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MR. WHITE'S OPTIMISM.

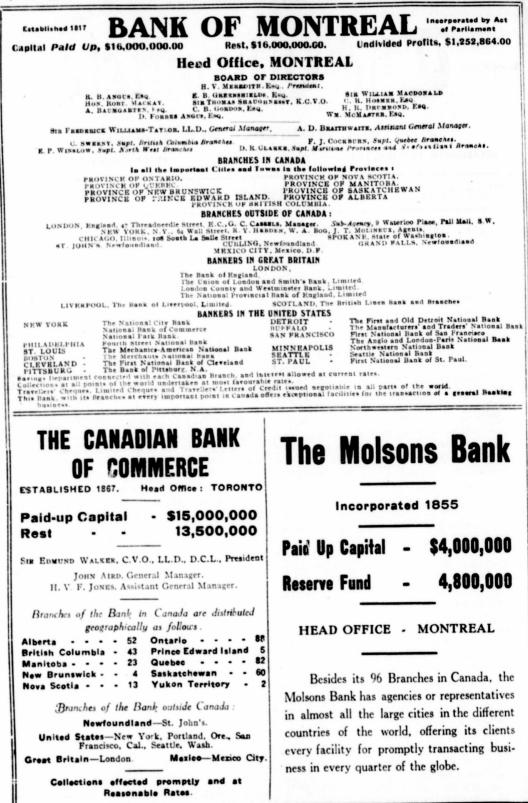
The confident tone of the speech of Hon. W. T. White, at the Montreal Canadian Club this week, will be noted with keen interest by business men throughout the Dominion. The Minister of Finance touched many interesting points, not the least interesting being the matter of the forthcoming domestic loan for the purpose of meeting the war expenditures of the Dominion Government. It is evident from what Mr. White said that the arrangements for this loan are already in a fairly advanced stage. The loan will be issued, in fact, at the end of the present month, whereas the general expectation has been that it would not be brought forward until at least the new year and perhaps February. It is evident, however, that the banks have been able to give satisfactory assurances to Mr. White that he need not wait until the bulk of the crop financing has been finally disposed of, but that he can act immediately with every expectation of success. As to the amount and terms of the loan Mr. White gave no inkling, beyond the intimation that the terms would be "reasonably attractive." This possibly means, we may suggest, that the Government does not intend to pay more than say 51/4 to 51/2 per cent. for its money, if as much, with perhaps conversion to a lower rate, either enforced or optional, at the end of a certain term of years. In this connection, it may be recalled that the recent Australian domestic war loan was at 41/2 per cent. While owing to the average run of interest rates being somewhat higher in Canada than in Australia, the Canadian Government will probably fix a rate higher than that paid by the Commonwealth Government, yet we believe that the Canadian people as a whole have no other desire than that the rate of interest should be a reasonable one, and that, given this, subscription to the loan will be regarded as a patriotic duty that will be gladly undertaken. Mr. White also intimated that he is considering the principle of payments upon the instalment plan, so that the small investor will have a chance of "doing his bit" in furnishing the sinews of war. Evidently,

indeed, Mr. White wisely intends to issue the new National War Loan on a basis that will enable almost everyone to have the satisfaction of subscribing to it, and unquestionably, if made in this way, it will be a success.

In regard to the ability of the Dominion to bear any financial burden that the continuance of the war may impose, Mr. White took a cheerful view, emphasizing, however, the absolute necessity of a continuance of large increases in production and economy in consumption in order that wealth may be accumulated and made available to meet our war expenditures and carry on the development of the Dominion. Thus far, Mr. White pointed out, there is much to encourage us. The developments of the past year have been such that the Finance Minister believes that Canada's financial. commercial and economic condition is better now than it was at the outbreak of war. The change has been brought about through economies, both public and private, resulting in the reduction of our imports, while at the same time exports have been increased through extended production and the advent of the greatest crop in the history of the Dominion. Mr. White believes that Canada's agricultural production this year is at least three hundred million dollars more valuable than last year-and in "real wealth, not book values,"while orders to the value of some five hundred million dollars are being placed in Canada for all kinds of war supplies. At the outset of the war, a heavy adverse trade balance had to be met, and the adjustment of this was helped not only by increased production but by additional borrowings in the United States, through which our holdings of gold were not only conserved but added to. At present, in addition to having a balance of trade in our favour, there are gold reserves in Canada \$25,000,000 in excess of those at the outbreak of the war. The facts stated by Mr. White constitute the economic foundation for the better feeling which is now spreading among the business community.

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THE MOLSONS BANK.

As the first of the series of annual bank reports which make their appearance during the autumn and early winter months, that of the Molsons Bank is always regarded with particular interest as affording evidence of the trend in banking affairs generally. The Molsons Bank is widely known as a solidly-based and conservatively managed institution, its characteristic policy in this respect having been continued under the present general manager, Mr. E. C. Pratt, who took office about two years ago, and whose first months of responsibility coincided with the most difficult and anxious time that has been the lot of bankers the world over in generations. That under Mr. Pratt's direction, the interests of this fine old institution have been so efficiently conserved as is evidently the case augurs well for its quiet, steady progress when conditions again become more favorable to financial institutions.

THREE YEARS' FIGURES.

Following are the leading items of the newly issued balance sheet and those of two previous years —

years.			
	Sep. 30,	Sep. 30,	Sep. 30,
LIABILITIES.	1915.	1914.	1913.
Capital paid up	4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
Reserve Fund	4,800,000	4,800,000	4,800,000
Circulation	3,519,155	3,925,160	3,933,360
Deposits not bearing			
interest	5.040.011	5,502,137	5.662.843
Deposits bearing in-			-,
	33,781,359	31.316.640	31.065.254
	43,037,456	41,412,775	41,391,720
Specie and Dominion			
notes	4,524,150	4,514,897	5,041,889
Securities	3,546,952	2,771,640	2,691,088
	31,849,908	32,201,380	30,545,680
Call and short loans	5,302,065	5,221,693	5,724,203
	17,408,333	16,088,456	17,678,222
	52,009,550	50,390,344	50,384,269

While non-interest bearing deposits show a decrease of about \$460,000 in comparison with last year, interest bearing deposits at \$33,781,359 are over \$2,450,000 higher than they were a year ago. At the same time, owing to the contraction in general business, current loans have contracted by \$350,000, and this decrease is only in part offset by a slight rise in the call and short loans. With the holdings of securities increased by nearly \$800,000, it is evident that the Bank has found difficulty in the profitable employment of the enlarged volume of funds on which it is paying interest.

The same phenomenon is likely to be seen in other bank balance sheets, due to appear within the next few weeks. The effect of the contraction in general business is also shown by the decline in the Bank's circulation of over \$400,000 from \$3,925,160to \$3,519,155, while the profit from this source also is now considerably impaired by the special war taxation. The total assets are \$52,009,550, an increase of about \$1,600,000 in comparison with a year ago. Almost the whole of this increase is represented by the advance in quick assets which are \$1,320,000 higher than a year ago and at \$17,-408,333 represent a proportion of 40.5 per cent. of liabilities to the public, compared with 39 per cent. a year ago.

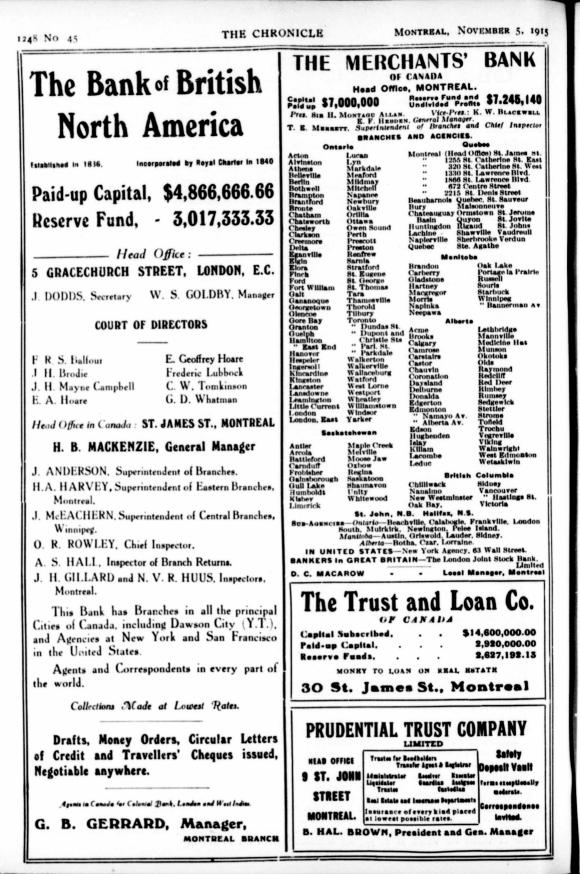
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The conditions above referred to leading to decreased earning power are naturally reflected in the profit and loss account, and the experience of the Molsons Bank in this particular has undoubtedly been shared in by other banking institutions. The net profits for the year ended September 30, after making provision for accrued interest on deposits, exchange and for bad and doubtful debts were \$556,194, compared with \$608,196 in the previous year, and representing an earning of 6.3 per cent. on the paid-up capital and reserve combined, which constitute the shareholders' funds, against a fraction more than 6.9 per cent. in 1914. An amount of \$67,058 brought forward on profit and loss account from last year makes the total available on this account \$623,252. This amount is distributed in a conservative manner. The eleven per cent. dividend absorbs \$440,000, a contribution of \$21,452 is made to the Officers' Pension Fund, \$75,000 is reserved for depreciation in security holdings-an unhappily very familiar entry in the books of all financial institutions these days -while the war tax on circulation takes \$25,500, leaving to be carried forward to the current year a balance of \$61,300.

QUIET CONFIDENCE.

The annual address of Mr. W. Molson Macpherson, president of the Bank, at Tuesday's meeting of the shareholders, was in a tone of quiet confidence regarding the future development of the Dominion. Mr. Macpherson alluded to the improvement that has taken place this year in certain manufacturing lines owing to the demand for war materials, and to the great change that has come over our trade balance, imports for the year ended August 31 last being over \$267,000,000 less and our exports \$90,000,000 more than in the corresponding period of 1913, making a change in the trade balance of no less than \$357,000,000 within two years. While the large increase in the crops means present prosperity for the farmers, a fair increase in population following the war may be anticipated. The facts mentioned show that confidence regarding the future is well based.

I say to you business men, give generously and on an increasing scale to the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross and the other funds. But, above all, work harder and produce more, so that the country may grow stronger to bear what lies before it. This is no time to consider what is our share. It is a time to give our maximum effort, everything we can put forth for our country and Empire.— Hon. W. T. White.



THE PROBLEM OF TAXATION.

In his address to the shareholders of the Molsons Bank this week, the president (Mr. W. Molson Macpherson), referred to the matter of additional taxation to meet the Dominion Government's war expenditures. Mr. Molson Macpherson took the sound view that new taxation must go hand in hand with expenditure, and that no time should be lost in levying necessary taxes. We may presume that so shrewd and careful a financier as the Minister of Finance has shown himself to be has already this matter in hand, and that he will not hesitate to impose in his next Budget such new taxation as may be necessary to meet the service of the large borrowings which have already been made and will continue to be made for war purposes. The real problem in connection with this matter is how to adjust new taxation that it may be distributed equitably over the whole community. Through the war, many people in Canada have been financially benefited, notably manufacturers in certain lines and to a lesser extent the farmers, while others, and they form a very fair proportion of the population and possibly the majority, have either not been benefited at all or have suffered materially. That under these circumstances, some differentiation in taxation should be made, if possible, between those who have benefited and those who have not is only reasonable. Whether such a differentiation is practicable is another matter. There does not at present exist in Canada any fiscal machinery similar to that in England through which a war profits tax could be readily collected, and the complexities existing through the diverse taxing powers of the Dominion and the provinces have to be borne in mind. If, however, taxation on war profits is feasible, undoubtedly such taxation would be in harmony with public sentiment as a whole.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce have issued a second number of "Letters from the Front," the periodical devoted to chronicling the doings of members of the staff who have answered the call of King and Country. The total number of members of the staff whose names are recorded as having enlisted is 574 and doubtless that large total will yet receive substantial additions. Of these twentyone have given their lives, 42 have been wounded, two are missing, four prisoners of war and five ill. Pte. J. H. Matkin, of the Kindersley, Sask., branch, who was killed in action, was recommended for the Victoria Cross, and a considerable number have been given commissions in various regiments of the Imperial Army. It is a proud record.

The Weekly Underwriter says (on its front page, too), that "workmen's compensation is not a State monopoly in Great Britain, nor in any of its colonies." Has the Weekly Underwriter never heard of Ontario?

THE BANKS' EXCESS CIRCULATION.

At the end of September, the circulation of the banks, which increased by over \$6,000,000 during the month, was over 161/2 millions below the exceedingly high level reached at the close of September, 1914, and but few of the banks found it necessary during the month to issue excess circulation. The total circulation at September 30 was \$105,-798,618, the maximum reached during the month being \$108,917,398, the present figures comparing with an end-of-the-month circulation a year ago of \$120,365,786. Qnly six banks made excess issues during September of this year, compared with sixteen during September, 1914, and thirteen at the close of that month. Of these six banks, two, the Nova Scotia and the Royal, issued well within the extent of their deposit in the Central Gold Reserve; two others, the Union and the Provinciale, had no deposit at the time in the Central Gold Reserve and made their extra issues under the old rule allowing excess issues during the crop-moving season up to the limit of a percentage of the paid-up capital and reserve combined, such excess issues being subject to a five per cent. tax; the two remaining, the Montreal and the Nationale, issued partly against deposits in the Central Gold Reserve and partly taxed excess currency, although in the case of the Nationale, before the end of the month the circulation had been got within the limits of the Gold Reserve deposit.

The following figures give the details:---

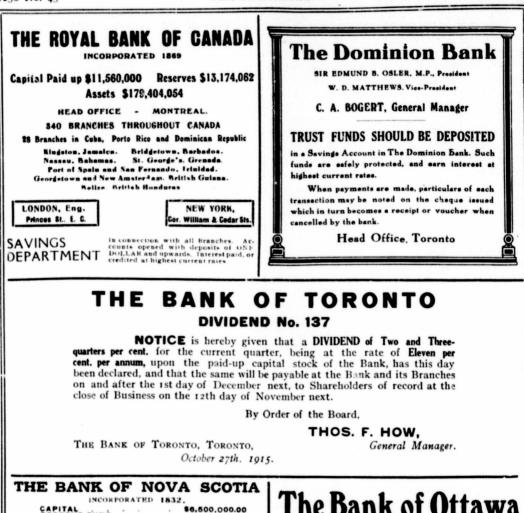
								Deposit	Excess
								with C.G.R.	circulation.
Montreal	 	 					,	\$1,000,000	\$1.028,042
Nova Scotia	 							1,750,000	691,704
Nationale	 	 						1,800,000	1.751.285
Provinciale									138,753
Union					2				802,544
Royal	 							2,000,000	1,025,911

A LESSON IN COURAGE.

If there be moments when we are tempted to be faint-hearted, let us ask ourselves what year in our history has done more to justify faith in the manhood and womanhood of our people. It brought us the imperishable story of the last hours of Edith Cavell, facing a worse ordeal than that of death, that of watching the moments creeping on to her doom, slowly and remorselessly. It has taught our bravest men a supreme lesson in courage. In the United Kingdom and in the Empire there are a thousand such women, and yet a year ago we did not know it. We have great traditions, but the nation does not exist on traditions alone, for, thank God, we have living examples of all the qualities that built up and sustained our Empire. Let us be worthy of them and endure to the end.-Premier Asquith.

In an interview at Windsor, Ont., Sir Edmund Walker is reported as expressing the opinion that Canada is well able to finance its part in the war for another three years without imposing unduly heavy increases in taxation.

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DIVIDEND No. 97

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of Three per cent. being at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this Bank, has this day been declared for the current three months, and that the said dividend will be payable at the Bank and its branches on and after Wednesday, the First day of December, 1915, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 17th of November next,

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders will be held at the Banking House in this City, on Wednesday, the 15th day of December next, the chair to be taken at 3 o'clock p.m.

By order of the Board,

GEORGE BURN, General Manager.

OTTAWA, ONT., OCTOBER 18th, 1915.

COMMUNITIES PAY FIRE LOSSES.

Citizens who apply "horse sense" to insurance matters, as has been frequently pointed out in these columns, quickly perceive that with all the machinery of insurance the fire losses necessarily revert to the communities where the losses occur, and justly so. Indeed, fire protection will never be taken seriously by property owners until they realize more generally that insurance companies do not, in the last analysis, pay the fire losses, but that losses are necessarily represented in the rates that are levied for insurance. Any other adjustment could but prove disastrous to the insurance companies, which really serve as the collectors in getting together assessments and distributing the sums required to cover the fire losses of the community. To understand the real inwardness of fire insurance the insurers must realize that every act of carelessness and criminality that results in fire loss is really paid for by the community and is reflected in the higher rates that the insurer must pay for the protection so necessary for good business methods and the protection of self and family. If insurance business was legislated out of the country for a season these matters would be driven home to the people most forcibly, and legislation for fire prevention and demands on the part of property holders for preventive measures would be insistent. Yet there is just as much real reason for such measures now, with the insurance companies in full operation, because insurers must in the end pay fire losses.

PAST AND PRESENT IN THE WEST.

On Monday next a tax sale will be opened at the City hall in Moose Jaw. The list of properties which will be offered on that date covers 300 pages of the Saskatchewan Gazette. There are 70 items to the page, making a total of 21,000 in all. The great majority of these, of course, are far outlying lots sold by sub-division artists in the palmy days.

According to figures prepared by the Board of Trade the eity of Moose Jaw in 1912 imported three cars of poultry, 6 ears of butter, 10 ears of eggs, 30 ears of bacon and lard, 50 ears of potatoes, and other food stuffs in proportion. This year Moose Jaw has exported large quantities of bacon, lard and poultry, 8 ears of butter, 15 ears of eggs, 60 ears of potatoes, and other food products in proportion. In the district which may be said to be tributary to Moose Jaw there were produced this year, according to the estimate of the Board of Trade, fifty million bushels of grain.

The two items when placed in juxtaposition illustrate strikingly the change that has come over the West. The losses that inevitably follow illconsidered speculation have to be endured, but production has been largely increased and a start made towards wiping off deficiencies and the accumulation of real wealth.

The London Commissioner of Police recommends the prompt and intelligent use of water and sand as the best and simplest safeguard for use in case of fire caused by explosive or incendiary bombs, dropped by aircraft.

THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

To meet its requirements during the next twelve months, the Canadian Patriotic Fund requires seven and a half million dollars, or say a dollar a head from the whole of Canada's population. To September 30th, the amount contributed to this Fund was about \$5,350,000-70 cents a head. Thanks to an economical and efficient administration, the greater part of the necessary expenditure on management is covered by bank interest, so that almost all the amounts actually contributed thus far have gone directly in relief of soldiers' dependents.

Some of us are beginning to think that in common equity, great national charities like the Red Cross and the Patriotic Fund should be subsidised by the Government out of taxation in order that the tightwads and shirkers, who are here and there in evidence, might be compelled to "do their bit," instead of the whole burden being left to the willing horses. But the genius of the English-speaking peoples has always followed the way of voluntary effort, and the stingy and shirkers at a time like this probably deserve more pity than abuse. However much we give in the way of money, it is as nothing compared with the sacrifice which those who are gladly offering their lives are making. Let us see to it that no carelessness or selfishness on the part of any individual among those of us who are left behind hinders an overflowing support to a Fund, the givers to which will be "twice blessed" in the giving, and that for merely doing their plain, common duty.

The Bank of England continues its official rate of discount at 5 per cent.



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WANTED, PERMANENT BUSINESS.

The Insurance World, of Pittsburgh, makes some sensible remarks apropos of the frenzied efforts which are made, particularly at this time of the year, by some life companies to increase largely the volume of new business written. It is pointed out that present production should not be encouraged at the expense of permanence. "If one cares to take the time to go over the records of companies as a whole," says the World, "it will be noted that the percentage of what may be termed permanent builders is altogether too small. What is the use of putting business on the books if it is not there to stay? or unless there is a reasonable measure of assurance that it will stay? True, it aids in making a showing, but not such a showing as would stand analysis by one sufficiently posted in the details of management. The showing may even fool a board of directors, but certainly not for any great length of time. During the next two months, there will be a great "drive" for business by most companies. It may be termed "the home stretch" in the race for showing, but it differs from the race by athletes on the race track, because the company must immediately enter upon another "mile, during which it must expect to at least equal, if not exceed the record of the one just finished. In such a race it would seem the part of wisdom to run the "race" as though it was for a long distance instead of a single year. Business that is sure to lapse without the payment of the second premium and in many companies by the refusal of the policyholder to pay the note given for the first premiumwould best be let alone. In other words, cut out the "show" or "wind" part and record results that count for permanency."

With the tenor of these observations we cordially The endless "hustling" of agents by some agree. of the life companies in their worship of the false gods of big figures of new business results in the most prominent of the existing evils in the business, particularly in the swelling of the lapse ratio and the unnecessary increase of expenses. The man who writes \$200,000 or \$300,000 new business every year is held up to the rank and file of life insurance agents as a great hero. But if 50 or 60 per cent. of his business lapses in the first year or two, his real value to his company is nothing very wonderful, and the wide advertisement of his doings results in an immense amount of harm by giving the rank and file of agents the idea that the quantity and not the quality of the business they write is what matters. In point of fact, a good many companies by their methods above noted, do directly encourage this idea. If they would think a little less about the amount of new business written every year and a little more of the consistent increase of their business in force, it would be considerably better for them and for the insurance business as a whole.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. J. H. Lipsett has recently been appointed district manager for the Counties of Grey and Bruce, with headquarters at Chesley, Ont.

Mr. H. W. Partlo, of Woodstock, has been appointed district manager for the Counties of Oxford and Perth.

Mr. W. D. McBride has been reappointed district manager at Regina, Sask.

LIABILITY ON CANADIAN LIFE POLICIES.

A circular has been issued by the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance (Mr. Finlayson), calling attention to the fact that life companies other than Canadian companies licensed under the Insurance Act, 1910, are required by that Act to include in their Canadian annual statements the liabilities under their Canadian policies, and section 42 requires the department to value at least once in every five years on the prescribed basis, the Canadian policies of such companies.

Section 2 (o) of the act defines a Canadian policy as a policy issued in favor of a person resident in Canada at the time of issue and the holders of such policies are given a first claim on the deposit of the company maintained under the Act with the receiver general or with Canadian trustees.

The requirements of the Act therefore are, that the Canadian annual statements of such companies and the policy lists submitted by them for valuation by the department, shall include all policies issued on the lives of persons resident in Canada at the time of issue.

TRANSFERRING POLICIES.

In some cases it has been found, says the circular, that when Canadian policyholders have left Canada to reside elsewhere, the companies have transferred their policies to the branches located in the new place of residence of the insured, and have not thereafter included such policies in the Canadian lists. They have likewise transferred to the Canadian lists policies of persons coming from other countries to reside in Canada.

Justification for this practice has been sought in the fact that as a rule the transfers to Canada will exceed the transfers from Canada and that therefore the method is advantageous to the Canadian policyholders.

While this contention, the circular continues, is probably correct so far as the number of transfers is concerned, the fact must not be overlooked that the reserves on the policies transferred to Canada may not exceed, but may fall short of, the reserves on those removed from the Canadian lists.

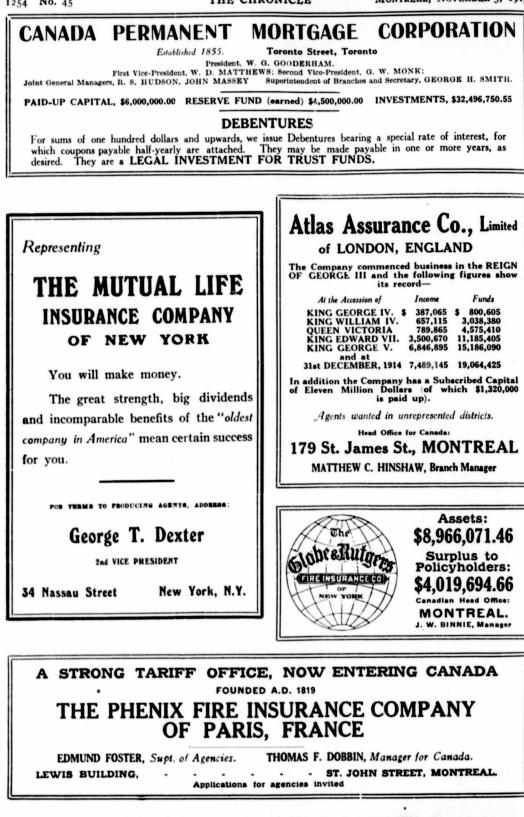
The department therefore asks that the lists of Canadian policies of such companies be hereafter maintained in strict accordance with the provisions of the Act, and that the lists at present maintained be revised in order that any Canadian policies heretofore transferred from those lists may be restored.

Transfers to the Canadian lists of policies held by persons coming to reside in Canada, may, of course, be permitted if the company so desires, but if this practice is adopted such policies should be clearly distinguished from the remainder of the list in order that they may be separated at any time.

The foregoing, the circular concludes, is not designed to prevent the companies making whatever arrangements for the payment of premiums and the filing of claims may best suit the convenience of Canadian policyholders leaving Canada to reside abroad, but solely to ensure the maintenance of their policies on the Canadian lists in order that they may continue to enjoy the protection afforded them by the deposits maintained by the company in Canada.

H. R. H. the Governor General will head the list of subscribers to the forthcoming National War Loan.

MONTREAL, NOVEMBER 5, 1915



Company.

Total

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

Specially compiled by The Chronicle.

HEAVY LOSS AT MIDLAND, ONT.

By the fire which occurred on the 24th October in James Playfair & Company's East lumber yard at Midland, Ont., the following is a corrected list of companies interested.

D. S. Lumber and	D. S. PRATT. LUMBER AND FIREWOOD.							
Continental \$3,500	Fidelity-Phoenix \$3,500							
Equitable								
Loss, 67.2	Home							
THE MASSEY L	UMBER CO., LTD.							
National of Paris \$ 2,500 Dominion	Glens Falls. \$ 3,000 St. Paul F. & M. 7,000							
	Liverpool-Manitoba. 10,000							
Guardian 17,000 Ins. Co. of N.A. 7,500 Providence-Washing-	New York Undrs 4,000 Lumbermen's Under-							
ton 10,000	writing Alliance							
Caledonian	(Kansas City) 20,000							
western	Total \$88,500							
Loss estim Robert Cox &								
Century	\$5,000							
Pacific Coast Pennsylvania	2,500 2,500							
TotalLoss estim	ated total. \$10,000							
UNION LUMBER CO								
German American \$5,000	Niagara \$5,000 Yorkshire \$6,000							
Ins. Co. of N.A 5,000 London & Lancashire 5,000	10000000000000000000000000000000000000							
Loss estim	Total							
JAMES G. CANE & Lumber in	& Co., (Toronto).							
Lumber in	East Yard.							
Scottish Union & National								
Loss estimate JAMES PLAYFAL								
LUMBER IN I								
Guardian	s 50 per cent.							
SLABS (EAST								
Norwieh UnionLoss estim	ated total. \$1,000							
Docks, TI								
North British & Mercantile								
Royal	6,000							
Total. Loss estir	nated total. \$10,000							
COAL DOCK AND								
Factories\$2,500	Mount Royal \$15,000							
Fire Ins. Exchange 5,000 London Mutual 5,000 Millers & Mnfrs 5,000	Queen 13,750 Royal 13,750							
Loss estimate	Total							
The saw mill and office buildings of James Play- fair & Co. escaped with very nominal damage, and no claim is likely to be made.								
P. SHANNON & Co.								
Liverpool & London	Queen \$5,000							

Liverpool & London	Queen	\$5,000
& Globe \$15,000	Ócean	
Phoenix of London . 5,000	Aetna	2,500
British & Canadian 5,000	Canadian	
Mercantile	Occidental	10,000
Hartford	North Empire	1,000
British Crown 5,000		
		\$92,500

Loss 65 per cent.

FACTORY FIRE AT PFTERBORO, ONT.

On the 1st instant a fire occurred on the premises of the Canadian Chicle Company, Limited, Peterboro, Ont. The loss is reported to be considerable. Insurance as follows:—

Building Machinery Stock

Company.	Duntung.	Machinery	. Stock.	Total.
Sun	\$4,000		\$5,000	\$9,000
London	1,000	\$4,000		5.000
Norwich Union	4.000	1.000		5.000
Nationale	1.250			1.250
Alliance		1.000	3,000	4,000
General.		1.000	4.000	5,000
Quebec		2.000		2,000
Hartford		1,000	2,000	3,000
Pacific Coast		2,000	2,000	2.000
British Crown		1.000	6.500	7.500
Yorkshire		2.000	0,000	2.000
Caledonian			2.000	2,000
Union			2,000	2,000
Connecticut			5,000	5,000
National			2,500	2,500
	$\mathbf{x}_{i} \in \mathbf{x}_{i} \in \mathbf{x}_{i}$			8.000
Liverpool	$(\mathbf{a}_1,\cdots,\mathbf{a}_{n-1}) \in [\mathbf{a}_{n-1}]$		8,000	
Northern			4,000	4,000
Queen	A 4.14.14	1.1.1.1	5,000	5,000
Ins. Co. of N. A.			5,000	5,000
Mercantile			4,000	4,000
Phoenix			2,000	2,000
Continental			3,400	3,400
Commercial Union	K + 4 +		3,750	3,750
	\$10,250	\$15,000	\$67,150	\$92,400
THE SWEET	MEATS C	OMPANY, I	AMITED.	
		Machinery		Total.
Phoenix			\$1,000	\$1,000
British Crown			1,000	1,000
Queen			2,000	2,000
Northern			2,000	2,000
Phoepix			2,000	2,000
General.			1.000	1,000
Sun				1,200
Quebec				800

BRANTFORD, ONT.—A fire in Brantford on the 29th October, in the old Y.M.C.A. building which was occupied chiefly by the firm of E. B. Crompton & Company (whose store was thoroughly burned out in the early part of March last) did moderate damage by smoke and removal to this firm's stock. The companies interested are as follows:—

British America	\$5,000	Norwich Union	\$5,000
British Colonial	5,000	Palatine	3,000
Employers	5,000	Royal	
Guardian		Union Assurance	
Hartford	5,000	Yorkshire	2,500
Home	3,000		
North British	5,000	Total	\$53,500
Damage w	ill not e	xceed 10 per cent.	

On the building, which is owned by Dr. W. T. James and Mr. B. J. Wade, there is \$20,000 insurance, being \$2,500 in each of the following companies: British Northwestern, Fire Insurance Exchange, Hand-in-Hand, Liverpool-Manitoba, Millers & Manufacturers, Niagara, Queen City, St. Paul F. & M. The damage will be about 5 to 10 per cent.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Five rear sheds and galleries of 1757, 1759, 1759a, 1761 and 1761a De la Roche street destroyed October 27. Origin, hot ashes left in wooden receptacle.

Plumber's shop of J. C. A. Lemoine, at 857 Marie Street East, damaged October 27. Origin, incendiary.

LIVERPOOL, N.S.—Paper mill of Macleod Pulp & Paper Company at Milton, totally destroyed November 1. Plant valued at \$250,000.

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ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INS. CO.

PARTICIPATING AND NON-PARTICI-PATING INSURANCE: RULES FOR ACCOUNTING.

The Dominion Insurance Department has issued a series of suggestions regarding the method of accounting following the separation of accounts of life companies' participating and non-participating business as required by section 96 of the Insurance Act of 1910. It is stated that examination of the companies has revealed considerable diversity of practice among them in their attempts to comply with the provisions of this section, and in some cases the practice adopted cannot be regarded as giving better than a rough approximation to the result desired. It is, therefore, desirable that more uniform and precise methods be, if possible, adopted.

The problem, the department states, is somewhat complicated by the fact that in the case of several items of expense incurred on behalf of both branches in common, it is difficult to make an accurate apportionment. In the case of other, and the more important items, however, no such difficulty occurs, and there appears to be no good reason why an approximation should be used in the separation of the latter, because of the difficulty encountered in dealing with the former.

A BASIS FOR SEPARATION.

The insurance department suggests the following as a basis for the separation of accounts contemplated by the section:—

1. Premiums received in the two branches should be kept distinct and credited to their proper accounts.

2. Items of expenditure definitely attributable to one or the other branch, such as claims, matured endowments, surrender values, medical fees, new and renewal commission paid, taxes, etc., should be charged to the branch in respect of which they have been incurred and in the case of these items, separate cash-book entries should be made and ledger accounts maintained.

3. Items of expenditure which cannot be definitely attributed to one or the other branch such as head office and agents' salaries, printing and stationery, travelling expenses, advertising, rent, etc., should be divided between the two branches in the manner shown by the experience of each company to be, in the opinion of its officers, the most equitable, but a statement of the basis of the division of each item should be included in the annual statement furnished to the department, for publication in its annual report.

4. The total investment expenses should be deducted from the gross interest earned and the net rate used in crediting interest to the respective funds.

5. Non-participating policies arising out of the choice of options under participating policies should be retained in the participating branch and the profit or loss on such policies should be credited or charged to the participating policyholders.

6. Profit or loss on investments should be divided in the proportion of the reserves on the policies in the two branches as required by section 110 of the Act.

7. No re-insurance between the two branches should be effected.

8. Companies which have not yet dealt with

the question of the payment of dividends to shareholders or policyholders should nevertheless keep separate accounts for the two branches in respect of the items mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2, and before any such dividends are paid, a complete statement of the basis of division of expenses and of the funds in the two branches should be submitted to the department.

It is desirable, concludes the department's circular, that any change made in pursuance of the foregoing in the books of account of the various companies be made not later than January 1st, 1916, in order that the accounts for that year may be on a fairly uniform basis.

TWO USEFUL HINTS TO LIFE AGENTS.

The Prudential of America is responsible for what appear to be two particularly useful hints to agents in regard to quotation to prospective policyholders of the cost of protection. One method is not to quote the actual figures of the premium at all when the important question of cost is first touched upon. To the intending buyer, who is, say, 35 years old and who is considering a policy on the whole-life plan, the agent says:—"It will cost a little over 2 per cent. per annum." If the same-aged prospect was figuring on the twentypayment life plan, the remark would be "about 3 per cent. per annum." If the enquiry was on a twenty-year endowment, the answer would be "about 4½ per cent. yearly."

The Prudential publishes for the information of its agents a table showing premiums as percentages of amounts of insurance on these three popular forms of policy, and cites the following example of the use of it with the prospect:— "Suppose you needed $$_{3,000}$ held to your credit in order to protect your interests. If your banker demanded that you merely pay $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest yearly, you would be surprised at so liberal a deal. Your amazement would grow if he added, 'In case of your death I will not require the return of the principal. The entire amount will therefore become instantly a part of your estate."

The second method of premium quotation suggested by the Prudential is the daily cost basis, for which an elaborate table has also been worked out. For instance, the agent is canvassing a man at age 20 for a whole-life policy. The agent sizes him up as being able to carry, say \$3,000. The agent points out to the prospect that a policy for that amount will cost him about 15 cents a day. If a prospect is 43 years old, it can be made plain to him that for about 20 cents a day he could insure his life for \$2,500. And so on. As means of preventing prospects getting nervous as a result of the quotation to them of the amount of the annual premium, both these methods seem to be admirable.

THE LACHINE CHURCH FIRE.

George Sikini, the youth who is accused of having set fire to the R. C. parish church at Lachine, which he had been employed to watch, was before the Enquete Court again this week, and it was testified that he had stated to a turnkey, "I know who set fire to the Lachine church but I was given \$1.50 not to tell." Sikini was committed for trial. 1258 Nc. 45

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MUNICIPAL SELF-INSURANCE AGAIN.

The municipal self-insurance idea has now cropped up in South Africa. It is fathered, we learn from our Cape Town contemporary, *Insurance*, by the Town Treasurer of Pietermaritsburg, Natal, whose ideas on the subject are certainly not small. He proposes the establishment of a South African Municipal Insurance Fund, with the following objects :—(a) Fire insurance of municipal properties; (b) of co-operating in such a scheme, if mutually desired, with the Union and Provincial Governments; (c) workmen's compensation, fidelity, live stock, etc., insurance for municipalities; (d) extending "at the earliest date" the scope of the fund to include private fire risks throughout the Union!

The Town Treasurer, it seems, has the wisdom not to go into details-he is content to sketch the scheme in very broad outline. The only practical suggestions he makes are that administration would be carried out by one of the large municipalities to be selected and that the principle must be adhered to of the rates for each town being dependent on that town's experience. Insurance remarks that the only possibility of sustained success in any such scheme appears to be found in comparatively small lines spread over a vast extent, efficient management and a sufficient premium income collected on a principle of equitable rating. As regards the spreading of risks, Insurance notes that in Johannesburg, the municipal authorities are insured for over one and a half million pounds sterling, and of this amount over one million one hundred and fifty thousand pounds is represented by six risks. As to the initial establishment of the proposed Fund, observes Insurance, unless the ratepayers of the Municipalities are laid under heavy tribute for such a purpose, it is difficult to see how the Fund can be originated. Without such tribute, all Municipal property would be under pledge to carry out the obligations of the scheme on some sort of assessment principle. Even were the necessary powers obtained from Parliament, are the ratepayers likely to appreciate such a position? For in the event-the ever-present and by no means improbable contingency-of a heavy loss or a series of losses, the position of the ratepayers would be far from enviable

As regards that part of the scheme referring to the insurance of all kinds of risks, *Insurance* regards it as too ridiculous to entertain seriously :--"It can only be based on the old fallacies that the insurance companies make unfair profits and that municipal authorities can work the business more economically, serve the citizens better and appropriate profits for the benefit of the community as a whole. Lean years are never to be in evidence. Utopia, in the shape of big profits, is to be the everlasting law."

It may be anticipated with some confidence that this scheme is not likely to make greater headway than a multitude of the schemes of a similar character which have died a premature and unlamented death in various parts of the world.

Thirty Years Ago.

(Extracts from The Chronicle of November, 1885).

LYNCH LAW FOR INCENDIARIES.

Kingston, Ont., has been suffering from an epidemic of incendiarism. On one night recently four attempts to burn business premises were discovered, and a few nights subsequently three attempts were made. A special night patrol has been appointed to look after these ruffians. Catch them at any cost and apply Lynch Law.

RUNNING WITH THE HARE AND HUNTING WITH THE HOUNDS.

The following editorial comment refers to a question which was then the cause of considerable agitation in local fire insurance circles:---

"As was natural and proper, the C.F.U.A. unanimously condemned the preposterous contradiction of one agent representing both a tariff and a non-tariff office, and issued a mandate that such a condition of affairs should cease by a fixed date, "anything to the contrary notwithstanding." There is something "too utterly utter" in the supposition that an agent can be a staunch member of a tariff association while he at the same time places risks below that Association's rates and contrary to its rules. It may be æsthetic, but it certainly is not business, and we are glad the C.F.U.A. could come to no other conclusion."

HOT ON HOPPER.

The older generation of life insurance men will remember the Mutual Reserve Fund mentioned in the following quotation as a notorious assessment concern:—

"So Major Hopper, general agent of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, has hopped at last. Rumor has it that when he first came to Canada he did so because it was for the benefit of his health to come to a colder climate as the atmosphere south of the line had become too hot for him. It is very curious how climates do change in a few years, but the gallant major now finds it unp easantly warm in Canada, and thinks the more genial climate of Boston will suit him better, and he has accordingly taken up his residence at that City, as general agent for the States of Massachusetts and Maine for the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of N.Y."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

From a small town in Saskatchewan, THE CHRON-ICLE has this week received a draft sent by a former reader in payment of his subscription for two years, ending 1906. A letter accompanying the draft, explained that the sender, who was formerly an insurance agent, had suffered heavy family losses, had consequently become financially embarrassed, and had had a severe struggle since, "but haven't forgotten my obligations to those who were good enough to trust me."

An experience of this kind is refreshing. We congratulate our Saskatchewan friend on his high sense of honor and hope that the evident courage with which he has met adversity will now be rewarded by a steady improvement in his material fortune.

It is for all who cannot go to the Front to put forth every effort to increase the wealth of the country and increase production, because this war will be won by superior resources.—*Hon. W. T. White.*



ENGLISH LIFE EXPECTATION: A NEW EXPERIENCE.

The London Insurance Journal presents a summary of interest to actuaries, relating to the recently issued supplement to the 75th annual report of the registrar-general of births, death and marriages. This gives some new English life tables of much interest. Two of the chief tables are English Life Tables No. 7 and 8. Table No. 7 is based upon the censuses of 1901 and 1911 and upon the deaths during 1901-1910. Table No. 8 is based upon the census of 1911 and on the deaths during 1910-1912. These tables relate to England and Wales and embody the changes in the incidence of death rates which have occurred in the population since the pre-ceding English Life Table No. 6 was issued. This No. 6 table was based upon the censuses of 1891 and 1901, and on the deaths during 1891-1900. The facts have been scientifically treated by Mr. George King, a distinguished past-president of the Institute of Actuaries.

It is interesting to compare the expectation of life according to these three English life tables, Nos. 6, 7, 8.

EXPECTATION OF LIFE, MALES, BY THREE ENGLISH

	LIFE IABL	L.D.	
	No. 6 (1891–1900)	No. 7 (1901–10)	No. 8 (1910–12)
Age.	Years.	Years.	Years.
0	44.1	48.5	51.5
0		51.8	53.1
0		43.0	44.2
0		34.8	35.8
0		27.0	27.7
50		19.8	20.3
30		13.5	13.8
70		8.4	8.5
80		4.9	4.9
90		2.6	2.9

The words "expectation of life" mean the total future lifetime which on the average will be passed through by males at the various ages stated in the above table. For example, and taking the most recent life table, No. 8, a male at his birth will, on the average, live for 51.5 years. It will be observed that the latest table generally shows a considerable advance in the expectation compared with previous tables.

These actuarial life tables, while too technical and complex for detailed explanation in a short article, contain material for a host of answers to really interesting questions relating to human life. Suppose, for example, a man aged forty wants to know what chance he has of living to age eighty. For this purpose one uses a column of the life table which may be called the "Number Living" at each age. Here are some of these results for various ages, taken from English Life Table No. 8 (1910-1912):

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Age.																												umber Living.
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This column is purely technical. It does not mean, for instance, that there are 1,000,000 male babies or that there are 13,608 old men aged ninety.

But this column enables us to reply to the question above put, and to many others.

What is the chance of a man aged thirty attaining age fifty? The above column "Number Living" gives the means of answering this question. It is got by dividing the $64_{3,,333}$ at age fifty by the $76_{2,227}$ at age thirty. The result is $8_{4.}$ In 100 chances there are 8_{4} chances in his favor and 16 chances against him. Thus the odds in favor of a man aged thirty attaining age fifty are more than 5 to 1. The man of thirty has a good chance of attaining age 50.

Similarly, the chance of a male at birth attaining age ninety—a very small chance—is given by dividing 13,608 by 1,000,000. Working this out, as before, the odds will be found to be 72 to 1 against a male at birth living to age ninety.

THE EMPLOYERS LIABILITY.

A report of the examination of the United States branch of the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation of London by the New York and Massachusetts Insurance Departments, makes a very favorable showing. The examination was made as of December 31, 1914, and gives the Corporation's American branch total assets on that date as \$8,369,487, with total liabilities of \$5,736,579, and a surplus beyond the \$700,000 deposit capital of \$1,932,907, which is larger than the Company's figures by \$333,574. The examiners speak very highly of the Company's methods of operation and treatment of policyholders. They give a history of the Corporation, which is the pioneer company in employers' liability insurance, and show the importance of its American branch, which transacted \$7,100,000, out of the Corporation's total of \$9,600,-000 in premium income in 1914.

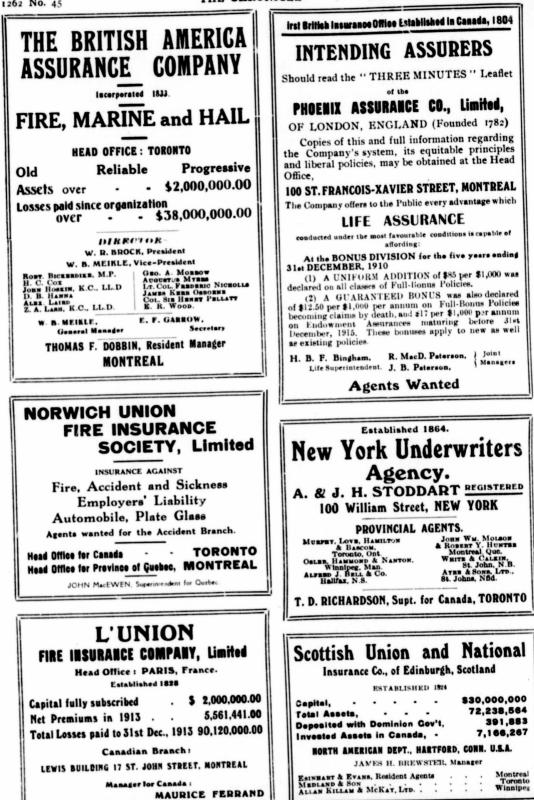
THE BOND MARKET.

The interesting fact is noted in a circular issued by the National City Bank of New York that the placing of the recent Anglo-French loan does not appear to have yet affected investment values in the direction of higher interest rates or lower prices for bonds. It is said that concurrently with the offering of the Anglo-French loan, the demand for high grade bonds and short term notes has increased and the average price of bonds as measured by standard indices advanced during the past month; and this in face of some tightness in the money market and the demand for money for moving the great U.S. crops. One explanation given for this condition of affairs is that the large profits now being made in the United States as a result of industrial activities consequent upon the war are being largely invested in sound bonds in order to make present-day exceptional profits a basis for future and permanent incomes. Probably, also, the general unfamiliarity of American investors with foreign bonds has something to do with the phenomenon. American investors prefer to continue to buy their own bonds.

From a statement made by the Minister of Finance, it appears that the forthcoming domestic war loan will not be underwritten, but that opportunity will be given for a subscription to the loan by all classes on the same terms.

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THE MOLSONS BANK. SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixtieth Annual General Meeting of the Share-holders of The Molsons Bank was held in the Board Room of their Banking House, 200 St. James Street, Montreal, November 2nd, 1915, at 3 o'clock. The President, Mr. William Molson Macpherson, took

the chair, and there were also present the Vice-President, Mr. S. H. Ewing, Messrs, George E. Drummond, W. M. Birks, W. A. Black, J. W. Loud, C. E. Spragge, A. Brown-ning, W. H. Evans, A. Piddington, A. D. Fraser, W. B. Blackader, Allen Brown, George Durnford, A. G. Watson, and others.

The President, having called the meeting to order, requested Mr. E. W. Waud to act as Secretary, and after that gentleman had read the advertisement calling the meeting, and stated that notice of the meeting had been mailed to each Shareholder, in accordance with the require-ments of the Bank Act, the President named Messrs. C. E. Spragge and Alfred Piddington to act as scrutineers.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The President then called upon the General Manager.

Mr. E. C. Pratt, to read the Annual Report, as follows :---Gentlemen :--Your Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders this the Sixtieth Annual Report of The Molsons Bank, and Statement of its position on 30th September, 1915.

The net profits of the year, after making ample pro-vision for Bad and Doubtful Debts, amounted to \$566,-193.00, from which has been deducted \$440,000 in Quarterly Dividends at the usual rate of 11 per cent. per annum; \$21,452.00 to Officers' Pension Fund; \$25,500 for War Tax on circulation, and \$75,000 has been put aside for depreciation in stocks and bonds, leaving a balance of \$61,300 at credit of Profit and Loss Account.

There has been an increase of about \$2,000,000 in the deposits, which now stand at \$38,821,368, but the increase is in deposits on which we pay interest. The deposits not bearing interests have decreased nearly \$500,000. In common with all the banks we have suffered a loss in circulation this year.

On the other side of the Balance Sheet : The loans now \$37,151,973 are \$270,000 less than a year ago, but there is an increase of \$1,320,000 in quick assets. Premises are shown at \$2,014,000, an increase of \$414,000 over last year. In addition to a number of necessary offices, to the building of which we were committed before the war, this includes the purchase of a handsome and much needed building in Winnipeg, originally erected by the Eastern Townships Bank. The building is parby the Eastern Townships Bank. The building is par-ticularly well situated, and was offered at such a price that we did not care to miss the opportunity to provide suitable quarters there.

We have opened four Branches during the year : At Matane, Trois Pistoles, James and Barton Street, Hamilton, and at Montreal West.

As Mr. D. McNicoll will be frequently absent from the city in search of health, he has resigned from the Directorate. We shall miss his valuable services, but hope he

will long be spared to enjoy a well earned rest after so active a life. Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, President of the Grand Trunk Railway System, has been appointed to fill the yacancy; his extensive, knowledge of the trade and business of the country will be of great value to us.

We very much regret the death on the 24th ult., of Mr. W. H. Draper, Superintendent of Branches, who served the Bank ably and faithfully for upwards of thirty-six years. Mr. E. W. Waud, formerly Inspector, has been appointed to succeed him.

The Auditors, Messrs. George Creak, Lemuel Cushing and Charles A. Hodgson, whose Report is appended to our Balance Sheet, offer themselves for re-election. As usual all the Branches of the Bank have been care-

fully inspected during the year, and I have pleasure in testifying to the zeal and efficiency of our Staff.

WM. MOLSON MACPHERSON, President.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The following auditors' report was appended to the balance sheet as on page 1265:— We have checked and verified the Cash, Investments,

and Securities of The Molsons Bank at the Chief Office in Montreal on 30th September, and also at another time as required by the Bank Act, and we have at different times during the year checked and verified the Cash and Securities held at four other important Branches of the Rank.

We have compared the Certified Returns from all the Branches with the entries in the Books at the Chief Office of the Bank as at 30th September, 1915, and find that they agree therewith; and all the transactions which have come under our notice have been, in our opinion, within the powers of the Bank.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and we certify that in our opinion the above Statement is so drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Bank's affairs at the close of business on 30th September, 1915, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank. GEORGE CREAK, C. A

LEMUEL CUSHING, C. A. CHAS. A. HODGSON, C. A.

The President having made his annual address, on his motion seconded by the Vice-President (Mr. S. H. Ewing) the annual report was unanimously adopted.

The serutineers reported the re-election of the follow-ing directors :--Messrs. Wm. M. Birks, W. A. Black, E. J. Chamberlin, Wm. Molson Maepherson, F. W. Molson, Geo. E. Drummond, S. H. Ewing. The auditors were re-elected and votes of thanks

having been passed to the president, vice-president, directors and officers, the meeting terminated. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. Wm.

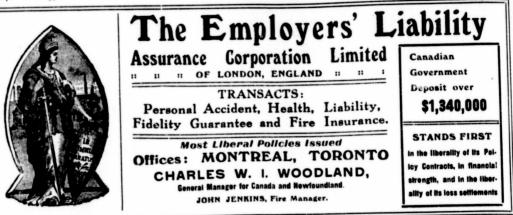
Molson Macpherson was re-elected President, and Mr. S. H. Ewing, Vice-President for the ensuing year.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th September, 1914 . \$ 67,058.44 Net profits for the year after deducting expenses of management, reservation for interest accrued on deposits, exchange, and provision for bad and doubtful debts. 556,193.88 \$623,252.32 Appropriated as follows : 137th Dividend at rate of 11 per cent. 138th Dividend at rate of 11 per cent. 139th Dividend at rate of 11 per cent. 140th Dividend at rate of 11 per cent. Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund. Personal for development for the person fund. \$110.000.00 110.000.00 110,000,00 110,000.00 21,452.00 Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund Reserved for depreciation of Stocks, Bonds, etc. War Tax on circulation 75,000.00 25,500.00\$561,952.00 \$ 61,300.32 Leaving at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th September, 1915..... EDWARD C. PRATT, WM. MOLSON MACPHERSON, President. General Manager. (Continued on p. 1265)



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THE CANADA ACCIDENT ASSURANCE COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE: Commercial Union Building, MONTREAL

CAPITAL \$500,000.00

Personal Accident, Sickness, Plate-Glass, Guarantee and Liability Insurance.

Board of Directors :

S. H. EWING, President J. S. N. DOUGALL, Vice-President HON. N. CURRY, JAMES McGREGOR, J. K. OSBORNE, T. H. HUDSON

T. H. HUDSON, J. WM. McKENZIE, Joint Managers.

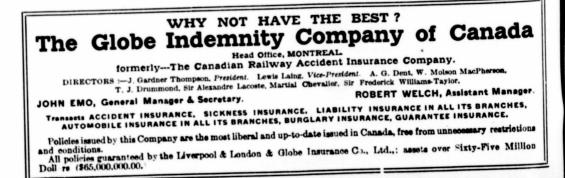


BUSINESS TRANSACTED

PERSONAL ACCIDENT HEALTH EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY PUBLIC LIABILITY TEAMS LIABILITY ELEVATOR LIABILITY AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY PLATE GLASS GUARANTEE BONDS FIRE INSURANCE

Canadian Head Office - TORONTO

CHARLES H. NEELY, General Manager.



THE MOLSONS BANK	(Continued from page 1263)
GENERAL S	TATEMENT
Of the affairs of The Molsons Bar	nk on the 30th September, 1915
LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Capital Stock paid in	Current Coin \$1,056,854.79 Dominion Notes. 3,467,295.00
140th Dividend for ¼ year at 11% per annum 110,000.00	\$4,524,149.79 Deposit with the Dominion
Dividends unpaid	Government to secure Note Circulation 190,000.00 Notes of other Banks 235,566.23
tion	Cheques on other Banks 1,580,300.38 Balances due by other Banks
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cluding interest accrued to date of Statement	and Banking Correspon- dents elsewhere than in Canada
in Canada 178,668.63 Balances due to Banks and	Dominion and Provincial Government Securities
Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries 263,464.50	not exceeding market value
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	ities, and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Secur-
Liabilities not included in the foregoing	ities, other than Canadian 1,630,942.74 Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks,
	not exceeding market value
	Call and short (not exceed- ing thirty days) loans in
	Canada on Bonds, Deben- tures and Stocks
	Other current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less
	rebate of interest)
	per contra 166,290.33 Real Estate other than Bank
	Premises 91,798.39 Overdue Debts, estimated loss provided for 207,180.00
	loss provided for
	Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank
	Other Assets not included in the foregoing
\$52,009,550.32	\$52,009,550.32
WM. MOLSON MACPHERSON, President.	EDWARD C. PRATT, General Manager.

L'UNION FIRE OF PARIS, FRANCE.

Mr. Maurice Ferrand, the popular Canadian Manager of L'Union Fire Insurance Company of Paris, has just received the order from the French War Office to join the colours, and is leaving at once for the Front.

The occasion was marked by the staff at the Head Office for Canada by the presentation, on the 4th instant, of a handsome wrist watch to their chief.

Mr. Ferrand and the staff were the guests of Mr. Lansing Lewis (Canadian director of the Company) at the Canada Club, where Mr. Wilson, uperintendent of agencies, made the presentation on behalf of the staff as a token of respect and esteem.

Mr. Wilson will have charge of the Company's business in Canada during Mr. Ferrand's absence,

and THE CHRONICLE hopes to see the safe return to Canada of this popular manager, covered with honour and glory, before another year has lapsed

We understand that L'Union has over 200 members of its staff at the front.

IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. A. P. Allingham, for the past two years Provincial Manager for the Imperial at St. John, N.B., has enlisted for overseas service and asked to be relieved of his duties.

Mr. L. J. Lowe has been appointed to succeed Mr. Allingham as manager of the company's New Brunswick branch. Mr. Lowe has spent many years in the service of the Mutual of Canada in Cape Breton, and has all the qualifications necessary to make his career with the Imperial a successful one.

WHAT COULD BE MORE POPULAR?

The life agent should be able to assure his prospect of the safety of his company and of the fairness of its management. But even that is not enough. He should furnish proof of his company's progressiveness in adopting ideas and plans which will be of greatest advantage to assurers. Here is where the Canada Life has for many years been a leader. The new

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HERBERT C. COX, President and General Manager.



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PARAGRAPHS.

The cost of extra postage and war stamps to the Molsons Bank for 1915 is estimated at about \$15,000.

The London Guarantee & Accident has been licensed by the Dominion authorities to transact fire insurance.

The Union Assurance Society has received a new Dominion license to transact inland transportation insurance.

The New York Life is starting a school for the education in the life insurance business of sons of its officers and agents.

The Aetna agencies in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan will hereafter report to the home office instead of to the Pacific branch in San Francisco.

If we have to borrow from the United States later on it will not be because we are poor, but because the balance of trade will be against us.— Sir Edmund Walker.

The borrowings of the Dominion Government from the Imperial Treasury for the purpose of meeting war expenditure were up to the end of September \$115,000,000.

The Atlas Assurance Company has re-insured the South Carolina business of the Newark Fire. The business was well selected but being small hardly paid for the cost of supervision.

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The banks are still actively chasing the savings of the *habitant*. Of twenty-three new branches of Canadian banks opened during September, fourteen were opened in the province of Quebec.

The total of the last British war loan, including the conversions of the old War Loan and of Consols, is now estimated at $\pounds_{1,026,000}$. A new loan will probably be announced early in the new year, perhaps before.

We wonder if that letter of congratulation from "the president of one of the largest insurance companies in Canada" to a Toronto weekly notorious for the vagaries of its insurance columns, was "rit sarcastik."

EMPLOY THE RETURNED SOLDIER.

Soldiers "broken in the wars" are now returning to Canada in increasing numbers. Their main anxiety concerns the future earning of a livelihood. In the offices of the banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions there are many positions of a character that can be very well filled by these men. In such cases, it is an obvious duty of employers to give a preference to them, and we hope that this will be done, as a simple matter of course, on suitable vacancies occurring and additional men needing to be engaged.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S COMPENSATION LEGISLATION.

The special committee appointed by the government of British Columbia to study the question of workmen's compensation, in preparation for the framing of a Workmen's Compensation Act for British Columbia, recently arrived in Toronto, where a week will be given to investigation into the workings of the Ontario act. Thereafter the committee will visit the States of New York, Ohio and Massachusetts and also the province of Nova Scotia. The compensation laws of the states of Washington, Oregon, California, and Wisconsin have already been examined.

The members of the committee are—A. V. Pine, departmental solicitor of the attorney-general's department of British Columbia; David Robertson, a manufacturer of Vancouver, representing capitalist interests; and James H. McVety of the trades and labor council of Vancouver, representing labor.

GETTING AFTER CARELESS SETTLERS.

Many prosecutions of men for causing damage to standing forests in the province of Quebec have been instituted lately. Nineteen convictions were scored on October 21st at Nominingue by Judge Govette. Prosecutions were conducted by the Quebec Government on evidence furnished by the officers of the Lower Ottawa Forest Protective Association. The forest laws of Quebec require all settlers to secure a "permit" from a fire ranger before starting fires in their clearings. The object of the law is to give common protection and treatment to all settlers, as well as to guard the standing forests from permanent injury. Most of the settlers are reported as glad to support the rangers in their work but in some districts criminal negligence and defiance of the law have made prosecution necessary. The amount of the fine generally imposed was \$2 and costs.

GUARDIAN ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE COMPANY.

The appointment is announced of Mr. John Good to the position of secretary of the Guardian Accident & Guarantee Company at the head office for Canada, Montreal, in succession to Mr. E. E. Kenyon, who resigned his position to accept a commission in the 87th Battalion which is at present being organized for service at the front.

Mr. Good was for many years connected with the Glasgow branch of the Guardian and his long experience well qualifies him for his new position. The Guardian is well organized, and popular throughout Canada.



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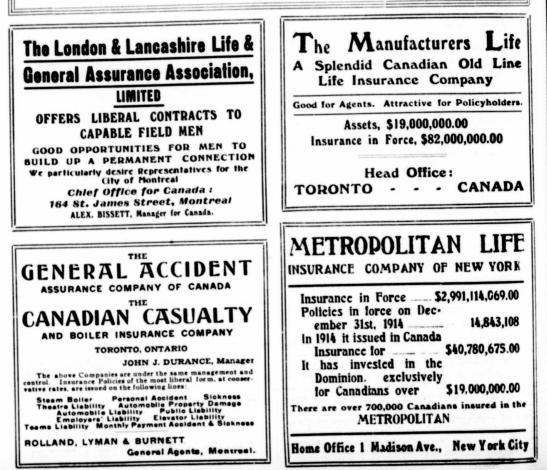
IMPREGNABLE

Assets of the Sun Life of Canada have more than **doubled** in the past five years, have more than **trebled** in the past nine years, and have more than **quadrupled** in the past eleven years.

At December 31st last they stood at \$64,187,656; now they exceed \$72,000,000-easily the largest amount held by any Canadian Life Company.

Sun Life of Canada polices are **safe and profitable** policies to buy.





Traffic Returns.

	CANADI	AN PACIFIC	RAILWAY.		Week
Year to dat	e 1913	1914	1915	Decrease	Oct.
		\$82,959,000	\$67,117,000	\$15,842,000	10
Week endir		1914	1915	Increase	
Octt. 7	3,145,000	2,275,000	2,915,000	640,000	
14	3,298,000	2,226,000	2,988,000	762,000	
21	3,252,000	2,040,000	3.068,000	1,028,000	
31	4,662,000	2,613,000	4,340,000	1,727,000	Oet.
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	GRAN	ND TRUNK R	AILWAY.		
Year to dat	e 1913	1914	1915	Decrease	3
		\$39,213,401		\$2,349,787	
Week endin			1915	Increase	
Oct. 7	1,088,759		01.019,826	11,561	1
14.	1.083,182			55,491	1
21	1.163.397			73,605	
31	1.712.303			121,617	
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	CANADIA	N NORTHERN	RAILWAY.		in the
Year to dat	e 1913	1914	1915	Decrease	
Sont 30		\$14,407,600		\$2,734,900	
Week endir		1914	1915	Increase	
Oct. 7	575,600	718,400			
14	593,700	653,900		113,900	Bank o
21	609,900	499,000		292,800	
31	907.900	707.000		564,400	
	WIN CITY	RAPID TRAN	SIT COMPAN	Y.	
Year to dat	e 1913	1914	1915	Increase	
	\$6,506,116		\$6,931,493	\$61,488	
Week endin		1914	1915	Increase	
Oct. 7	170,414	179,180 -	180,330	1,150	Montrea
14	171.537	176.066	178,989	2.923	Toronto

Oct.	ending 3 10	\$4	1914 8,810 3,934	1915 \$50,281 50,336	Increase \$1,471 Dec. 3,598
	D	ULUIH S	UPERIOR T	RACTION CO.	
		1913	1914	1915	Decrease
Oct.		\$24,299	\$24,856	\$22,578	\$2,278
	14	24,389	24,262	22,377	1,885
	21	25,096	24,904	22,588	2,316
1	31	34,579			

			To-day	Last Week
Call	money in	Montreal	6-61%	6 -61%
	•	Toronto	6-61%	6 -61%
	••	New York	11%	11%
	••	London	31-4%	31-4%
Ban	k of Engla	and rate	5 %	5%

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

Increase \$61,488		Week ending Nov. 4, 1915	Week ending Oct. 28, 1915	Week ending Nov. 5, 1914	Week ending Nov. 6, 1913	
Increase 1,150 2,923	Montreal Toronto		\$60,788,035 42,907,491	\$50.861.681 36.817,768	\$60.945.799 49,056,386	
	Winnipeg Ottawa	$58,970,524 \\ 4,795,885$	50,853,027 3,790,609	4,413,593	5,277,489	

Montreal Tramways Company

178,803

171,537

169.378

177,889

SUBURBAN TIME TABLE, 1915

Lachine :

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		e 5.40 a. 8.00	m. to 8.00 a.m.		4 p.m. to 7.10 p.m 7.10 p.m. to 12.00 mid
		e 5.30 a.1 5-50 9,00	n. to 5.50 a.m. 9.00 4 p.m.	20 " "	4 p.m.to 8.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.to 12.10 a.m car at 12.50 a.m.
			to St. Vincer	Vincent de	Paul:
15 min. 1 20 **	service	5.15 a. 8.00	m. to 8.00 a.m 4.00 p.m	30 min. service Car to Hender	8.00p.m. to 11.35p.m son only 12.00 mid.

15	min.	servic	e 5.15 a	.m. to	8.00 a.m. 30 min. service 8.00p.m. to 11.35p.m
20		**	8.00		4.00 p.m. Car to Henderson only 12.00 mid.
15	**	••	4.00		7.00 p.m. Car to St. Vincent 12.40 a.m.
20			7.00		8.00 p.m.
	F	rom S	t. Vince	ent to	St. Denis-
15	min.	sorvio	e 5.45	a.m. t	o 8.30 a.m. 30 min. service 8.30 p.m.
20	**		3.30		4.30 p.m. Car from Henderson to St. Denis
15 20			4.30	p.m.	7.30 p.m. 12.20 a.m.
20	**	**	7.30		8.30 p.m. Car from St. Vincent to St. Denis
					1.10 a.m.
C	artie	ervill			
-				s June	tion-20 min. service 5.20 a.m. to 8.40 p.m.

	40		**	8.40 p.m. to 12.00 mid.
From Cartierville-	20	**		5.40 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.
	40			9.00 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.
Mountain :				

- From Park Averue and Mount Royal— 20 min. service 5,40 a.m. to 12.00 midnight From Victoria Avenue— 20 min. service 550 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. From Victoria Avenue to Snowdon,— 10 minutes service 5.50 a.m. to 8.50 p.m.

- Bout de l'Ile: 60 min. service 5.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight.

Tetraultville :

15 min. service 5.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. 15 min. service 3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. 30 min. service 8.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. 30 min. service 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Pointe aux Trembles:

15 min service 5.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. 30 min service 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. 20 ; 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. 60 ; 11.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. 15 · · · 3.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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