 $341,067$ $1,990,026$	$   \begin{array}{c}     178,730 \\     317,508 \\     2,054,774   \end{array} $	35,000 81,160 118,531	$   \begin{array}{r}     87,125 \\     422,210 \\     1,768,596   \end{array} $	167,537 148,500
12 Banque Nationale	7 8 9	Bank of Toronto Molsons Bank Eastern Township Bk		71.795 - 197.820 + 41,546	40,138 19,549	30,186 $94,636$	195,751	28.621,900 26.687,098 15,226,546	690,652 477,707 162,257	2,166,326 1,414,909 1,104,768	145,000 140,000 106,090	1,283 309 1,035,448 450,906	
17   Canadian B. of Comirce   177,623   398,781   1,063,750   450,500   98,442,398   3,613,093   5,935,008   427,450   4,361,228   19   Dominion Bank   98,845   2,100,788   162,394   243,879   34,385,457   1,971,060   1,715,784   143,000   2,095,498   1,442,154   1,000   2,095,498   1,442,154   1,000   2,095,498   1,442,154   1,000   2,095,498   1,442,154   1,000   1,442,154   1,00	12 13 14	Banque Nationale Merch't Bank Canada Banq. Provinciale Can	611,093	99,521 1,517,777	231,235		$\begin{array}{c} 122,050 \\ 2,223 \end{array}$	$10.216,207 \\ 43,401,627 \\ 4,732,734$	1,030,444 29,105	$\substack{2,476,884\\35,730}$	$\begin{array}{c} 75,000 \\ 240,000 \\ 42,241 \end{array}$	2,288,789 149,742	113,972
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Return of Canadian Bank of Commerce. Amount under heading "Other assets not included under foregoing heads," includes gold bullion. Return of Bank of British North America. Amount under heading "Other assets not included under foregoing heads," includes bullion. The figures for the Dawson Branch are taken from the last returns received viz; 10th Nov., 1906.

A The deposits of the Ontario Bank, having been assumed by the Bank of Montreal, do not appear in the above Return. The Bank of Montreal is under obligation at the end of the time fixed by the Bank Act, viz: two years, to repay under instructions of the Curator, the amount of all unclaimed balances.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce bonus of 1 p. c. equal in all to a dividend of 8 p. c. per annum.

something like a distress dream to some of them, but a different revery for others. It is to be hoped that the demand for steel, which must come, may place this stock among those which are able to stand upon their own feet, and not rely upon bounties which the county

are obliged to pay. But there is some consolation after all in the premises, for we see that U.S. Steel common is yet lingering in the vicinity of 46 to 47, an advance of scarcely 1 per cent. per annum during the last seven years.

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3 1 1 5 1	Ontario Nationale Merchánts Provincial People's N. Brunswick		45,842 208,704 24,350 4,355	36,022 7,845 16,741	12,903 19,204 3,500	152.868 268 600 1,028,900 165,000 13,500	25,525 42,218 159,238 204,236 4	$\begin{array}{c} 7.962,254 \\ 12,514,843 \\ 53,340,000 \\ 5,720,004 \\ 1,022,008 \end{array}$	Nil 418,334 427,652 Nil 184,766	119,300 1,020 200 26 680 10,790	657,900 2,691,260 33,736 41,300	958,409 1,488,125 5,522,000 822,428 157,655
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A It is understood that Current Loans in Canada and part of Overdue Debts shown above are to be regarded as Contra to Loans from other Banks in Canada, secured including Bills Re-discounted.

Other stocks call for little special comment. Montreal Light, Heat and Power shows very little indication of getting fat upon what it gets from the public; but able men are not cheap; and then the public are timorous. Street Railway is unaccountably weaker, for look at the earnings; and read and study and inwardly digest:

Deposits /

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### THE WESTERN AND THE BRITISH AMERICA.

An official statement was issued last week by Senator Geo. A. Cox, president of the above time-honoured Canadian companies, announcing certain important changes in the management, rendered necessary by the retirement of Mr. J. J. Kenny, vice-president and managing director of the former office, outlining at the same time certain provisions for the issue of new stock.—At the meeting of the Boards of Directors of both companies held during last week, full statements of the

final position of the companies resulting from the San Francisco conflagration were submitted and approved. It has taken longer than was first expected to have these statements prepared and verified owing to the various legal questions involved, the loss of records, and the necessity for procuring duplicate information from all the branches having the necessary figures in their books, and the generally complicated position in connection with reinsurance and salvages. These final statements showed that the companies' losses were, in common with all other companies, greater than had been anticipated. careful consideration of the present position and the future policy of the companies," says the announcement, "the conclusion was come to that, to provide for the immediate payment of all remaining losses, and to strengthen the financial situation of the companies, an issue of 7 per cent. preference stock should be made by each company—\$550.000 for the British America and \$1.000,000 for the Western-and that the price of subscription should be at a premium of 25 per cent. Within a short time the whole amount in each case was underwritten, free of commission. The companies will therefore receive from this issue \$687,500 for the British America and \$1,-250,000 for the Western, making a total of \$1,937,500. stock is to be paid for in full as soon as it can be issued. Meetings of shareholders have been called to comply with the formalities required in connection with the issues, which will be completed before the end of this month. The present stockholders are entitled to subscribe for the new issue in proportion to their present holdings."

As Mr. Kenny, who has been in the companies' service for over 35 years, desired to be relieved from the pressure which the recent disaster at San Francisco necessarily threw upon him, the directors were fortunate in having in their service Mr. 1/ W. B. Meikle, of London, England, who has been the manager of the companies' British and foreign business, conducted through the London office, for the last seven years, and who has established a large and profitable fire and marine business at that branch. Mr. Meikle was nominated by Mr. Kenny as his successor three years ago, and is one of the most capable of the younger insurance managers of the present day. has had a long and practical experience of fire and marine insurance in Great Britain and in many parts of the foreign field. having been resident in India for several years, and travelled in most countries of the world in behalf of his former and present companies. Mr. Mcikle has been appointed the general manager of both companies in place of Mr. Kenny, whose resignation was accepted, but who retains his seat on the boards

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Western Assurance Co., held at headquarters yesterday, the by-law passed by the Board of Directors, creating the issue of \$1,000,000, preference stock at a premium of 25 cents, was ratified unanimously. The stock, save what is required by the outside public, has all been subscribed by the original shareholders.

### BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES

Among recent assignments in Ontario, are the following:—J. H. O'Brien, Inquors, Bancroft; B., Goldberg, junk dealer, Mildway; W. C. Mills, furs, Woodstock; L. A. Ross, lumber, Cornwall; W. Tait, trader, Kingston; J. L. Little, livery, Owen Sound. Winding-up orders are applied for against the Dominion Canistor Co., Ltd., Dundas; and the Russell Bottling Wor's, Offawa.

In this Province, Louis Barron, carriages, St. Flavien; J. Buchanan and Son, wholesale grocers, Levis; J. W. Lamb, grocer, city and Adolphe Otis, general store, St. Felicite have assigned. A meeting of the creditors of T. L. Clarke and Co., brass founders, city, has been called; liabilities about \$14,000. Jos. Giguere, saloon, city has compromised, and Thos. Regis, trader, St. Remi d'Amberst, is offering to compromise.

The American Costume Manufacturing Co., city, mfrs. of ladies white wear, cleaks etc., has assigned, owing some \$25,000 to \$30,000. Keen competition and limited capital are given as the chief causes.

With liabilities amounting to \$6,000, Louis J. Vezina, bottler

and liquor merchant, city, assigned at the request of L. Reinhardt, manager of the Salavador Brewery. The assets consist of a stock of bottles, bottling machines, safe, two horses, three carriages, three sleighs, book debts, bottling license and right of lease of Vezina's premises, on the corner of Notre Dame and Visitation Streets. The principal claimants are:—L. Reinhardt \$2.683.70; Mme. A. St. Jean \$1.600; Alexander Walker \$578; R. Dawes, \$324; Rougier Freres, \$135.05.

### A PROPOSAL FROM THE BELL TELEPHONE CO.

The Bell Telephone Co. is ready to afford Montreal an opportunity of effecting a considerable economy in respect of the civic fire alarm and police patrol wires service. The Company has been placing its wires underground for some time, and it now proposes to negotiate with the members of the City Council on the subject on reasonable terms outlined by the President, Mr. C. F. Sise, in a letter addressed them, which was read at yesterday's meeting. Any means that may rid the city of the antiquated unsightly poles and those often dangerous wires should not be neglected, and the Bell Telephone Company are the right sort of people to deal with.

### ELECTIC LIGHT COMPETITION.

A number of Montreal capitalists have leased the water-power of the Beauharnois Canal from the Federal Government for the purpose of supplying a large electrical plant by which the city and citizens may be furnished with light and power. Among the subscribers are Messrs. F. H. Wilson, Wm. C. McIntyre, S. H. Ewing, F. J. Shaw, P. J. McIntosh, W. C. Finley, H. J. Fuller, W. Lyall and others. Here is a possible solution of the problem before the City Council and the Light Heat and Power Co. A proposal from the new company has been submitted to the City Fathers. The Carsley Co. also demands a consideration for their own offer.

## Meetings, Reports, etc.

### BANK OF HOCHELAGA.

Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Sharcholders of the Bank of Hochelaga was held in the offices of the Bank at Montreal, at noon, on Wednesday the 19th Instant.

Mr. F. X. St. Charles was called upon to take the chair, and Mr. M. J. A. Prendergast consented to act as secretary for the meeting.

The secretary then read the announcement in the Canada Gazette convoking the meeting.

On motion of Mr. F. X. St. Charles, Messrs. A. O. Morin and J. H. David were appointed scrutineers.

The annual report was then presented by the president, Mr. F. X. St. Charles, as follows:—

To the shareholders of the Bank of Hochelaga:
Gentlemen:—For the twelve months ending with the thirtieth of November last, the operations of your bank have given the following results, which your directors have the honour to submit to you:—

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

November 30th, 1906.

(Credit.)

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(Debit.)

Dividend  $1\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. paid on March 1, 1906. \$ 35,000.00

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Dividend 134 per cent. paid on June 1, 1906..

Dividend 134 per cent. paid on Sept. 1, 1906...

Dividend 2 per cent. payable on December 1, 1906

Carried to employe's pension fund .....

Balance at credit profit and loss, November 30,

Carried forward, November 30, 1906 .....

Balance at credit of reserve fund, 30 November,

at Laprairie, P.Q., as well as at Edmonton, Alta.

Reserve Fund .....

Dividends payable Dec. 1, 1906 .........

Due to other banks in England and foreign coun-

Outstanding drafts drawn by agencies on Head

Notes and Cheques on other banks .....

Due by other banks in Canada ..., . . . . . . . . .

Consols, Federal and Provincial Governments, cities of New York and Montreal debentures...

Deposit with Dominion Government for security

Mortgage on properties sold by the Bank .. ..

Real Estate ......Bank premises, office fixtures and other assets

Due by other banks in foreign countries ...

Due by other banks in England ...

Call loans on Bonds and Stocks ...

Other Canadian debentures .

Notes discounted and current

Overdue debts (loss provided for) ...

ly inspected during the year.

Profit and Loss ...

Unclaimed Dividends ...

Notes in circulation

Dominion Notes . . . .

Deposits bearing interest ...

RESERVE FUND.

Balance at credit, November 30, 1905 . . . . . . . \$1,459,000.00

In order to meet the needs  $^{\prime}$  of its clientele and that your

Bank might take its legitimate part in new business develop-

ing, your Board has considered it advisable to open branches

at Mount Royal Avenue, at Maisonneuvc, in Ville St. Louis

de Montreal, at St. James L'Achigan, and at St. Pierre, Mani-

toba; other branches will soon be opened at Berthierville and

The head offices and the various branches have been regular-

THE GENERAL STATEMENT TO NOV. 30, 1906.

LIABILITIES.

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(Signed) F. X. ST. CHARLES,

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It was moved by Mr. F. X. St. Charles, seconded by Mr. Robert Bickerdike, that the report as presented be adopted.

Moved by Colonel Hector Prevost, seconded by Mr. A. M. Archambault: That the thanks of the shareholders are due the president, vice-president and the directors for th ir good administration of the affairs of the bank during the financial term just closed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Edward Fiske, seconded by Mr. Liboire Constant:-That a vote of thanks should also be tendered the General Manager, the Manager and other officers of this bank for the zeal they have displayed in the accomplishment of their respective duties. Carri.d.

Moved by Mr. Edwin Hurtubise, seconded by Mr. A. O. Morin: "Considering that, in view of the constant and gradual extension of the business of the Bank of Hochelaga. it is in the interests of the shareholders that its capital should be augmented, the following by law should be adopted:-

The capital stock of the Bank of Hochelaga is augmented to the amount of four million dollars." Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Prudhemme, seconded by Dr. Vict. Mignault:--That the Board of Directors be authorized to take the necessary steps to obtain from the Treasury Board the certificate required by law approving the said by-law, and giving it power of execution. Carried.

By-law passed by the shareholders of the Bank of Hochelaga at the general annual meeting, held December 19th, 1906.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Brosseau, K.C., seconded by Dr. V. Mignault, that the Board of Directors of the Bank be composed in future of seven directors, and that the quorum necessary for a meeting of the Directors be three directors; and that in consequence section 3 of the general by-laws of the Bank be amended to read as follows:—"The Board of Directors shall be composed of seven directors, of whom three shall compose a quorum." Carried.  $\space{-1mu}$ 

Moved by Mr. Raph. Dufresne, seconded by Mr. Alph. Languedoc, that this meeting proceed to the election of the Directors of this Bank for the current year: that to this end a single ballot be employed, and that this ballot be considered as expressing the decision of the meeting. Carried.

The scrutineers then made the following report:

"We, the undersigned scrutineers duly named at the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Hochelaga, this day, declare the following gentlemen elected Directors of this Bank, for the current year, viz .: - Messrs. F. X. St. Charles, R. Bickerdike, J. D. Rolland, J. A. Vaillancourt, A. Turcotte, E. H. Lemay and J. M. Wilson.

(Signed) A. O. MORIN,

J. H. DAVID.

Scrutineers.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. F. X. St. / Charles was elected president, and Mr. Robert Bickerdike vicepresident for the ensuing year.

M. J. A. PRENDERGAST.

Secretary and Manager. Montreal, December 19th, 1906.

To each and every reader of the Journal of Commerce greetings are tendered again with best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

-Hon. C. S. Hyman, Minister of Public Works, who has been sojourning south for some time because of ill-health, is reported to be convalescent.

The case of Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, ex-president of the defunct Ontario Bank, who is charged with having signed a false statement to the Government-which, it must be suposed, he knew as much about as any officer of the bank acting under instructions from his superior-has been enlarged to the 2nd proximo. The commission sent to New York to investigate late Manager McGill's investments or speculations is expected to be ready by that time. Why not make some inquiry nearer home?

### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Montreal, Thursday, December 27, 1906.

The Christmas holidays caused quite a relaxation in wholesale departments, and few incidents or changes of importance can be noted. At this time of the year when accounts are being enquired into and stock taken, both of goods and prospects, weak spots are apt to be detected, and this year may be no exception, if certain rumours are to be believed. the whole, trade is satisfactory, and the closing of books for the year will reveal reasonable profits to many deserving firms. Fears of a Green Christmas are dispelled by two heavy falls of snow, and temperature nearly what to be 'the true accompaniment for an ideal Holiday season. Collections have continued good right into the holidays, an indication that money has come freely into the country in payment of our exportable products. The metal markets have shown strength, especially in lead and copper, while barb wire has advanced in price; also certain small wares. The demand for dyied fruits and canned goods has been exceptionally good.

APPLES. Market is firm and unchanged. Baldwins, tirechings./Rus-ets, Wagners, etc., No. 1, \$3.50; do., No. 2 \$2.75; fancy Spies \$4 to \$4.50; finest Fameuse \$3.75 to \$4.

ASHES. In potash the market is firm in consequence of right supplies being received. Pearls \$5.50 to \$7.50; first pots \$5.75 to \$5.85; seconds \$5 to \$5.10 per 100 lbs.

BUTTER.—Moderate receipts of butter are reported and market is firm. Choose creamery being quoted at 251/4e to 251/4e, and under finest at 24e to 24%/e. Dairy is firm at 21e to 23e.

(TIE.ESE.—Market quiet, and without particular change. November makes, 11% to 12t and early fall 121/c, to 121/c.

DRESSED POULTRY.—There have been ample supplies of fine turkeys, better than in some former years, and demand has been brisk.—Fortunately, prices have continued reasonable, as other poultry and excellent fresh meats are also offering on the markets, and the weather has been cold and favourable for marketing and storage. Prices are about 14 to 15c for finest, turkeys, 11 to 12c for ducks and choice chickens, some chickens of a less fine quality ranging down to 10c.—Geese range in price from 10 to 11c, and choice fowl from 8c to 9c, others ranging a cent or so lower.

DRY GOODS.—The seasonable weather has caused a good retail business in woollens, furs and nick-nacks of all kinds suitable for the holidays. Travellers have been at home giving some help in the warehouses and talking over prospects for the next run on the road. New York cotton futures closed steady. Closing bids: - December 9.04c; January 9.08c; February 9.25c; March 9.39e; April 9.49e; May 9.58e; June 9.63e, July 9.682; August 9.55c. Spot closed steady; middling uplands 10.45c; Sales 1.816 bales. According to a despatch do. gult. 10.70c. issued by the U.S. Census Bureau, there had been ginned up to December 13 of this year's cotton, crop. 11, 099,001 bales. against 9.297.819 at this time last year. The number of ginners reported in operation this season prior to December 13 was The last report showed 10.027,868 bales ginned to December 1, 1906.

EGGS.—There is a good demand and so few are coming forward that stocks are running down and prices strengthening Sales of selected at 25c to 26c; No. 1 candled 21c to 22c and Montreal limed 20c to 21c.

FLOUR.—No change can be noted, as demand is confined to small lots, but prices are steady—Manitoba patents \$4.10 to \$4.25; strong bakers \$4.10; straight rollers \$3.65 to \$3.75; do. in bags \$1.65 to \$1.75; extras \$1.50 to \$1.60.

GRAIN.—There is not much of interest in the local market outside of oats, which are quite firm owing to a good demand

and small supplies. Sales of car lots of No. 2 white were made at 421/2c; No. 3 at 411/2c, and No. 4 at 401/2c per bushel, ex there is also a fair demand for American corn from outside sources, and sales of car lots of No. 2 yellow were made at 35c, and No. 3 mixed at 54c per bushel ex store. Business in Manitoba spring wheat over the cable continues The demand was limited and bids in some cases were 11/2d to 3d lower. In the West the market for Ontario wheat is stagnant, as the mills are not buying to any extent and there is no demand for export. Exporters say that they cannot pay more than 69e for Ontario and export it profitably, and that they are not anxious to handle it at 69c. There is not much activity in Manitoba wheat. Millstuffs are still scarce and \$20 a ton is asked for bran. Greatly reduced receipts in the North-west has had a strengthening effect on the Chicago wheat market, but because of realizing sales late in the session, the closing prices were barely steady. Final quotations on the May delivery were off 1/8c. Corn was a shade higher Daily returns of exports for December and oats were up 1/4c. do not indicate the falling off that has been predicted by the export houses. Of the 70,000,000 bushels that have gone abroad since July 1, about one-third was in the form of flour. Present indications are that flour clearances will survive longer than those of wheat, as winter wheat millers are just getting their largest sales cleared through the south Atlantic ports. Sales of wheat at the seaboard lately show that the toreign buyer has not lost interest in American grain, though the exporter is content to have the speculator believe this is the case. tanadalan shipments are making the same general progress as a year ago. The big increase in Danubian exports is credited to the near approach of the close of navigation on the rivers.

GREEN FRUITS.—Business has been active in this market. Quotations:—Oranges: Fresh sweet Floridas. 126, 150, 176, 200, 216. \$3.25; Jamaica oranges, barrels repacked sound \$4.—Grape fruit: Finest Florida grape fruit. 64, 80. 96, \$4.—Lemons: In the Mount Royal brand lemons we offer the finest stock imported into Canada without exception, are specially selected and packed and really are the cream of Sielly, These are \$4 for 300s; Statue of Republic, fancy, 300s, \$3.75; do., 360s,\$3.75.—Cranberries: Cape Cod cranberries, fine stock, per bbl., \$10.—Grapes: Almerias, large stock, \$5 per bbl., do. medium. \$4.50.—Dried fruit: New Hallowi dates, 5c per lb.; new figs, 10-lb. boxes not weight, 6 crown, \$1.10; do. 5 crown, 90c; do. 3 crown, 80c; glove boxes, 16-oz. size, 9c.—Onions: Spanish onions, cases, \$2.25; red onions, in 100-lb. sacks, \$1.65.

tlAY.—A good demand for baled hay, as receipts are small and stocks held are moderate. Prices are strongly held as tollows:—No. 1 \$13.50 to \$14; No. 2 \$12.50 to \$13; and pure clover \$10.50 to \$11 per ton.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The decline in hides is considered fortunate by many in the trade, as prices were too high. Liberal supplies have been received, and quality is good, with the exception of calf skins. Lamb skins are 5c higher, owing to scarcity and increased size. Following are the quotations for tresh city stock:—No. 1 hides, ½c to tanners, 12c; No. 2 hides, ½c to tanners, 11c; No. 3 hides, ½c to tanners 10c; No. 1 calf-skins, per lb., 12c; No. 2 calfskins, per lb., 10c; lambskins, 95c; No. 1 horsehides, each, \$2; No. 2 horsehides, each, \$1.50; tallow, rendered, per lb., 3c to 5c; tallow, rough, per lb., 1½c to 3c.

HONEY.—Quiet and steady. White clover comb 13c to 14c, white extracted 10c to 101/1c; buckwheat 8c to 81/2c.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The demand for small wares has been brisk since the holiday season began. Pipe makers and others have been slow in making deliveries, and now we hear of quotations being withdrawn for a number of smaller articles of manufacture. New York, pig iron quiet; northern \$22.50 to \$26.25; southern \$21 to \$27.50. Copper. strong, \$23.25 to 23.50. Lead, \$6 to \$6.15. Tin quiet; Straits \$42.45 to \$42.70; plates quiet. Spelter, firm: domestic \$6.60 to \$6.65.

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At the annual ance Co. held in 26th instant. Mr. President, and Mr. ensuing year. The

LIVE STOCK.—Locally there is nothing of value to report, heavy buying for the holidays being over. Advices from Toronto report a lower tendency, and a considerable number of cattle were left on the market. There was some enquiry for export, but good cattle were not plentiful, although a few old ones were picked up at steady prices. Stockers and feeders are practically nominal and are quoted lower. Sheep and lambs are steady and hogs unchanged. Export cattle—Quotations, steady; choice \$4.50 to \$4.90; good \$4.10 to \$4.50; cows \$3.25 to \$3.75; bulls, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.—A moderate movement at steady prices. Syrup at 55c to 65c per tin of one gallon, wine measure, and at 75c to 85c per tin of imperial gallon, and at 6½c to 7c per lb., m wood; maple sugar 8½c to 9½c per lb.

MILLEF.ED.—There is a strong market, and especially so for byan, owing to its scarcity. Manitoba bran, in bags, \$21; shorts \$22 per ton; Ontario bran, in bags, \$21 to \$21.50; shorts \$22.50 to \$25; milled moullie \$22 to \$25 per ton, and straight grain \$28 to \$30.

NAVAL STORES.—Pine pitch. \$3.75 brl.; pine tar, \$4.50; oakum, 4c to 7c per lb.; coal tar, \$4 brl.; roofing pitch, \$1 per 100 lbs.; cotton waste, colored, 5c to 7c per lb.; white, 8c to 11c. Rope:—Sisal 7-16 and upwards, 101/2c %, 11c; 3-16, 111/2c. Manilla, 7-16 and larger, 15c; 3/8, 151/2c; 1/4 and 5-16, 16c. Lath yarn, 10c to 101/2c.

OILS, RESIN, ETC.—Calcutta linseed, December and January, 428 9d. Linseed oil 218 6d. Sperm oil £34. Petroleum American refined, 6 5-16d; do. spirits, 73/4d. Resin. American strained, 10s 3d; do. fine/ 14s. Turpentine spirits, 9s 6d. Antwerp, petroleum 19 francs 50 centimes. Savannah, turpentine, steady, 663/4d. Sales. 470; receipts. 541; shipments. 107. Resin firm; sales, 1.119; receipts. 1.667; shipments. 364; stock, 85.628. Quotations:—A, B, C, D, E, \$4 to \$4.05; F, \$1.05 to \$4.07 1/2; G. \$4.05 to \$4.10; H. \$4.25; I, \$4.50; K. \$5.15; M, \$5.50; N, \$6; WG, \$6.75; WW, \$6.85.

POTATOEE,—Demand good, and there is quite a brisk jobbing trade. Prices firm, with business at 85c to 90c per bagcar lots 70c to 80c.

PROVISIONS.—Prices sfeady, with good demand. Abattoir fresh killed hogs quoted at \$9.00 to \$9.25 per 100 pounds. Live hogs have ruled steady at \$6.75 to \$6.85 per 100 pounds weighed off cars. Heavy / Canada short cut mess pork in tierces. \$32.00 to \$32.50; barrels, \$21.50 to \$22. Compound lard in tierces, 375 lbs., Sc to \$1/4c; tubs 50 lbs., parchment lined \$1/4c to \$1/2c; kettle lard tierces 123/4c to 13c; pure lard tierces 12c. Hams, extra large sizes. 25 lbs.. upwards, 13c; large sizes, 18 to 25 lbs., 131/2c; medium sizes, selected weights. 12 to 18 / lbs., 14c; extra small sizes, \$1 to 12 lbs., 141/2c hams, bone out, rolled, large 15c; do. small, 16c; English boneless breakfast bacon, 15c; Wiltshire bacon backs, 15c.

ROLLED OATS.—The market is quiet, there being no improvement in the demand, and prices are quoted at \$2 per bag.

SHEEPSKINS.—A sale of 5,400 bales of sheepskins was held in Mineing Line this week. Active competition caused a general advance in values, and at the close merinos were  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 per cent., and crossbreds 5 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. nigher.

WOOL.—There is not much doing, but prices are firm owing to the strong position abroad. Supplies are not large, but the call is quite moderate. Dealers quote the following prices for wool. Montreal:—Canada fleece, tub washed, 26 to 28c; Canada fleece, in the grease, 18 to 20c; Canada pulled, brushed, 30c; Canada, pulled, unbrushed, 27 to 29c; pulled lamb's, brushed, 30 to 32c; pulled lamb's, unbrushed, 30c; North-West merinos 18 to 29c.

At the annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. held in the company's premises, New York, on the 26th instant. Mr. Frederick A. Burnham was re-elected as president, and Mr. George D. Eldridge vice-president for the ensuing year. The report presented was adopted.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Montreal, Thursday, Dec. 27th 1906.

The year closes with a very dull market on the Stock Exchange, and the transactions have been so light that we merely direct attention to the table subjoined:

The local money market is firm at 6 per cent, for call loans. The market for foreign exchange is dull. Closing rates were: Staling sixties, 7½; sight, 8 19-32; cables, 8 15-16; francs, 5.22½, minus 1-32; marks, 94-3-16; New York funds, 3-64 to 3-64 discount.

In New York, money on call, firm; highest,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; lowest./6 per cent.; ruling rate, 8 per cent.; last loan, 7 per cent.; clesing bid, 6 per cent.; offered at 7 per cent. Time loans, dull and strong; 60 days, 9 per cent.; six months,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Sterling exchange, heavy, at 4.82.85 to 4.82.90 for demand, and at 4.77.75 to 4.77.80 for 60 day bills. Posted rates, 4.79 to  $4.79\frac{1}{2}$ , and 4.84 to  $4.84\frac{1}{2}$ . Commercial bills,  $4.77\frac{1}{2}$ , to  $4.77\frac{1}{8}$ . Bar silver,  $69\frac{1}{2}$ . Mexican dollars,  $53\frac{1}{8}$ . Government/bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular. Paris exchange on London, 25 francs,  $25\frac{1}{2}$  centimes.

The following is a comparative table of stock prices for the week ending December 27, 1906, as compiled by Messrs. Meredith and Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal:

Stocks.		Sales.	High.	Low.
Banks:		7.00.	mgn.	LOW.
Montreal		82	/ 256	9551/
Molsons		2	2041/4	2551/2
New, Molsons		41	204 %	$204 \frac{1}{2}$
Sovereign		38	134	
Royal		29		134
Commerce		20	240	240
Hochelaga		4	1751/2	$175 \frac{1}{2}$
		4	$159\frac{1}{2}$	$159\frac{1}{2}$
Miscellaneous:				
Canadian Pacific	**** ** 22	660	196	191%
Montreal Street Railw.	ay	710	218	213
Do. Rights		1200	, 12	103/4
Toronto Street Ry./		133	113	112
Trinidad	VV 11 1	25	80	80
St. John Electric Ry.		4.5	105	/ 105
Rich, and Opt. Nav. Co	0	100	83	82
Mont. Light Heat and	l Power	756	- 931/4	90
Nova Scotia Steel and	Coal	674	72	
Dom. Iron and Steel, co	m	1123	231/2	701/3
Do. Preferred		54	$\frac{25}{25}$	$\frac{221}{4}$
Dominion Coal, com		310	64	.,.,
Laurentide Paper, pfd.		5		63
Textile, pfd		50	109	109
Lake of Woods, pfd		60	100	100
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HIGHEST AND LOWEST QUOTATIONS OF STOCKS, 31st December, 1886, to 31st December, 1906.

Banks.	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
Montreal H.	241½ 202¾	250½ <b>201</b>	230¼ 206¼	238 220	234 2141/2	229 215	237 217	237 205	230 216	226 21414	228 215	241 <b>%</b> 225	250 230	268 245	2631/ <sub>2</sub> 250	261½ 239	277 258	280½ 245	<b>255</b> 244	261 250	260 252
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Merchants H.		134 <b>%</b> 118½	140 121½	149 <b>1</b>	147 138	153½ 140	$166\frac{1}{2}$ $147\frac{1}{2}$	169 149	169 155	1721/2 160	177 160	187 167½	189 160	182½ 160	164 145	162 150	164 144	172 149	163 150	$\frac{172\frac{1}{9}}{159}$	$\begin{array}{c} 176 \\ 160 \end{array}$
Molsons H.	145 123	143 130	160 135	180 155 ¼	$\begin{array}{c} 166 \\ 152 \end{array}$	170 154	180 160	175 160	170 160	180 160	184 173	$\frac{201}{180}$	$\begin{array}{c} 205 \\ 195 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 213 \\ 190 \end{array}$	19 <b>5</b> 175	209 175	218 206	216 190	<b>220</b> 195	$\frac{237\frac{1}{4}}{220}$	$\frac{230}{204\frac{1}{4}}$
Toronto H.	213½ 185¾	$\substack{215 \\ 182\frac{1}{2}}$	212 190½	$\frac{223}{215}$	$\begin{array}{c} 225 \\ 211 \end{array}$	230 210	$\begin{array}{c} 256 \\ 220 \end{array}$	$\frac{258}{230}$	252 236	$\frac{248}{221}$	239 1/2 224	$\frac{234}{226}$	245¾ 224	$\frac{253}{240}$	$243\frac{1}{2}$ $223$	249 2281/4	261 229	257 218½	232 224	247 228	250 224
Commerce H.	134½ 115	128 107¼	$^{122}_{109\frac{1}{2}}$	129 117%	131 122	135½ 123¾	146 133	149 130	142¾ 127	146 130	132¼ 122	$\frac{139}{123}$	151 134¼		154½ 140	158 146	164½ 147	170¼ 149¼	16744 1494	170¼ 140	1901 1691
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E. Townships H.	$\begin{array}{c} 122 \\ 108 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 124 \\ 116 \end{array}$	126 115	140 114	137½ 130		142 123	140 133	140 135	145 135	145 135	152 141½		158 150	158 153	154 150	165 150	192½ 156½	161 l 156	168 160	165 150 145
Quebec H.	110 100½	114 108	117 110	128 116	125¼ 118	$121\frac{1}{2}$ $116\frac{1}{2}$	130 118	130 116	130 <b>1</b> 22	130 112½	123 ½ 11 <b>5</b>	126 115	126 120	148 121 /	128% 120	126 110	122%	125 116	131 118 148	$143$ $127\frac{1}{4}$ $147\frac{1}{4}$	1384 1384
Union H.	95 <b>44</b>	*90	95 91 <b>%</b>	100¼ 92	97 90	91 85	101¾ 88	109 100	104 98	103½ 97	101 97	112 100	112 101	125 108	112 105	106 104½	126 103	$\frac{140}{127}$ $\frac{232\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	130	135	140 232
Hamilton H.	$\frac{138}{134}$	140 133	140½ 133	149 136	160 151½	177 150	179 161 /	166 152	169 156	160¼ 153	157 148	173 152	188 169	186	195 185 269½	205 190 2451/4	260 205 244	$232\frac{72}{232\frac{1}{2}}$ $249$	232½/ 232½ 244	217 258	155 280
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Hochelaga H.	79%	100 97	97½ 90	100 90	104 94	101	1131/2	1161/2	120	120	115	126	146	130	125	130	132	124¾ 221	130 209‡	133 229	140 247‡
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Mont. Ln & Mort. H. L.	94	115 106	$\frac{116\frac{1}{2}}{107}$	132 112	130 110	$\frac{130}{125}$	135 135	140 120	135 120	137½ 130	134 94	138 132	140 136	141	140 130	140 135	137½ 137½	137½ 135	1371/2 133	135 135	138 136
Mont. St. Ry H.	250¾ 120	$\frac{260}{220}$	223 182½	212 182	$\frac{225}{168}$	195 172	$\frac{252}{175}$	252 <b>¾</b> 150	188 136 <b>¾</b>	227½ 108	222½ 205½	211	290 235¾	337 267	305½ 242	306½ 261¾	288 260	282 195	1993/	240‡ 212	284 213
Rich. & Ont. Nav. H.	86½ 57	70 38	57 37 <b>¾</b>	63 38½	70 <b>3</b> 0	61 1/4 46	83 53¼	80 45	89 62%	1051/4	110 70	112 85	114 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 82½	961/2	115 99	122 105½	911/2	104 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 65	871 531	77 61 ½	88‡ 69‡
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Manitoba Spring Wh
Strong Bakers
Winter Wheat Patent
Straight Roller
Straight bags
Extras
Extras
Extras
Cornmeal, bag
Bran, in bags
Shorts, in bags
Mouillie
Do. Straight

FARM PRODUCTS

Butter-

Choicest Creamery
Under Grades, Creamer
Townships Dairy
Western Dairy
Manitoba Dairy
Fresh Rolls

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.						
Name of Article.	Wholesale.					
	7					
DRUGS AND CHEMICALS—  Acid Carbolic Cryst, medi	8 c. 8 c,					
Aloes, Cape Alum Borax, xtls. Brom. Potass Camphor, Ref. Rings Camphor, Ref. oz. ck. Citric Acid Citrate Magnesia lb Cocaine Hvd. oz. Copperas per 100 lbs. Oream Tartar Epsom Salts Glycerine Gum Arabic per lb. Gum Trag Insect Powder lb. Insect Powder lb. Insect Powder lb. Menthol, lb. Morphia Oil Peppermint lb. Oil Lemon Opium Phosphorus Oxalic Acid Potash Bichromate Potash Iodide Quinine Strychnine Tartaric Acid	0 16 0 18 1 40 1 75 0 04 0 06 0 35 0 45 0 95 1 10 1 00 1 10 0 37 0 45 0 25 0 45 4 50 5 0 80 0 25 0 80 0 22 0 26 1 25 1 75 0 15 0 40 0 25 0 40 0 22 0 30 3 5 0 45 4 50 5 0 40 0 22 0 36 1 25 1 75 0 15 0 40 0 25 0 40 0 26 0 30 0 36 0 40 0 26 0 30 0 37 0 0 10 0 0 10 0 12 0 0 80 0 10 0 0 10 0 0 12 0 26 0 32 0 70 0 80					
Licorice.						
Stick. 4. 6, 8, 12, & 16 to lb., 5 lb. hoxes  Acme Licorice Pellets, cans  Licorice Lozenges, 1 & 5 lb. cans	2 00 2 00 1 50					
HEAVY CHEMICALS—						
Bleaching Powder Blue Vitriol / Brimstone Caustic Soda Soda Ash Soda Bicarb Sola Soda Sola Soda	2 25 2 50 1 50 2 50 1 75 2 25					
DYESTUFFS—						
Archil con Cutch Ex. Logwood Chip Logwood Indigo (Bengal) Indigo Madras Gambier Madder Sumac Tin Crystals	0 27 0 31 0 08 1 75 2 50 1 50 1 75 0 70 1 00 0 06 0 07 0 09 0 12 42 50 47 50 0 28 0 30					
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Sumac 42	50	47	50
EISH—			
1 1011		1	
Bloaters, per box 1	00	1	10
Labrador Herrings 6	00		50
Labrador Herrings, half brls	50		00
Mackerel, No. 2, brls	00	0	00
Mackerel, No. 2, one-half barrel			
Green Cod. No. 1	00	0	00
Green Cod. large 5			
No. 2 0			
Large Dry Gasne per ontl			
Salmon brie Lab No 1	00		
Salmon, balf, brie			
Salmon, Hall Dills			00
Salmon, Pri ish to umbia, bris			
Salmon, British Columbia, half bris.			00
Boneless Fish 0			654
Doneless Cod 0	054	0	06
Skinless Cod, case			
Loch Fyne Herrings, keg			00
	Sumac	Sumac	Sumac

FLOUR—	1			
gilvie's Royal	Household			0.00
gilvie's Gleno	ra Patents			0 00
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ong Bakers				4 10
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FARM PRODUCTS-

Butter—		
Choicest Creamery	0 23	0 25
	0 22	0 224
	0 21	0 214
Western Dairy Manitoba Dairy	0 20	0 21
Manitoba Dairy Fresh Rolls	0 19	0 20
Fresh Rolls	0 00	0 00
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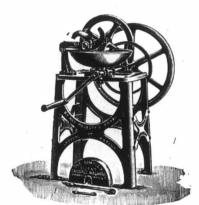
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### WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

WHOLESALE PRICES CU	RRENT,
Name of Article.	Wholesale,
FARM PRODUCTS.—Con.—	
Cheese—	8 c 8 c
Finest Western white	0 124 0 124
Eggs—	
Best Selected Seconds Limed No. 1 Cand'ed No. 2 Candled	0 20 0 00 0 20 0 20 0 21
Sundries—	l
Potatoes, per bag, of 90 lbs	0 70 0 80 0 18 0 14 0 08 0 10 1
. Beans—	
Prime	0 00 0 00
best nand-picked	1 32 1 35
GROCERIES— Sugars—	7
Standard Granulated, barrels	
Ex. Ground, in barrels Ex. Ground, in boxes Powaered, in barrels Powaered in boxes Paris Lumps, in barrels Lumps, in halt barrels b. ted Yellows Molasses (Barbadoes) new Molasses (Barbadoes) old Monasses, in baff barrels Evaporated Apples	4 30 4 25 4 70 4 90 4 50 4 60 4 85 4 90 3 75 4 10 0 36 0 324 0 334 0 08 0 19
	0 0 0 0
Raisins— Suitanas	0.10.0.10
Sultanas Loose Musc. Loose Musc. Con Chuster Egara Dessert Royal Buckfigham	0 12 0 16 0 08 0 10 0 00
Valencia, Selected Valencia, Layers - Currants	0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 08
Patras Vostizas Prunes, California	0 08 0 10
Frunes, French Figs, in bags Figs, new layers	0 054 0 074
Rice—	0 08 0 10
Standard B	3 25 3 35
Standard B. Patna, per 100 lbs. Burmah, per 100 lbs. Crystal Japan, per 100 lbs. Carolina, Java Pot Barley, bag 98 lbs. Pearl Barley, per lb. Tapioca, Pearl per lb. Tapioca, Flake, per lb. Corn, 2 lb. tins Peas, 2 lb. tins Salmon, 4 dozen case	4 35, 4 45
Carolina, Java	2 00 2 25
Tapioca, Pearl per lb	0 084 007½ 0 08 007½ 0 08
Corn, 2 lb. tins	0 924 0 85
Salmon, 4 dozen case	0 95 1571/4 1 171 0821/2 0 85
Salt—	002/2 0 00
	1 50
5 lb. 60 bags	2 70 2 60 3 50
Windsor 1 lb. bags, gross	1 15 0 60 0 57‡
Butter Salt, bags, 200 lbs bris. 280 lbs bris. 280 lbs Cheese Salt, bags, 200 lbs. bris. 280 lbs.	1 55 2 10
Cheese Salt, bags, 200 lbs brls. 280 lbs	1 55 2 10
Coffees—	
Seal brand, 2 lb. cans	0 32 0 33 0 31
Pure Mocho	0 24 0 18 0 17
Pure Santos	0 17 0 16 0 15

WHOLESALE PRICES CURI	RENT	·.
Name of Article.	Whol	esale.
CROCERIES.—Continued—		
Teas—	8 c	\$ c
Young Hysons, common Young Hysons, best grade  7 Japans Congou Cevion	0 16 0 15 0 15	0 16 0 36 0 40 0 35 0 35
Indian	0 15	0 35
Antimony	0 00	0 27
Antimony Tin: Block, L. & F. per lb Tin, Block, Straits, per lb Tin. Strips, per lb Copper: Ingot, per lb	0 21	0 47 046½ 021½
Cut Nail Schedu!e—		
Base price, per keg		2 20
No. 5	0 00 0 00 0 00	0 09 <sub>1</sub> 0 08 0 07
No. 4 No. 3 1/4 inch 5 : 6 in h	0 00	0 064 0 054 4 30 3 80
Coil Chain-No. ½		3 60 3 40 3 35
9-16 58 34 78 and 1 inch	3 00	3 25 3 10 3 05
78 and 1 men		0.00
. Galvanized Staples— /  100 lb. box, 1½ to 1¾		2 8t 2 50
Bright, 1½ to 1¾		
Galvanized Iron—  Queen's Head, or equal gauge 48	4 50	4 75
Comet. do., 28 gauge	4 35	4 60
Tron Horse Shoes— No. 2 and larger		3 65
No. 1 and smill er	* :	3 90 2 65 2 65 2 70 2 70 2 60 2 85 3 00 2 50 2 50 2 50
base of ordinary iron, smaller size  Canada Plates—		
remain and the American	1	3 75 2 70
Full Polish Ordinary, 52 sheets Ordinary 60 sheets Ordinary, 75 sheets Black Iron Pipe, ½ inch Minch		2 75 2 85
l <sub>2</sub> inch		2 17 2 55
34 inch		3 22 4 62
11 <sub>2</sub> inch		6 30 7 56
Per 100 feet nett,		10 08
2 inch		0 07≱ 2 60 2 40
Steel, Sleigh snoe 100 lbs Steel, Toe Calk		2 25
Steel, Toe Calk Steel, Machinery Steel, Harrow Tooth		2 85 2 55
Tin Plates—		4.05
1C Coke, 14 x 20		4 20 4 50
Russian Sheet Iron		6 85 0 10 7 00
22 and 24 gauge case lots		7 00 7 50 8 00
Reme Flate 11. 20 V 28 Russian Sheet Iron Lion & Crown, tinned sheets 22 and 24 gauge case lots 26 gauge Lead: Pig. per 100 lbs Sheet Shot, 100 lbs, less 15 per cent Lead Pipe, per 100 lbs.	5 50	5 75 6 50 7 00
	7c pe less	5 p.c.
Zinc—		

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GEO. F. GIBSON,

Vancouver, B.C., Comptroller.

6th of December, 1906.

### WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Name of Article.	W	hol	esale,
HARDWARE.—CON.→			
Black Sheet Iron, per 100 lbs.—	8	c.	8 c.
-			2 55
8 to 16 gauge			2 40 2 40
22 to 24 gauge			2 45 2 55
gauge			2 00
Wire—			
Plain galvanized, No. 5			3 70 3 15
Plain galvanized, No. 5			2 50
do do No. 10			3 20 3 25
do do No. 11			2 65 2 75 3 75
do do No. 10			3 75 4 80 4 30
do do No. 16	9	80	4 30 f.o.b.
Barbed Wire			treal.
Net extra. Iron and Steel Wire, plain, 6 to 9	2	15	base,
and otter time, plain, o to 9 ii			
ROPE—			
			0.101
do 7.16 and up			0 10± 0 11
do 3-16			0 11½ 0 15
Sisal, base do 7-16 and up do 5% do 5% do 3-16 Manilla, 7-16 and larger do 3-8			0 11± 0 15 0 15± 0 16
do 3-8	0	10	0101/2
WIRE NAILS-			
2d extra			3 05
2d I extra			2 70
3d extra 4d and 5d extra 6d and 7d extra 8 and 9d extra 10d and 12d extra 16d and 20d extra 20d to 60d extra			2 45 2 35 2 20 2 15 2 10 2 05
8d and 9d extra			$\frac{2}{2} \frac{35}{20}$
10d and 12d extra			2 15
			2 05
Base			2 20
BUILDING PAPER—			
Dry Sheeting roll			35 45
Tarred Sheeting, roll			40
HIDES—			
Montreal Green Hides-			
		00	0.102
Montreal, No 2	0	00	0 114
Montreal, No. 1	0	00	0 10
Sheepskins			
Spring Lambskins, each			0 00
Calfskins, No. 1			0 13 0 12
Horse Ilides	1	50	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 12 \\ 2 & 00 \end{array}$
LEATHER—			
No. 1, B. A/ Sole		00	0 00
No. 2, B, A. Sole	0	$\frac{26}{24}$	0 28 0 26
fight medium and neavy	0	28 28	0 30
	0	27 28	0 28 0 34
Upper, heavy	0	36	0 38
Grained Upper	0	36 36	0 38
Kin Skins French	0	36 65	0 38
English	0	50	0 60
Hemlock Calf	0	50 70 00	0 70
English Canada Kip Hemlock Calf Hemlock Light French Calf Splits, light and medium	0	95	0 00
Splits, light and medium	0	23 18	0 26
Splits, heavy	0	18	
Enamelled Cow, per ft	0	16	0 18
Pebble Grain	0	13 13	0 15 0 15 0 22
Brush (Cow) Kid	0	18 00	0 00
Buff	0	14	0 17 0 45
Russetts, heavy	0		0 35

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OILS-

Cod Oil .. .. S. R. Pale Seal . Straw Seal .. .. Lard Gil
Linsced, raw, nett
Linsced, boiled, n
O.ive, pure
Olive extra, qt., p
Turpentine, nett
Wood Alcohol, per

PETROLEUM-

Acme Prime White Acme Water White Astral, per gal. .. Benzine, per gal. . Gasoline, per gal. .

GLASS-

First break, 50 feet Second Break, 50 f First Break, 100 fe Second Break, 100 f Third Break . . . . Fourth Break . . . .

PAINTS, &c.-

PAINTS. &c.—

Lead, pure, 50 to 10
Do, No. 1
Do. No. 2
Do. No. 3
Do. No. 4
White lead, dry
Red lead,
Venetian Red, Engli
Yellow Ochre, Frenc
Whitting, ordinary
Whitting, Faris, Gilders'
Whitting, Paris, Gild
English Cement
German Cement
German Cement
United States Cemen
Fire Bricks, per 1,00
Fire Clay, 200 lb. pk;
Rosin, per 100 lbs.

Glue—
Domestic Broken She French Casks
French Casks
French Wite, bar
American White, bar
Coopers' Glue
Brunswick Green
French Imperial Gree
French Imperial Gree
No. 1 Furniture Varnis
a Furniture Varnis
Brown Japan
Grange Shellac, No. 1
Orange Shellac, pure
White Shellac
White Shellac
Futty, bulk, 100 Jb.
Putty, in bladders
Parish Green in drum,
Parish Green in drum,
Kalsomine 5 lb. pkgs.

WOOL-

Canadian Washed Fle North-West Buenos Ayres Natal, greasy Cape, greasy Australian, greasy

### CURRENT.

Wholesale.

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### WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Name of Article.	Who	olesale
OILS—	s c.	8 c.
Cod Oil S. R. Pule Scal Straw Seal Cod Liver Oil, Nfid., Norway Process Cod Liver Oil, Norwegian Castor Oil Castor Oil, barrels Lard Oil, extra Lard Oil, extra Linseed, raw, nett Linseed, boiled, nett Dive, pure Olive, cyrus, qt., per case Turpentine, nett Wood Aicohol, per gallon	932½ 0 45 0 35 1 00 /1 25 0 08 0 78 0 70 0 60 0 51 1 10	0 50
PETROLEUM—		
Acme Prime White, per gal. Acme Water White, per gal. Astral, per gal. Senzine, per gal. Sasoline, per gal.	0 17# 0 22#	0 151 0 17 0 191 0 20 0 26
GLASS—		

First break, 50 feet
Second Break, 50 feet
First Break, 100 feet
Second Break, 100 feet
Third Break
Fourth Break PAINTS, &c .-PAINTS. &c.—

Lead, pure, 50 to 100 lbs. kegs ...
Do, No. 1 ...
Do. No. 2...
Do. No. 3
Do, No. 4
White lead, dry
Red lead, ...
Venetian Red, English
Yellow Ochre, French
Whiting, ordinary
Whiting, ordinary
Whiting, Faris, Gilders'
English Cement, cask
Belgian Cement
German Cement
German Cement
United States Cement
Fire Bricks, per 1,000
Fire Clay, 200 lb. pkgs.
Rosin, per 100 lbs.

WOOL-

 Canadian Washed Fleece.
 0 26 0 28

 North-West
 0 18 0 20

 Buenos Ayres.
 0 35 0 42

 Natal, greasy
 0 00 0 00

 Cape. greasy
 0 19 0 28

 Australian, greasy
 20 0 00

### INSURANCE DECISIONS.

Employers' Liability Insurance .- Plaintiff, insured in an employers' liability insurance policy covering certain work, whote the general agent of insurer, stating that plaintiff understood that the policy covered certain other work which plaintiff had undertaken, to which the agent replied that the policy did not cover the work, that the rate was a specified sum, but that he would "bind the risk" until plaintiff decided what he decided to do, and that plaintiff should communicate with the agent at a certain time on the next day. The agent's letter was not answered, and after the time fixed by the agent for consultation an employee was injured. Held, That there was no contract of insurance covering the employer's liability for the injury. -Bradley vs. Standard Life and Accident Ins. Co. of Detroit, Mich., 98 N.Y.S. 797.

Fidelity Insurance — Construction. — Where a fidelity bond insured the principal against the personal dishonesty of factors, the obligor was not liable for moneys collected by the factors before the bond went into effect and afterwards dishonestly converted by them .- T. M. Sinclair and Co., vs. National Surety Co., 107, N.W. (Iowa) 185.

Fidelity Insurance — Construction. — An instrument executed by a surety company indemnifying an employer against larceny or embezzlement by an employee, though denominated by a bond is in legal effect analogous to a policy of insurance and therefore the rules applicable to insurance policies should be applied in construing it so that it will be construed in favour of the insured and statements or declarations made by the insured will be regarded as representations, and not warranties, unless the contract makes them so .- American Bonding and Trust Co., of Baltimore, Md., v. Burke, 85 P. (Colo.) 692.

Fire Insurance — Arbitration.—Where the fire policies provided that in case the

### WHOLESTLE PRICES CURRENT.

Name of Article.	Wholesal
WINES, LIQUORS, ETC.	
Ale—	s'c. \$
English, qts	2 40 2 5 \$1 60 1 6 .0 85 1 5
Porter-	
Dublin Stout, pts. Canadian Stout, pts. Lager Beer, U.S. Lager, Canadian	2 40 2 50 1 60 1 68 1 60 1 68
Spirits Canadian-per gal	
Alcohol 65. O.P. spirits, 50. O.P. spirits, 25 O.P. lub Rye, U.P. lye Whiskey, ord., gal.	4 50 4 60 4 15 4 25 2 20 2 30 3 60 3 80 2 20 2 50
Ports-	
arragona	1 00 1 50
Sherries—	
montillado (Lion)	3 50 4 00
Clarets—	
t Julian	0.35 0.55
ledoc	2 25 2 <b>75</b> 4 00 5 <b>90</b>
Champagnes-	/
arq. de la Tour, secs	11 00 12 00
Brandies—	
ennessy, gal. artel, case lard, gals. chard 29 years flute 12 qts. in case dehard Pleur de Cognac do O.P. 12 qts. chard V.O. 12 qts.	5 25 10 25 2 00 17 60 4 00 0 00 17 56 15 56 12 25 9 60
Scotch Whiskeys-	
her's O.V.G	0 25 10 50 8 75 10 08 9 00 9 50 9 25 9 50 8 00 9 00 9 50 12 50
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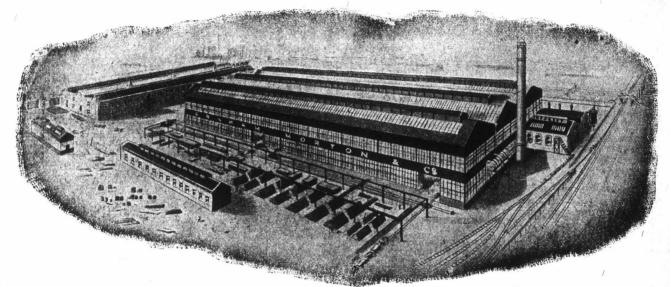
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parties could not agree as to the amount of a loss it should be submitted to arbitration, it was the duty of the insurer to take the initiative step by appointing an arbitrator and requesting the insured to do likewise, and hence the insurer's failure so to do constituted a waiver of the provision.—Nerger v. Equitable Fire Association, 107, N.W. (S.D.) 531.

Fire Insurance - Cancellation by Insured .- A fire policy stipulated that it might be cancelled by the insured at any time, and if cancelled the insurer might retain the premium to the amount of the customary rate for the time lapsed from the date of the policy to the time it received notice of the cancellation. The insured executed notes for the premium, refused to pay them at maturity, returned the policy, to insurer's agent and wrote: "I send you my policy, and I want you to send me my notes, and this will settle the matter with us." Held to show an intention on the part of insured to cancel the policy, relieving the insurer from liability thereon, notwithstanding its demand for the payment of the premium notes, which did not operate to render the insured liable for any part of the premium, except that earned prior to the cancellation.—Ohio Farmers' Ins.—Co. v. Hunter, 77 N.E. (Ind.) 951.

Life Insurance — Incontestable Clause — A provision in a life insurance policy that, "if this policy of insurance shall have been in continuous force for three years from its date, it shall thereafter be incontestable, except for nonpayment of premiums as herein provided, or for misstatement of the age of the member in

he applie tion therefor," must be given effect in accordance with the expressed intention of the parties as covering all grounds for contest not expressly accepted ther. in. Where such a policy was delivered and accepted, and more than three years, and until the death of the insured, during which time all premiums were paid, and it was treated by both parties as a valid and subsisting contract, it was in "continuous force" during such time, notwithstanding a further provision that it should not take effect or be in force until delivered to the insured in his lifetime and while in good health, nor unless the first payment was made while he was also in good health. which condition was not complied with; the applicant not being in fact in good health at the time of delivery and the payment of the first premium. Such a condition is of no higher effect than any warranty, which also creates a condition recedent to any obligation on the part of the company .- Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association v. Austin, 142 F. (U.S.)

Marine Insurance—Indemnity Against Fire.—A policy of insurance on a vessel engaged in navigation, although it insures her against fire risks alone is a maritime contract because of its subjectmatter, and an action "personam" to enforce payment thereon, is within the jurisdiction of a court of admiralty.—North German Ins. Co. v. Adams, 142 F. (U.S.)

The Kansas Supreme Court has handed down a decision which is calculated to make directors of assessment concerns.

and other matual organizations which contemplate remsuring their risks, to sit up and think. The suit was Moulton vs. the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society Horace Moulton was insured in the Masome Mutual Benefit. After his death claim was made. The concern denied hability, and suit was brought to recover on the certificate, and while the suit was pending it was absorbed by the Northwestern Life, which in turn absorbed by the Mutual Reserve of New York. It is held that the directors were trustees of the funds, should have held them in trust for the payment of claims. and having failed so to do are individually responsible

DISTILLING AND BREWING INDUSTRIES.

The statements in the report for 1905-06 of the excise branch of the Department of Inland Revenue go to indicate that the distilling and brewing industry are growing like others in the country. Ontario once had such distinction as pertains to the possession of all the distilleries in Canada. Recently, however, partly in connection with the use of byproducts of other industries, Quebec and British Columbia have entered the field. Ontario is still far ahead, however, as the following figures of production last year show:—

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There are some evidences that, as in Scotland, the supply in Canada is overrunning the demand, and that the promised change which will encourage the use of alcohol in the arts will be a wel-

come one to those who are carrying large stocks. The quantities "taken for consumption," that is, those on which taxes have been paid, and the quantities exported are much under the production The figures for four years follow:-

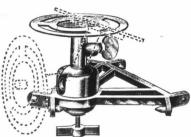
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There are considerable quantities used also in bonded factories, which last year took 450,499 gallons; some was otherwise accounted for, and 1,118,563 gallons were taken for re-distillation. In four years, however, the quantity in warehouse under Government control has increased from 10,563,408 proof gallons to 17,034,420 proof gallons, which represents a considerable ocean of fire water.

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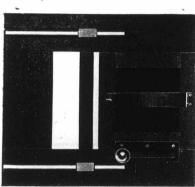


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Malt, which figures third among the articles used in the production of spirits, goes chiefly into the breweries for use. and its production is rapidly increasing. In five years the quantities "taken forconsumption" and exported are given as follows:

		Lbs.	Lbs.
1901-02	 	 71,440,519	369,250
1902-03	 	 67,608,157	287,040
1903-04	 	 75,430,347	376,636
1904-05	 	 75,517,352	498 960
1905-06	 	 85,699,102	528.400

The revenue produced from these main sources of excise taxation in 1905-96 was \$6.795,900 from spirits, \$10,003 from malt liquor, and \$1,292,443 from malt. department's methods do not require the keeping of a record of the production of beer and other malt liquors. The report, however, includes a calculation, based on

the customs returns and the excise collections, which show a continuance of the decline in Canada of the use of spirituous liquors and an increase in that of malt beverages. The record goes back to It shows that in 1874 the con-1869 sumption of spirits in Canada was 1.994 gallons—almost eight quarts a head, and that in the same /year the use of beer amounted to just over three gallons a It was 1866 before the consumption of spirits permanently fell below a gallon a head. Last year, ofter varying fluctuations, it stood at 0.861 a gallon a head, while the consumption of beer had risen to 5.255 gallous, or 21 quarts. The consumption of wine, which some people think should be encouraged as a planter of spirits, is so small as almost to be negligible. It never at any time was much in excess of a quart a head. Last year it fell to nine-tenths of a quart. Finally, according to the departmental calculations, the revenue per head collected from users of intoxicants amounts to \$2.07, of which \$1.80 is collected on spirits, 22 cents on beer and 5 cents on wine.

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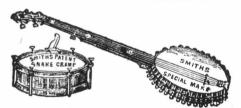
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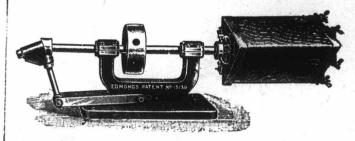
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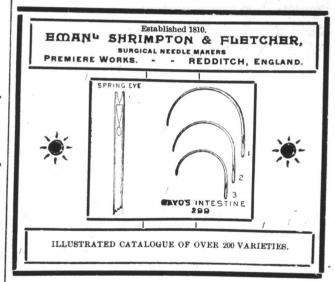
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Phoenix Fire	53,776	35	50	5	314	324
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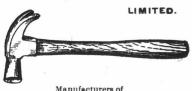
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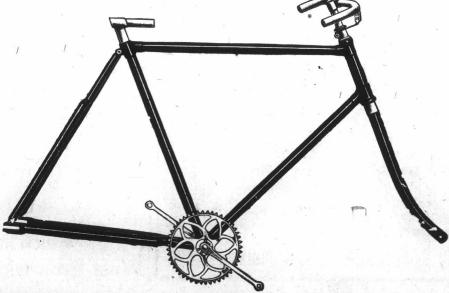
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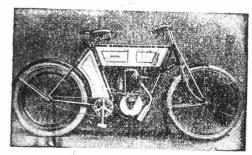
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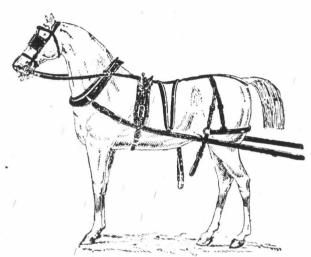
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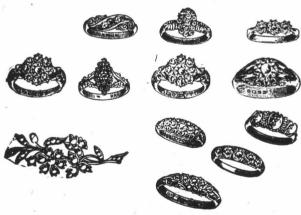
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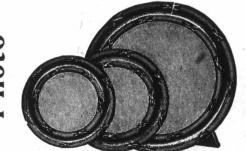
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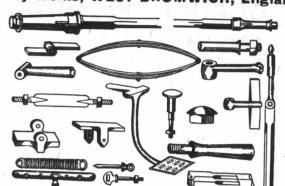
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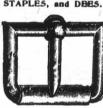
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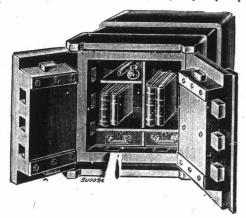
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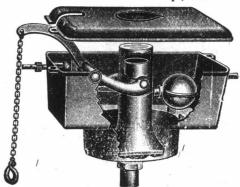
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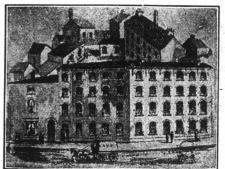
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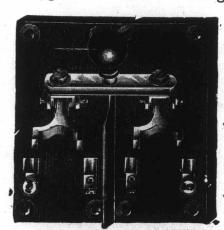
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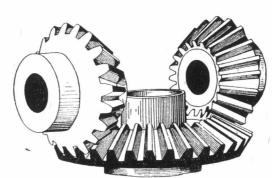
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