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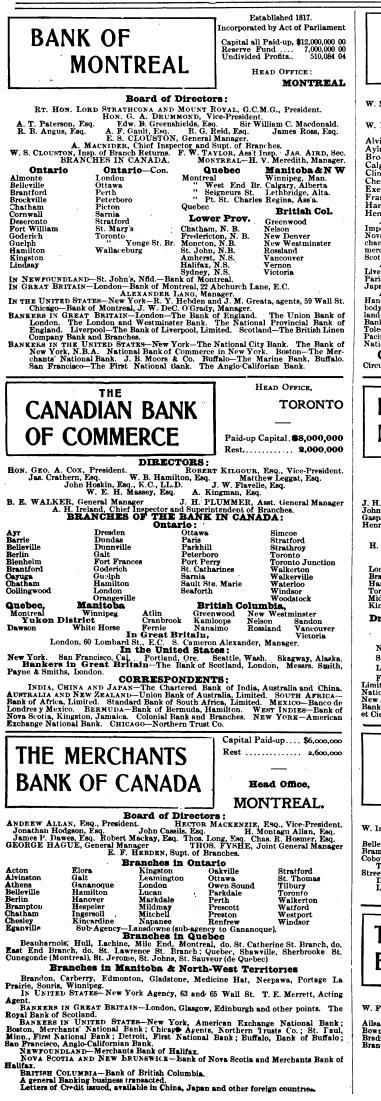
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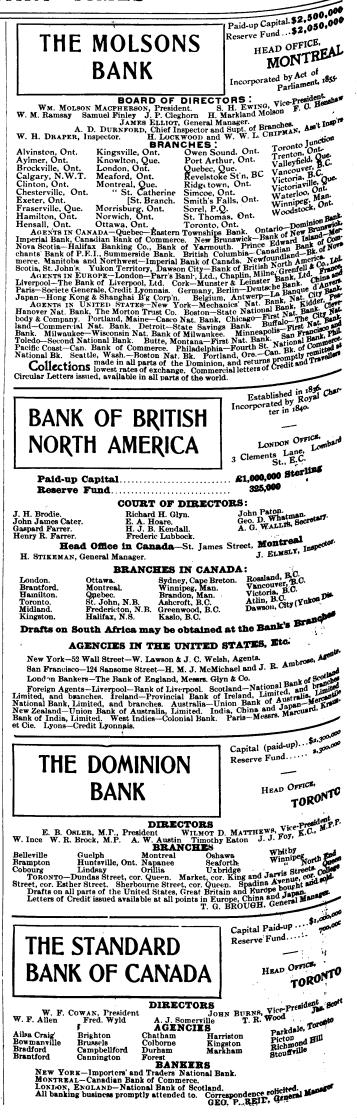
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#### Mercantile Summary

THE Vancouver iron works have been taken over by the Vancouver Engineering Works, Limited.

JOHN IRWIN'S grist mill, at Wiarton, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$8,000; partly insured.

THE results of the new softening process, which has lately been experimented with at the Winnipeg waterworks, is stated to be a thorough success.

THE Gooderham & Blackstock Syndicate, of Toronto, have completed arrangements for bonding the coal lands of the Nicola Valley, where 100,000,000 tons are said to be in sight.

THE Strathy Wire Fence Company have leased the old works of the Georgian Bay Pottery Co., in Owen Sound, and will establish their plant therein. They expect to be in running order in about two months, with about fifty hands to start with.

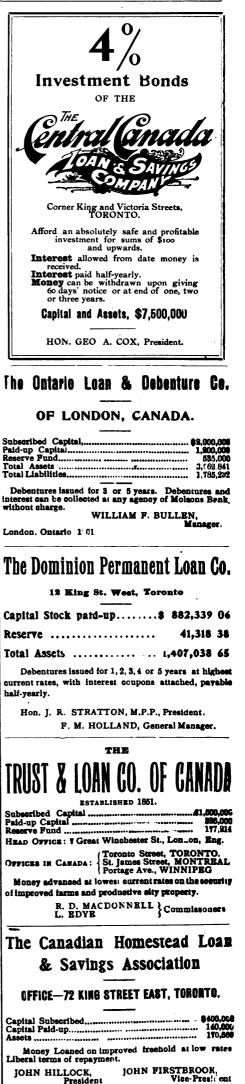
THE Stave Lake Power Co. is asking the city council of Vancouver for at least a 25-year franchise to supply electric light and power. The company refuse to recommend more than an 18-year agreement, and the matter remains in abeyance for the present.

AT a meeting of the Grand Trunk directors, held in London on the 8th inst., a dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum was declared on the first preferred stock, the usual dividend on the 4 per cent. guaranteed and 3 per cent. on the second preference, against 31/2 per cent. a year ago.

AT the annual meeting of the Institute Canadien, Montreal, the following officers were elected for the current year: Honorary president, Mr. T. Ledroit; president, Mr. H. Chasse; vice-presidents, Hon. Chs. Langelier, Ald Casgrain; treasurer, Mr. R. P. Boisseau; assistant treasurer, Mr. G. DeLery; recording secretary, Mr. J. G. Couture; librarian, Mr. Adj. Rivard; curator of museum, Mr. J. B. Delage.

MR. F. L. WANKLYN, general manager of the Montreal Street Railway, who has just returned from Jamaica, says that the company would have ready by the end of May some twenty-five new double-truck open cars, with a seating capacity of 65 persons, and that he expects the full complement of new cars for next summer's work will reach 320. The company is having built two new engines of 1,500 horse-power each.

THE annual report of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company shows that the gross receipts during last year amounted to \$901,331, compared with \$826,322 during the previous year; the operating expenses being \$748,105, and \$674,626, respectively. The net profit was \$129,322, in 1900, as against \$128,730 in 1899. Two semi-annual dividends of 3 per cent. each, amounting together to \$17,813.93, were paid, leaving the amount of \$11,509.03 carried to surplus. The increase in gross receipts was due mainly to increased earnings from steamers, as well as to the first year's operation of the company's hotels.





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#### Mercantile Summary.

SIR WM. VAN HORNE, Mr. Charles R. Hosmer, of Montreal, and others are interested in the North American Mail & Steamship Company, which proposes to operate steamships between British and foreign ports, and carry on the business of forwarding agents, ship brokers, and warehousemen. The capital stock is placed at \$175,000, and the headquarters of the company will be in Montreal.

MR. J. D. OGILVY, St. Henri, Montreal; P. H. A. Caron, Petit Metis; J. P. Michaud, Fraserville, and P. A. Parent, St. Ulric, give notice of their intention to apply to the Quebec Legislature for incorporation with powers to buy or sell out patents for peat fuel; to acquire peat pits and logs; to buy, lease or acquire, build, erect and operate, mills for making combustible turf. The headquarters of the company will be at Fraserville, and the capital stock is \$100,000.

THE Quebec Legislature has granted letters of incorporation, under the Joint Stock Companies' Act, to the McArthur Export Company, Limited, Quebec; capital, \$200,000; who will take over the lumber business at present carried on by the McArthur Bros.; and to La Compagnie Electrique de Rimouski, Fraserville; capital, \$100,000, who will establish and carry on lumber mills, own steamers, and sailing vessels, furnish electric light and power, etc.

THE annual meeting of the Cataract Power Company, Hamilton, was held on the 11th inst. The gross receipts of the company during the year were \$421,-311.38. The company has during the past year more than doubled its power-producing capacity, and the business of the railways operating in combination with the company was considerably in excess of that of previous years. The question of extension of the Radial line to Oakville was broached, and it was stated to be the intention of the company to take the matter up without delay The officers were all re-elected, as follows: Hon. J. M. Gibson, president; James Dixon, vice-president; John Moodie, treasurer; John Patterson, secretary; J. J. Mason and C. S. Scott, auditors.

THE Ontario Government has granted charters to the following: The Imperial Hotel Company, of Toronto, Limited; capital, \$100,000; with provisional directors, as follows: N. Kingsmill, R. Millichamp, S. F. McKinnon, J. A. Roberts, and C. A. Pooley. The W. W. Chown Company, Limited, Belleville; capital, \$75,000; to manufacture and sell tinware, lanterns, cheese and butter factory fittings paints, oils, glass, bicycles, etc. The National Iron Works, Limited, Toronto; capital, \$200,000; to carry on a general engineering, foundry and machinists' business; John Galt, and George Bullock are among the provisional directors. The Strathy Wire Fence Company, Limited, Owen Sound; capital, \$200,000. The Lithographed Tin & Can Company, Limited, Toronto; capital, \$200,000; with provisional directors, as follows: A. E. Kemp, W. A. Kemp and Richard Austin.

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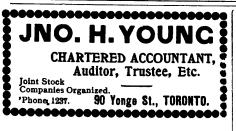
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By Order. THOMAS WALMSLEY, Secretary. Toronto, 12th Februray, 1901.

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#### Mercantile Summary.

THE Ottawa public school board have accepted plans for a new \$40,000 schoolhouse, to be erected during the coming summer.

THE Dominion Government has granted a charter, under the companies' act, to the C. J. Smith Estate Company, Limited, Ottawa; capital stock, \$40,000; whose purpose it is to acquire lands and buildings, and to dispose of the same, to advance money on mortgages, etc.

MR. J. R. BOOTH, of Ottawa, is having built in this city a steel vessel, which is to be a sister ship to the "Ottawa." She will have a carrying capacity of 70,000 bus. of grain on a canal draught of 14 ft., and of 105,000 bushels in places where she can load deep. She will travel from upper-lake points.

THE Toronto firm of S. F McKinnon & Co., Limited, importers of millinery and millinery novelties, and manufactureres of mantles and costumes, have opened a Montreal branch at McLean's old premises, 230 McGill street, with a full stock of their various lines. This branch should be a great convenience to the trade in Montreal and the East.

MINOR Montreal failures for the week are noted, as below: G. Nadeau, a grocer, owing \$2,050, has assigned.—An Old Country Frenchman, Emile Vissiere, by name, who came to Montreal ten years ago, and has since been in business in the restaurant line, has been asked to assign .---- Telesphore Poupart, grocer, has consented to assign. He was formerly connected with the management of the Canada Liquor Company, and engaged in business on his own account three years ago, but has always apparently suffered from a lack of sufficient capital.---A. Couvrette & Fils, a firm of builders, have assigned, and liabilities are given at \$4,200.----M. Beaupre, men's furnishings, lately insolvent, offers 25 cents on liabilities of \$2,300.-On demand, A. Gravel, patternmaker, has assigned, owing about \$4,000.----A small suburban shoe retailer, J. Chalifoux, has made a voluntary assignment; liabilities under \$1,000.

THE Canadian Locomotive Company, Limited, of Kingston, have elected the following officers: President, Hon. Wm. Harty; vice-president, M. J. Haney. Toronto; managing director, C. Birmingham, of Pittsburg; secretary, J. J. Harty, Kingston; treasurer, J. H. Birkett, Kingston, and superintendent, H. Tandy, Kingston. The number of hands employed is being increased to five hundred.

R. N. SCOTT & Co., wholesale jewelry and fancy goods. Montreat, are in embarrassed shape, and at a meeting of creditors, held last week, they made a proposition that creditors should grant them a discharge upon the payment of 20 per cent. of their claims. The firm dates from March, 1897, when they succeeded J. H. Jones & Co., who were unsuccessful, and who had some years previously taken over the business from the late Robert Wilkes, of Toronto. The liabilities are stated at about \$27,000, included in which is a \$6,000 dower claim of Mrs. Scott's.



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THE Hamilton Electric Light and Power Company has elected the following officers: John Dickenson, M.P.P., president; J. A. Kammerer, vice-president; J. Moodie, treasurer; J. Patterson, secretary.

ABOUT \$14,000 worth of damage was done by a fire on the 8th inst., in Wawanesa, Man. Among the losses were Jackson's harness shop, Barclay Bros.' general store, and McDonald's jewelry store.

IT would appear likely, from reports of recent meetings of the road committee of the city council, that the Montreal Terminal Company will be given permission to extend their lines into the city, thus giving citizens the advantage of a second street railway service.

THE Northwestern Steamship Line has made arrangements to run its steamers direct from Chicago to Europe, through the Welland Canal and St. Lawrence. It owns four new steamers, which are now being constructed in Chicago and will COLORED COTTON MILLS CO. May next. An exte make their first voyages in April and

An extensive marble quarry has been located at Sumas, together with the necessary ingredients for making cement. Evans, Coleman & Evans, of Vancouver, have secured all rights and will establish quarrying and polishing plants and lime kilns on the spot, together with cement works, with an output of 300 barrels per day, at a cost of \$200,000.

RICHARD WESTWOOD, of Guelph, proposes, under certain conditions, to establish a carpet factory in Cornwall. He asks the town to give him a site, exemption from taxation, except school taxes, and a loan of \$12,000, without interest, in return for which he would guarantee to spend \$10,000 in wages, the first year, and at least \$15,000 during succeeding years, and to employ forty hands in the second year.

A FEW years ago, G. C. Ives & Bro. succeeded to the planing mill business of their father, at Colborne, and did considerable business with, however, but small, if any profit. Now they want an extension of nine months, without interest. The estate shows a surplus.--The competition in the tailoring business in Owen Sound has been very severe, entirely too much so for the slender resources of J. E. Mitchell. After working at the business there three years he is now compelled to assign .---- Another assignment is that of Joseph Field, grocer, at Strathroy, in business about a vear.

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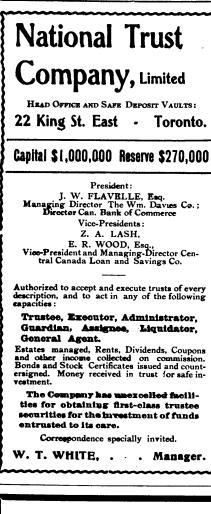
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THE Dominion Coal Co. are about to transfer their head offices from Boston to Montreal.

MR. D. P. HATCH is organizing a project to establish a smelter in Kaslo, which would do much to develop the mining interests of that region.

On the 25th inst., a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers of Aurora, to grant a bonus of \$10,000 to Underhill & Sisman, boot and shoe manufacturers, Markham, if they will erect a factory at the former place.

THE Granby smelter, at Grand Forks, which commenced operations on August 21st, had, at the beginning of the present month, treated 81,900 tons of ore, which produced 2,700 tons of 50 per cent. matte, valued at \$500,000.

THE general store and contents of Mr. George Dean, of Lobo village, was completely destroyed by fire. The loss will be nearly \$4,500, while the insurance is said to amount to only \$2,250, of which \$1,500 is on the building.

THE creditors of Mr. J. A. Caslake, plumber, Stratford, met on Monday, when the assignee, Mr. J. B. Capitaine. presented his report, which was read and adopted Inspectors were appointed, and Mr. Caslake was given until yesterday to consider what he could afford to pay for the estate.

On Monday last, a meeting of the creditors of E. Hodgins, hotelkeeper at Stratford, whose assignment we noted a week ago, was held in the sheriff's office. The statement submitted showed that he owed \$5,700, and had nominal assets of only \$2,892. In view of these figures, the unsecured creditors were not long in concluding that there was not anything in the estate for them, and were willing to give possession to the landlord, if he would assume the claims of servants, etc. The property is advertised for sale to-day for taxes, by a bailiff.

A SHORT time ago, a small meeting of the creditors of Benor, Taylor & Co., general storekeepers, Alliston, was held, when the senior member of the firm was examined as to the disposition of the stock. Since then, the effects of the firm have been seized, under an execution, and advertised for sale on Monday next. -In November last, C. B. Scantlebury, dealer in books, etc., at Belleville, disposed of his stock of wall papers in the Winnipeg branch store. Now he asks creditors to consider the situation, and accept 60 per cent. of their claims, on time, unsecured. But if paid in cash, 10. per cent. reduction will be desired.

In April last, Hilliard & Morlock, grocers, Waterloo, dissolved partnership, and David E. Morlock continued the business. Last month he gave a chattel mortgage to a Hamilton firm. This has already been foreclosed and the stock is offered for sale .---- Walter G. Leaney opened a grocery and confectionery store in Port Arthur, in July last. Having but little capital to start with, his assignment is already announced.---D. G. Sutherland, druggist, and fancy goods. dealer, at Chesley, became involved, and after paying some of his creditors, nothing remains to pay other unsecured. elaims.

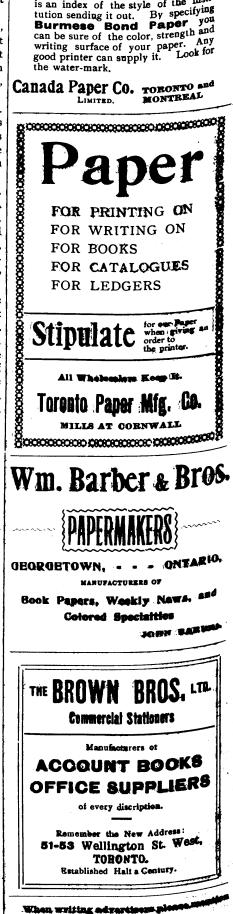
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# The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

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A DEMAND of assignment has been upon A. Watt & Co., Montreal, jobbers and manufacturers' agents, and in the reported absence of W. A. Arnold, the managing partner, Mr. A. Watt has con-The management of sented to assign. Mr. Arnold is said to have been marked by a good many peculiarities, and the estate is expected to realize very poorly. Liabilities are estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20.000.

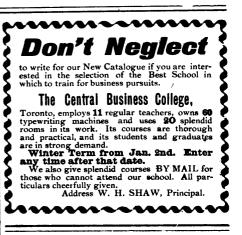
AFTER farming for a considerable time, John I. Weins started a general store in Lowe Farm, Man., last April, but this has already proved a losing game, and he now assigns.----Another assignment is that of Hill & Co., grocers, Carman, Man.-In Boissevain, Morrison & Co., are in financial difficulty, and an investigation is taking place in respect of a chattel mortgage for \$1,800. If this is found sufficient, unsecured creditors need not expect more than 75 per cent. of their claims.

A. HOTTE, general dealer, at St. Cyrille de Wendover, Que., lately failed, is offer--Another recent insoling 50 cents .--vent, Alfred Boulanger, of Lamartine, Que, wants his creditors to sign off at 17 cents on the dollar.----A demand in insolvency has been made upon Mrs. C. H. Pelletier, milliner, Sherbrooke. She owes \$2,250.--J. H. Moreau, a fancy goods dealer, only in business at Three Rivers, Que., since the beginning of 1900, has assigned voluntarily; liabilities, \$2,000.-J. D. Morrison, an old respected citizen of Milan, Que., who was unfortunate in being burned out in the sawmill business some years ago, and who has since been acting as postmaster, and running a small store, has been obliged to assign, owing about \$1,000.—Eugene Tremblay, a small trader, at Murray Bay, Que., has assigned on demand of a Quebec creditor.

#### NEEPAWA BOARD OF TRADE.

At the annual meeting of the above Board, the following officers were elected: President, B. R. Hamilton; vicepresident, J. A. Clare; secretary, M. H. Fieldhouse; council, John Brown, W. Howatt, W. A. Allan, George A. Dinwoody, F. Leach, G. L. Foerster, John Kerr and W. Young. Amongst the subjects discussed was the loss annually incurred by the farming community through hail storms, and the present comparative inadequacy of insurance against the same. The members, therefore, will ask the Provincial Government to enact such legislation as will bring about some equitable system of hail insurance in the province. The Board also expressed the opinion that the establishment of an agricultural college for the province of Manitoba was a pressing necessity.

THE Toronto Street Railway receipts for January amounted to \$122,132.50, The receipts for the month show an increase of \$7.413.50, as compared with those of the corresponding month last year. The gross receipts for December, however, were \$7.777.63 more than in January.



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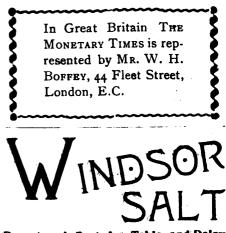
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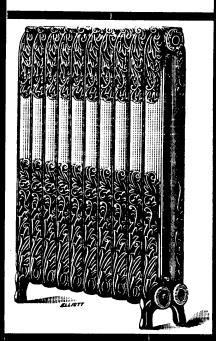
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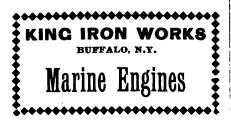


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#### WHITBY BOARD OF TRADE.

On Tuesday, 5th inst., the Whitby Board of Trade held its annual meeting. The president, Mr. J. B. Dow, recapitulated the subjects dealt with during the year. These included the installation of fire wards, the municipalization of street lighting, the development of Heydonshore, the lakeside summer resort of Whitby, and the building of a trolley line connecting the town with its waterfront. A strong resolution in favor of the Government granting a bounty for the sugar beet in order to establish that industry in Ontario was unanimously adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. B. Dow; first vicepresident, Dr. Adams; second vice-president, J. Ferguson; treasurer, J. D. Howden; secretary, F. H. Annes; directors, L. T. Barclay, Fred. Hatch, George Cormack, D. Galbraith, G. A. Ross, J. Thomson, A. T Lawler, C. King, R. L. Huggard, James Rutledge, J. H. Long, J. A. Watson, John Burns, J. Shaw, Col. Farewell and H. S. Newton, ex-officio, Mayor Ross and Dr. McGillivray, chairman Board of Education. A resolution of thanks was presented to the retiring secretary, Mr A. H. Gibbard.

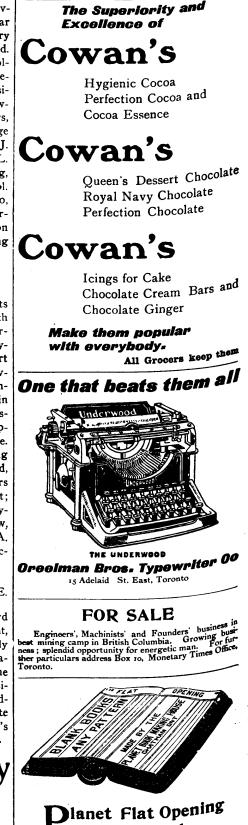
#### OAKVILLE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Oakville Board of Trade held its first annual meeting on Thursday, 7th February. The president, Mr. C. G. Marlatt, presided. F. G. Oliver, secretarytreasurer, submitted an explicit report telling of the workings of the Board. Several industrial concerns have been communicated with and two had located in the town. The principal subjects of discussion were the provision of water supply and adequate protection from fire. Gravitation, stand-pipes, and pumping from Lake Ontario were all suggested, but no conclusion reached. The officers elected were: President, C. G. Marlatt; vice-president, C. P. Chisholm; secretarytreasurer, F. G. Oliver; council, H. Shaw, T C. Hagaman, A. S. Chisholm, T. A. Reynolds, E. B. Anderson, Jno. Mac-Donald, C. W. Coote, and J. C. Ford.

#### OWEN SOUND BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the above Board of Trade was held on the 8th instant, when, though there was not a notably large attendance, gentlemen, representative of the manifold interests of the town, took part in the proceedings. President John Harrison, in his retiring address, took occasion to congratulate Owen Sound upon its successful year's

business, which, he said, had been double that of the previous twelve months. While there had been no boom or wildcat speculation, yet there was not a vacant house in the place. The surrounding townships, he thought, should be encouraged to build good roads, for it was to their benefit, as well as the town's, to do so. Efforts should be made to establish new iron, wood-working and other industries. Owen Sound was more favored



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than any town in Ontario in its location and transportation advantages. After the reading of the secretary's report, in which he referred to the efforts being made towards the establishment of smelters, drydocks and steel shipbuilding yards, the election of officers was proceeded with, Mr. C. Eaton being unanimously elected president; Mr. J. R. Brown, vice-president; and Mr. W. J. Frost, secretary. The following gentlemen were elected members of the council: Messrs. R. Wightman, W. A. Bishop, A. M. Anderson, J. W. Redfern, J. G. Hay, W. P. Telford, W H. Smith, and Ewing Buchan.

# GODERICH BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the above Board was held on the 11th inst., and the following officers were elected: President, R. S. Williams; vice-president, J. H Colborne; treasurer, W. A. Mc-Kim; secretary, James Mitchell; council, F. ur, Bohert Mc-F. W. Doty, S. A. McGaw, Robert Mc-Lean, Wm. Campbell, N. B. Smith, W. C. Goode, Alex. Saunders, G. F. Emer-son, George Porter, G. M. Elliott, Joseph Beck, George Acheson.

Two retail dry goods failures are re-Ported in Montreal, as the result of default on the 4th inst., but liabilities are light in both cases. Alfred A. Valiquette, owing about \$10,000, nas been asked to assign by a leading creditor. He Was formerly of Valiquette & Valiquette,

in the same year, in the north-east suburbs, after a lengthy experience as a clerk, but has now assigned. He owes \$8,054, and shows nominal assets of about \$9,000.

THE keel of the new passenger steamer for the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company is being laid at Bertram's shipyards, Toronto. The steamer, when completed, will cost between \$450,000 and \$475,000. She will be 340 feet long, over all; is to be completed in the spring of 1902, and will replace the steamer "Montreal," now plying between Montreal and Quebec. She will be capable of running 20 miles an hour.

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\$5,000.--L. G. Leclair began business sion we recently noted, is making an offer of 60 cents, payable in instalments, at three, six, nine, and twelve months, which is considered a very fair offer, as compared with the average of compromises. The liabilities are some \$23,000. ----N. Maheux, of the same city, who has conducted a modest retail shoe business for some fifteen years, has assigned.



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In the famous Sudbury region Ontario possesses one of the two sources of the world's supply of nickel, and the known deposits of this metal are very large. Recently discoveries of corundum have been made in Eastern Ontario, which are believed to be the most extensive in existence.

The output of iron, copper, and nickel in 1900 was much beyond that of any previous year, and large developments in these industries are now going on.

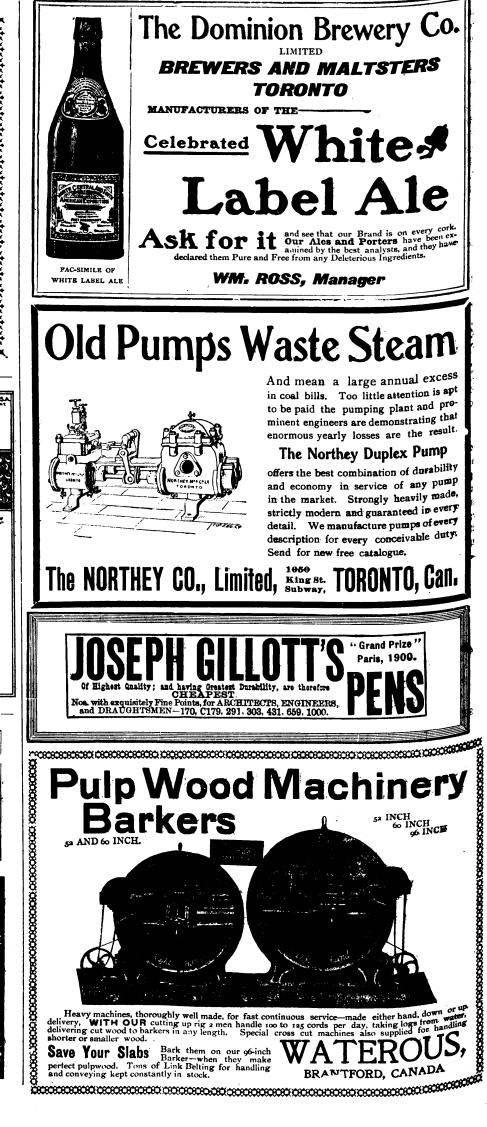
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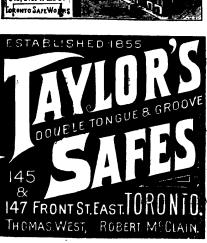
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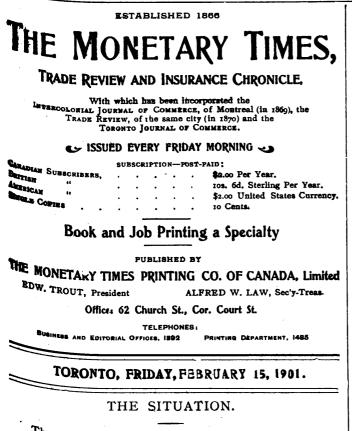
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The acceptance of an invitation to be present at the opening of the Australian Parliament, Sir Wilfrid Laurier admits, depends upon the length of the present session of the Canadian Parliament. The session does not look as it it would be long. The Government offers little except a chance to rest, and it has few promises to redeem as a tesult of the elections. An organ of the voice of ministers argued a month ago that time to reach Australia by the opening was even then wanting.

The Canadian Parliament opened in a way that Promises prompt despatch of business. The debate on the Address, which has sometimes consumed three whole Weeks, Was concluded in one day, no amendment having been proposed by the Opposition. The new leader of the Opposition showed to advantage, and gave the impression that he will act with judgment. An Opposition is always tempted to take extreme views, generally to repent when ite turn of office comes. In such cases, the greatest diffi-Culty with ministers is to live down their own antecedents and get on solid ground. From the days of the elder Pitt to Sir Richard Cartwright, this has been true. Government was lucky in escaping any serious penalty for the series of some of its the summersault on the tariff question of some of its members; but its course may not always prove to be so smooth. At present the Opposition exists only in name, il the leaders having lost their seats.

In answer to an interpellation, the first Minister of the Grown, at Ottawa, replies that the High Joint (International) Commission has not been dissolved, but is still in Ristence and will resume operations at the earliest possible The Premier is hopeful that the negotiations bray be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. boundary question, he hopes for an honorable settlement or an honorable compromise, or arbitration. On one point the seemed to be morally certain. "If," he said, "we canthird urselves agree, we certainly can agree to call in a third party, a friendly power, and submit the difficulty to arbitration;" In the meanwhile, the permanent boundary **bas** been left uncertain. The temporary boundary is a compared to the positions. The main compromise between two respective positions. The main

idea which prevailed at the selection was, "to place the boundary where it would be most convenient for business by the Dalton Trail, and round the Lynn Canal."

To cover ordinary expenditure, the Ottawa Government asks the sum of \$44,102,323, which is a decrease as compared with last year, of \$2,001,258. But till the supplementary estimates are in it is never possible to tell what the total expenditure of the year will be. The fixed statutory charges, uncontrollable expenditure, amount to nearly twenty millions; the interest on the public debt with contributions to sinking funds, absorbing over thirteen millions. The estimates provide for a capital expenditure of over six millions, bringing up the total to \$50,398,823. This is less by over six millions that was voted for the current year. Under the head of Railways and Canals a capital expenditure of \$5,124,500 is proposed; less by over two millions than last year. Before the session is over it will go hard with the railway promoters and bonus beggars if this difference cannot be lessened, by increase of the amount to be-voted. It is a burning question whether any better plan than naked uncompensated subsidies will be followed. No provision has so far been made for the services of the soldiers returned from Africa, for the reason that the British Government promised pensions on the scale of those granted to the British army; and in case these prove insufficient, according to Canadian ideas, the question of supplementing the amounts will be decided by the Ottawa Government.

In the Delpit marriage case, in which one of the parties seeks to get a decision that the marriage was no marriage, the decision will have to be not what the law ought to be, but on what it is. In the Manitoba School question, Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid down the true principle in this short and comprehensive formula: "the civil law prevails," which taken as a general principle would cover the present case. But if the actual law be adverse, the assertion of the principle would meanwhile only mean that civil law ought to prevail, and the necessity would arise for its practical application to future cases. The woman whom the plaintiff in the Delpit case seeks to brand as having entered on a state of concubinage, when she, in good faith, believed she was contracting a lawful marriage, would be cruelly dealt with if the law be tech nically found to be against her; her children, branded as illegitimate, would be made to suffer what they do not deserve. If the case should go against her, the time will have come to assert the supremacy of the civil law of marriage, for the future.

It is obvious that nothing has occurred to shake the faith of Ottawa's Premier in the form of Preference which Parliament enacted, last session, and which a general election must be held to have confirmed. In the debate on the Address in answer to the speech from the Chair of State, he challenged the leader of the Opposition or any of his followers, implying that his own followers could be relied on, "to criticize the British Preference of the Government." Hereupon one member, Mr. Maclean, of East York, said he was opposed to a one-sided preference. The Premier than asked how many others were of the same way of thinking. No one answered. Preference in its present form looks as if it would last through this Parliament, whatever may happen after.

In a discussion raised by Mr. Maclean, of East York, on a motion to adjourn-a course which should only be taken in cases of emergency, which this was not-the mover unfolded a plan by which he imagines the Government could get control of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk. His plan is to buy the stock in the open market. This is like setting the snare in sight of the bird. What would the companies be doing while the Government was buying a controlling interest of their stock? Would they fold their hands and do nothing? It is pretty certain they would find means of sending up the price to an unapproachable figure. Mr. Charlton drew a dismal picture of the evils of monopolies and trusts in the United States; and Mr. Maclean predicted revolution as a consequence, referring to a cartoon in a New York paper, in which Morgan, Rockefeller and others are represented as putting things in a bag. The United States looking on says : "When you get them into the bag I intend taking them over." In the second decade of the last century, the English banker Baring's name was used as a bugbear much more effectually in the United States than Morgan's could be at present. As a foreigner, Baring was prohibited from becoming a director of the Second Bank of the United States. At the same time it must be admitted that railway and other monopolies and Trusts are a serious danger to the United States.

Piet De Wet, a brother of the formidable Boer Commander, has gone to Cape Town to try to induce the Africander Bond to assist in bringing the war to an end. Two men only now stand in the way of peace, Steyn and De Wet. The peace-making brother of the latter says he believes, most likely he knows, that Louis Botha would surrender if Steyn and De Wet would. The Boers, as a military force, must be in a bad way. Piet De Wet says they are \$5,000,000 in debt. The stupendous sacrifice the Boers are making open no prospect; they lead only to disaster. The end must be near. Wolmarans, a Boer delegate to the United States and Europe, writes from Paris urging the Boers to surrender.

The Premier of Manitoba is reported as having said that the railway negotiations between the Provincial Government and Mackenzie and Mann had reached completion. The lessees, from their antecedents, may be relied on to run the roads for all they are worth, and it remains to be seen how the experiment of Government ownership, with private control of the operation, will work. What is clear is that it is different from the Government operating the roads it owns. This is about all that can be said of the new system at present. The farmers will want to know if they are to get the benefit of any reductions in If any be stipulated for in the contract, the rates. prospect of freight producers may be improved, but a close watch on the carrying out of the contract will be necessary, as each party may be relied on to stand on its extreme rights.

#### THE ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION.

The Minister of Public Works lets it be known that his aim, in connection with the St. Lawrence navigation, is to secure a channel, between Quebec and Montreal, 150 feet wide and 30 feet deep. The artificial part of the navigation is between these two cities; and while we were talking about first-class Atlantic steamers for the route, the fact was that the channel was not capacious enough to admit them. This made some impatient people, in the other provinces, conclude that it was not desirable to attempt to take the largest class of vessels above Quebec.

But There are still people who remain of that opinion. the country is too deeply committed to the plan of main taining Montreal as the principal inland port accessible from the sea to make this view generally acceptable. But Montreal can preserve its position in this connection only by doing its full duty in connection with the navigation, as it has never yet done. If the Conners Elevator Syndicate is a thing of the past, what is to take its place? How do people in the carrying trade expect to do business to the best advantage without adequate elevating facilities? Who is to provide the facilities? This question must be solved, and its solution is urgent. A movement on foot to provide induced to the solution is the solut provide independent insurance for this route assumes that there has been unjust discrimination against the route. There are causes for discrimination, but it does not follow that they justify the extent to which discrimination has Some ship-owners think it excessive; and the gone. Elder Dempster Company is prepared to take \$100,000 stock in the new insurance company, if it be formed.

#### WEST INDIA TRADE.

In one of a series of papers entitled "A Trip to the West Indies," the editor of the Maritime Merchant tells of the imports and exports. Such visits, by observant people who make records of them, are valuable as of the single island of St. Lucia showing Canadians what the trade with the West Indies means. The principal exports of St. Lucia are sugar, cocoa and rum, the total value of these amounting to about \$1,300,000 per annum as against imports of \$1,350,000. This shows the balance of trade to be against the island, but still "St. Lucia may be said to be in a fairly prosperous condition, the expenditures of the Imperial Government being sufficient during late years to cover the difference between what the island sells and what it buys." At the port of Castries, which has a good harbor and is the chef lieu of the island, and the naval station of the British Government in the West Indies, Mr. Stewart found some Blue Books from which he got the following particulars as to the goods brought from abroad into St. Lucia. The island imports, per annum, about 15,000 barrels of flour, 9,000 bushels of oats, 400 tons of hay, 29,000 pounds of cheese, 53,000 pounds of butter, 280,000 pounds of soap, 76,000 tons of coal, 7,000 pounds of tea, 1,560 barrels of biscuit, and 13,360 pounds of fancy biscuit. Canadian cheese and butter find their way to this island from Halifax, but the inhabitants do not appear to be acquainted with Canadian flour.

# CANADA'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

The report for 1900, just issued, of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, gives special attention to the work of the live stock commissioner, the cold storage service, extension of markets, trial shipments of tender fruits, condition of cheese, export of cheese, butter and apples, the fattening and export of chickens, and the general dairying The exports of butter increased in value from service. \$697,476 for the year ending June 30th, 1895, to \$5,122,156 for the year ending June 30th, 1900. During the latter half of last year there was a decrease in quantity, probably due to the relatively high prices being asked for cheeser which caused several butter factories being converted into cheese factories. Substantial increases are shown in the exports of ham, pork and bacon, though complaint was made as to the quality of some of the last-mentioned article. The following table shows the export value of some Canadian farm products for the past three years :-

Wheat	1898	1899	19 <b>0</b> 0
Flour	\$17,313,916	\$7,784 487	\$11,995,488
Oate	5, 125,760	3,105,288	2 791,885
Oats. Oatmeal.	3,041,578	3,268 388	2,143,179
	554.757	396,568	474,99 <sup>1</sup>
Cattle	1,813,792	1,955,598	2,145,471
	0,/=3,=9=	8,522,835	9,080,776
	17,572,763	16,776,765	19,856,324
Pork D	<b>2,046,68</b> 6	3,700,873	5,122,156
Pork, Bacon and Hams	8,092,930	10,473,211	12,803,034
•••••	1,255,304	1,267,063	1,457,902

There was exported 25,259,737 lbs. of butter in 1900. as against 20,139,195 lbs. the year before, and 11,253,787 lbs. in 1898. In 1900 the value exported to Britain was 4,947,000; United States, \$5,044; Germany, \$7,210; other foreign countries, \$43,176; B. N. A. provinces, \$66,069, and British Indies, \$53,657. Of cheese there was exported, 185,984,430 pounds last year, as against 189,827,839 in 1899, and 196,703,323 in 1898.

As regard live stock, the number of horses exported from Canadian ports to Europe during the year ended Sept. 30th, 1900, was 5,044, cattle, 115,056, sheep, 79,254.

In the poultry department, the report tells us of the experiments which had been conducted during the winter in the feeding of certain rations and noting their effect on egg production during that period.

The superior qualities of Canadian flour for bread making are not generally known by bakers or those who are directly interested. For sweetness, whiteness and strength, Canadian flour is unsurpassed. Bakeries for the sale of bread made from Canadian flour would, it is suggested, doubtless be a profitable commercial venture for business men in Great Britain, and would be of direct benefit to Canadian producers. Independent analysis of various flours showed the quantity of albuminoids (flesh-forming principles in food) to be one-tenth greater in Canadian flour than in the flour imported into Great Britain from European countries. It is well to note, also, that the export trade in Canadian oatmeal is growing.

#### MANITOBA AFFAIRS.

In the address of President Elliott, of the Board of Trade of Winnipeg, there is much to engage the attention, not only of members of that community, but Canadians everywhere who take an interest in the development of Manitoba. While asserting with justifiable force the conditions which make for the prosperity of the West, and the Confidence manifested by Eastern capitalists because of those conditions, Mr. Elliott does not paint everything fesses the reduced crop of wheat last year in Manitoba, and the restricted volume of trade which that implied. However, the farmers of that province are sowing something already prepared for the crop of 1901, apart from the work of the coming spring, over one and a half millions of acres

With his cheerful words about the city of Winnipeg, its growth in size and beauty, are mingled warning suggestions to the citizens. About the labor question, for instance, and also about the contract system of constructing public works, a better system of civic book-keeping. It will be well if heed be paid to such warnings promptly, for, if this be not done, there is danger that such advisings will be, as is so often the case, forgotten in the lapse of months, to be revived a year hence when the need that occasioned them is perceptibly greatet.

His paragraph upon the railway situation in Manitoba, as regards both city and province, is not less interesting than lengthy. Testimony from two sources is adduced in

As a delegate to favor of a Dominion Board of Trade. the International Congress of Commerce, held at Philadelphia, " Mr. Bole dwelt strongly on the necessity existing for some form of union between boards of trade in Canada, so that representatives might meet periodically, and discuss matters of importance affecting the commercial interests of the Dominion. \* \* \* Again this year, the same state of affairs is reported by Mr. Nares, our delegate to the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, in London, who pointed out the weakness of Canadian boards sending delegates before some common action had brought into harmony, and reduced to a concrete form, the views of the Canadian mercantile public." As to this it is to be remarked that it is questionable whether the Dominion Board of Trade, when it was in existence, was successful in providing the sort of machinery desired. The address strongly commends the introduction of manual training into the public schools, as likely to supplement the training, largely theoretic, which the schools afford, and to give a practical turn to the student mind.

The report of the council is voluminous and deals with a great variety of matters, commercial and other. The Red River improvements; postal matters; fire protection; inspection at Montreal of foreign grain; the growth of sugar beets in the province; the claims of creditors elsewhere to have a voice in the choice of assignees in the North-West Territories; passenger rates for commercial travellers; the grain committee's report; the London Congress of Chambers. In connection with the last mentioned subject we confess to unusual interest in the reference to a pamphlet on "Canada's Export Trade with Great Britain." In the pamphlet is outlined a scheme, the paternity of which belongs, we believe, to that ingenious and energetic Canadian, Hamilton Grant Mc-Micken, now of London. It is nothing less than the establishment of depots for the proper display and explanation to London's millions, of Canadian products and manufactures. A marked feature of the scheme is the erection of restaurants where Canadian fish, flesh and fowl shall be served as favored Canadians have them served; where Canadian cereals shall be cooked on the spot to educate the palates of Londoners and their visitors; where Canadian fruits may be provided, by means of cold storage, with none of their delicious flavor lost ; where hot bread and biscuits with Canadian butter, pancakes with Ontario or Quebec maple syrup, may be provided for the American in London, who is used to them, or the Britisher who wants to taste them. Not least in interest of the subjects glanced at in the report is the remarkable gathering of 1600 delegates at Grand Forks, in North Dakota, to consider the drainage of the Red River, resulting in a request to the government of the United States to improve that great stream.

#### THE SUGAR SITUATION.

So far as the local market is concerned, the situation in sugar is fairly quiet, though a normal turnover is being witnessed. No change in prices has taken place since the 18th ult., and there are reasons for suspecting that the scale in prices for some time to come will hardly be so large as it was during the past year. The cutting resulting from the competition between the American trust and the independent refiners is, from present indications, hardly likely to be resorted to again, at any rate in the near future. This will result in material benefit to retailers who have been hampered in the past by the fear of buying for more than their immediate requirements lest the prices might make a quick drop.

In New York, the market is quiet and unchanged, with a strong undertone. Refiners are willing buyers of centrifugal

sugars at 41/4c., while holders' ideas are for one-sixteenth more. Refiners' stocks in the "four ports" for the week ending 31st January were 98,935 tons, against 162,916 tons at the same time last year. Reports as to the growing crops are all favorable, and there is a large supply in sight. But, against this, the demand from the East, notably from Japan and China, is unprecedently large, and this, it is believed, may in a large measure offset any over-production. For domestic refined sugars, there are no special indications in sight at the present moment.

As we have before remarked in our columns, the question of producing sugar on our own soil is attracting great attention in several parts of the Dominion, and there is little doubt but that, granted the proper encouragement, the vigorous efforts being made to create a new industry will be crowned with a measure of success. There was a convention in Toronto on the 6th inst., of the Ontario Beet Sugar Association who, after a thorough discussion of the whole subject, decided to send deputations to both the Ontario and Dominion Governments to solicit assistance for the first few years. The result of the deputation's interview with the Premier of Ontario was encouraging. Mr. Ross thought an arrangement could be made to pay \$100,000 during a period of three years to be divided amongst several factories. At the present time some fifteen million dollars' worth of sugar is consumed in Canada annually, all produced elsewhere, whereas, with a little encouragement, capitalists would be fully willing to invest their money in establishing factories here. It is to be remembered that Canadian farmers are not accustomed to the cultivation of the sugar-beet, and that they would require to be educated on this line. To offset this initial disadvantage is the reason put forward for the proposal to endeavor to obtain a Government bonus on the output of say  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per pound.

#### INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

There has been complaint, and not without reason, of the inability of the Intercolonial Railway to carry, over that part of its line east of Truro, the traffic that has been poured upon it since the inception of the steel works at Sydney. It is satisfactory to learn from the Minister of Railways that great efforts are being made to improve the capacity of that part of the line. At present there is a most inconvenient switchback on the Port Mulgrave side of the Strait of Canso, over which the trains have to run in order to get down to the present ferry wharf at that place. Some time ago we ordered, says Mr. Blair, and there is now being constructed for us by the Armstrong Company, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, a steel ferry to replace the present anti-deluvian contrivance. The new ferry is one of the most modern built, with 2,000 horse-power engines, and so constructed as to easily overcome any difficulty with ice. She will cost \$250,000 and will be able to carry a locomotive with a train of four cars each trip. On the Port Hastings side the wharf will remain where it now is, at Point Tupper, and we will make the trip across the Strait diagonally.

The Minister adds that some sixty acres of land have been secured for yards and terminal facilities at Sydney; sixty heavy locomotives are being built and will be delivered this month, together with twelve hundred freight cars; the road is being laid with eighty pound rails and everything possible is to be done to meet the present increase and expected development of the business of the road.

#### THE PAN-AMERICAN EXHIBITION.

Our Buffalo friends are not negligent in keeping newspapers informed of what is being done to keep people in mind of the Pan-American Exposition in that city next summer. Every week or two we receive a broad-sheet with information as to who or what will be seen there. And it is only fair to the authorities to remind our readers that in extent and variety and beauty the Buffalo Exhibition buildings are already a marvel. What they will be when filled with products of all America, lighted at night in a wonderful way, made additic nally attractive by the Midway Plaisance, can only be appreciated when one visits them. We in Eastern Canada, especially in Ontario, are favorably situated for visiting this great fair, and whether there will be, by June next, an electric railway from Toronto to Buffalo or not, good facilities will be provided for getting to the latter city next summer.

There will be conventions, of course. The stockmen of the United States are likely, we are told, to be present in force. Architecta from the The force. Architects from the States and Canada are to have a gathering. Firemen are to have gatherings, pressmen likewise And many of the associations which have their summer annual meetings in American lake cities will this year give Buffalo the preference. We are gratified to find so many of the manu-facturers of Complete facturers of Canada prepared to exhibit on this occasion. The Ottawa Government has decided upon a Canadian building and Mr. J. X. Perrault is said to be the Dominion Commissioner. The Ontario and Manitoba governments have also recognized the importance of the event, and will send displays The Bureau of Mines of this province is preparing an exhibit of minerale of minerals, and we are told that the Ontario Society of Artists will make a display. If any selfish inducement were necessary for Canadian people who live across lakes Erie and Ortario from Buffalo to take an interest in this fair, it may be pointed out to them that tens of thousands of people from every part of South and North America will next summer, flock te Buffalo, to Niagara Falls, and-if inducements are presented them-to Canada, about which country so many have already a curiosity.

#### OTTAWA AND HULL FIRE.

Copies of the report upon the Ottawa and Hull Fire Relief Fund have been sent to us. It is a book of 120 pages containing a map of the burned district, and many illustrations tions of the ravages of that memorable fire of April, 1909. The chairman of the committee, Mr. George H. Perley, says distinctly (page 111), "There is no foundation for the report, which has been circulated in some quarters, that too much money has been subscribed to this fund," and he adds that the committee has been able to make good use of the whole amount of contributions. Besides contributions of clothing and food, which came from 140 places in Canada and 7 places in the United States, the sum of \$952,182 was subscribed in money-\$500,782 of it from Canada; \$363,248 from Great Britain; \$53,605 from British colonies, New Zealand and South Africa prominent; \$33,505 from the United States; \$1,036 from European and South American countries. The figures illustrate the almost world-wide character of the donations. One of the most practical of the kindly things done on the occasion was the sending by St. John of two of its citizens most experienced in relieving sufferers by the great fire of 1877; assist the Ottawa committee. The work of this committee which must have been onerous, has been well done, and the record of it by the hard-worked treasurer, Mr. J. C. Browne is extremely minute and interesting. The whole cost of administering this vast sum of nearly \$1,000,000, and of distributing the food and clothing that poured in upon them for many weeks, was only \$14,500.

#### BERLIN BOARD OF TRADE.

The Board of Trade of Berlin, Ont., has now some two hundred members, and sixty of them were present at the annual meeting in January. Thirty-two new members were elected at that meeting. Mr. S. J. Williams, the retiring president, reviewed the work of the year 1900. He claimed for the Board the credit for having brought the new railway to town, note withstanding the claim that other people are making. Mr. Williams put himself on record as opposed to any cash bonus to the new road. The matter of exemption to manufacturers was also touched upon as a question to be dealt with this year. Galt and Brantford have adopted a by-law, by which the council places the assessment of a manufacturer at a fixed amount for ten years.

The building operations in the town for 1900, amounted to \$150,000, in which are included four new factories, and additions to our old ones. The scarcity of female labor is a great hindrance to his and similar institutions. The probable location in Berlin of the Furniture Syndicate's headquarters, and the proposed enlargement of the trunk industry, was cited as evidence of the town's progressiveness. St. Thomas and Ingersoll possess committees of the board of trade and the town council, whose duty it is to be on the lookout for securing any new industry for their respective towns. He considered it would be well for the Berlin board to move in the same direction.

On motion, Mr. S. J. Williams was re-elected president by standing unanimous vote, and amid applause. Vice-president, Robert Smyth; treasurer, Edw. Smyth and secretary, H. J. Sims, were also reappointed. Some twenty members were nominated for the council. The balloting resulted in the election of the following: Aug. Lang, Geo. DeBus, Hugo Kranz, C. A. Ahrens, A. Pequegnat, J. U. Clemens, C. K. Hagedorn and Wm. Roos.

#### ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

P. B. K., Agnes, Que.—The headquarters of the concern is not in Toronto, but in New York. Have written you.

C. A. A., Sault Ste. Marie.—The Massachusetts Benefit Life Co. was put into the hands of receivers in 1898. The Canadian receiver was Mr. T. E. P. Sutton. We believe the assets have been distributed and the receivers discharged. Possibly you may hear of your policy by addressing Mr. Sutbr, care of Manufacturers' Life Co., Toronto. There was a dividend paid, we do not remember how much.

#### GOLDEN, B.C., BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Golden Board of Trade was beld on Thursday, 31st January, 1901. The president, Mr. J. S. Gibb, in the chair. Among the measures discussed by the bcard, and as a rule adopted, were an increased Government alpropriation for Golden; the improvement of the Fort Steele road; the passing of an amendment to the statute whereby the whole province of British Columbia was created a fire district, actual undertaking by the Dominion Government of the conthus having a tendency to preserve our valuable timber; the removal to Golden from Revelstoke (which was formerly the headquarters for this district) of several offices; the improvement of the mail service between Golden and Windermere. The chairman concluded by thanking the members of the town.

Messrs. Aylmer, McNeish and Ullock responded. An manimous vote of thanks was tendered to Messrs. Gibb and O'Brien for the valuable services they had rendered the body. The election of officers resulted as follows: J. S. Gibb, president; C. H. Parson, vice-president; Thos. O'Brien, secretarytrasurer. Messrs. H. G. Parson, J. G. Ullock, G. B. McDermot and C. A. Warren, council.

#### SHERBROOKE BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Sherbrooke Board of Trade took place on the 1st inst., but owing to the small attendance, the business of electing officers was postponed until the 5th, president, Mr. J. M. Dufresne; council, Messrs. J. P. Royer, J. A. Wiggett, W. B. Neil, W. R. Webster, L. A. Bayley, A. Sangster, L. J. Codere, A. H. Foss, J. S. Mitchell and W. W. Morency

#### BRANTFORD BOARD OF TRADE.

The address of the president of this body, on the occasion figures to illustrate the continued progress of Brantford as an industrial centre. The number of factory employees in the Two important industries, a malleable iron works and a packcerns, removing from other places will shortly add to the artivity of Brantford. City improvement; a retail merchants'

organization; railway matters, are among the subjects dealt with in Mr. Hamilton's address. It is pleasing to learn from the secretary's report that 115 names were added to the membership of the board in 1900. Mr. J. S. Hamilton received a hearty vote of thanks for his services, and was promptly reelected to the presidency. Mr. Lloyd Harris was chosen vicepresident, and Mr. George Hately, secretary-treasurer. We have not yet received complete lists of the council and committees.

#### TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL LIFE.

The portion of the report of this company that we are accustomed to examine with most interest is that relating to the risks on teetotallers as compared with those who indulge in malt or spirituous liquors. The company has carried, during fifteen years an equivalent of 45,318 lives for one year in the Temperance Section, and 13,547 in the General Section. The death losses during the period were 254 in number. Of these 170 occurred in the Temperance Section and 84 in the General Section. The death losses for the entire period averaged 4.24 per annum per 1,000 of the average number of lives in the whole business, and being distributed were as follows: 3.75 per 1,000 lives in the Temperance Section and 6.2 per 1,000 lives in the General Section. While the death rate was low in both sections, there was thus a much lower death rate in the Temperance than in the General Section. The report says: "Our experience with regard to the two sections corresponds exactly with the comparative record and experience made by every company throughout the world that has classified its risks similarly."

The company wrote 1,405 policies for \$1,870,680 of new business in 1900, and its total risks now exceed ten millions of dollars. Its statement shows a growth of \$130,000 in assets, and a surplus which now amounts to \$103,000. Assets are of a good class, and the company's affairs continue to show signs of very careful administration. The increase in its business is steady and healthy.

#### IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

It is an advantage for any company to have as its president a cautious and scrupulous man, who weighs his words, and who it may be presumed considers his acts in respect of any concern with which he may be connected in an official capacity. Such a man is Sir Oliver Mowat, president of the Imperial Life Company. His address before the annual meeting last week puts some of the company's statements and figures in a different setting from that in which they appear in the official report. Ard his reminiscent comparisons are of interest. He shows the growth of the company's figures during several years, and deduces from them the progress and increasing strength which it has been the object of the management to compass.

The Imperial has done well in 1900. It shows increases in income. in assets, in business in force, and in net surplus—and what more could any company expect? Total income was \$356,133; total assets, \$1,102,092; assurance in force, \$0,226,350; net surplus, \$39,190—handsome figures. In his address, the managing director called attention to four features which in his opinion accounted for the company's success: 1st. its plans; 2rd, its liberal form of contract; 3rd, its financial position; 4th, its promptness in paying claims. With submission we would suggest a fifth, which Mr. Cox did not mention, namely, the energetic work of its agency staff and the vigilance of its management.

After dwelling upon the character of the company's assets, Mr. Ames, the vice-president, took high ground in declaring that the Imperial declines to assert its own eminence by disparaging rival life companies. This is a welcome announcement, truly, and such a stand is rare enough now-a-days. He did well to insist, as this journal has many times insisted, upon "life insurance being one of the most dignified and important of all businesses;" and remarked upon the improved relations which now exist between managers of life companies in Canada in comparison with those which used to exist. It is not dignified. it is not necessary, and it is, as Mr. Ames points out, a departure from the policy pursued by banks, railways, and other corporations, for any life company to depreciate respectable rivals in its reports or advertisements.

#### NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

When a life company has twenty-three millions of dollars excess of income over expenditure in a single year, one who hears of it naturally asks what kind of a business the company does to allow of such a marvellous showing in this particular. If he will turn, as we have just turned, to the report for 1900 of the New York Life Insurance Company, he will find some more startling figures, thus: Renewal premiums, \$31,751,615 increase, five millions over 1899— w premiums, \$11,638,731 increase, one million over 1899. Interest and rents, \$10,155,941, decrease, \$76,820—total assets, \$262,196,000—increase twenty-six millions in the year. Such great receipts and resources can or ly be understood in their true significance when we view them in the light of corresponding payments and obligations.

Attached to the report is a certificate from the state superintendent of insurance, under date Albany, 2nd January, 1901, declaring the total net reserve values of policies and annuities to be \$213,247,893. The valuations are made on a four per cent. basis, with the exception of the last two years' policies, which are valued at three per cent. This company paid in 1900 more than \$17,000,000 (seventeen millions of dollars), for death claims, endowments and annuities, and six millions and a quarter (\$6,266,806), for dividends and surrender values, and the expense of conducting the business was over eleven millions.

It may be seen from the above figures what vast benefits a great life company is able to confer upon thousands of persons, not only by policy-payments to dependent ones, but by distribution of profits to living policy-holders and by the issue of annuities and endowments. Such results commend the beneficence of life assurance. It is interesting to notice, further, that where the total paid-for business of the New York Life at the end of 1899 amounted to \$1,061,871,000, the new insurance of 1900, paid for, was \$232,388,000, and the old insurance revived and increased came to \$2,395,000. Deducting terminations from all causes we find a total of *paid-for* business at 1st January this year equal to \$1,202,156,000, under 511,600 policies. Truly this is a strong and progressive company.

#### VIRDEN BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Virden board of trade was held on the 5th inst. The secretary read the ninth annual report of the council. The following officers were elected for the year: President, J. W. Higginbotham; vice-president, H. C. Simpson; secretary-treasurer, George H. Healey; auditor, R. Adamson; council, Messrs. B. Meek, H. J. Pugh, J. F. Frame, W. J. Wilcox, R. E. Trumbell, D. McDonald, W. J. Kennedy, J. H. Agnew, R. Adamson, W. D. Craig, F. R. McLellan and J. T. Norsworthy. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution dealing with provincial hail insurance, and to further endcavor to secure the co-operation of the surrounding municipalities. A committee was also appointed to draft a resolution expressive of the board's regret at the loss the country has sustained in the death of Queen Victoria. After the discussion of immigration and other matters the board adjourned.

#### CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

From a condition of latency to one of alertness; from a society of hum-drum inactivity to one of practical usefulness; frcm an organization of clever business people not working in unison to a body alive with concentrated energy—such is the change which has taken place in the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

The president, Mr. P. W. Ellis, is a successful manufacturer, a person who has travelled throughout the empire, and who knows a deal about how Camada's trade may be extended and why there are certain directions in which extension is not easy. Mr. Russell, the secretary, is a young man particularly well adapted for the position which he holds. To his energy and judgment is due, in no small measure, we think, the revived condition in which the association finds itself.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Webb's parlors in this city to discuss, after dinner, the metric system of weights, measures and moneys. Members and their friends their friends were invited to be present at 6.30 p.m., and 130 turned up. Among the gathering, which was thoroughly representative, were Mr. P. W. Ellis, Mayor Howland, Principal Loudon. Prof I. Calberith D. Andrew Loudon, Prof. J. Galbraith, Prof. W. H. Ellis, Dr. Andrew Smith Morrow Andrew E. Bond, H. Lumsden, John Taylor, E. C. Boeckh, G. I. Riddell, W. B. Tindall, N. T. Lyon, B. A. C. Craig, A. W. Thomas I O There P. D. Thomas, J. O. Thorn, F. Doan, J. McAllister, T. A. Staunton, W. K. Googner, M. W. K. George, Thomas Roden, C. H. Riches, E. T. Carter, Geo. H. Loca, J. D. William J. M. Starter, J. A. Starter, J. P. Starter, J. Geo. H. Lees, J. F. Wildman, L. V. Dusseau, Geo. Forbes, W. Edmonds, H. Vigeon, George E. Martin, G. P. Breckon, S. H. Charter, F. Breckon, S. H. Chapman, Frank Rolph, J. W. Thompson, T. A. Russell, John Cowan, Inspector Chapman, and others.

In opening the proceedings the president stated that but one toast, that of the King, would be proposed. It was the first time that the toast had been honored by the vast majority of those present, and it was evident that the change was a sad one. The notice calling the meeting mentioned that the discussion of the metric system would be introduced by Messis. Arthur Harvey, of Toronto, and Jeffrey Burland, of Montreal, both gentlemen having given special study to the question. Mr. Burland unfortunately was unable to be present. The metric system has been adopted in many European countries, and a bill is now before the United States Senate looking to its adoption in that country. It was thought, therefore, that Canadian manufacturers should be made well aware of the advantages and disadvantages of the adoption of such a system.

In rising to speak Mr. Harvey dealt first with what he described as the philosophy of the subject of metric weights and measures, pointing out how for two thousand years the changes in the map of the world had shown the necessity for a uniform system. Many of the European countries had now adopted the metric system, and Great Britain and the United States were called upon to either remain in a state of isolation or come into the union. Where the system had been adopted it had found favor. At the present time, Turkey, Russia, Denmark and Greece, as well as Great Britain and the United States had not adopted the metric system. Mr. Harvey pointed out also the benefits that would accrue to internal trade and foreign commerce. He considered that Canada might well endeavor to bring about a conference between Great Britain and America, and such an association as he addressed might lead the movement, and perhaps have the commissioners meet in Toronto. In Commissioners meet in Toronto. In Canada Mr. Harvey considered the new system could be learned in one or at most two years.

A general discussion followed the reading of Mr. Harvey's paper. Principal Galbraith, of the School of Practical Science, agreed with the principles of the system, as outlined by Mr. Harvey. The professor held that now was the time to unite upon a common standard.

Principal Loudon, of Toronto University, in remarking that in the university both the metric and the English system were used, said that to those who use the metric system it was always a puzzle why John Bull should not have adopted it. Perhaps it was because of the immense pride he had in anything that belonged to himself, and his utter contempt for what came from abroad. If he had his way, he would adopt the metric system at once, and he hoped the association would pursue the matter to a successful conclusion.

A resolution was proposed by Mr. T. A. Russell that the Executive Committee of the association place itself on record in favor of a conference between Great Britain, the United States and other Anglo-Saxon people, in order to arrive at a uniform basis of weights and measures.

This was seconded by Mr. James Murray and supported by H B. Spotton, principal of Harbord Street Collegiate Institute; Prof. Ellis, of the School of Practical Science; School Inspector Chapman, and Mayor Howland. It was carried unanimously.

It is the intention of the association to hold monthly meetings of a similar nature, when other subjects of importance may be discussed.

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#### FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

The new pork factory at Stouffville commenced operations last week.

Indications point to a short pepper crop during the coming season, and prices are likely to make a steady advance.

The Canadian Canners' Association were last week the Ruests of the Atlantic Canned Goods Packers' Association, who were holding their annual session at Rochester, N.Y.

The supply of pork has become so limited, and the com-Petition so keen in the neighborhood of Hamilton, that there is tome talk of a combine among the factories, as at present they tre running at only half their capacities.

The grocery clerks and drivers of Toronto have reorganized the Grocery Clerks' Association, with the following officers: President, A. V. Bradley; vice-president, James McGrath; corresponding secretary, William Ball; recording secretary, Geo. Riley; treasurer, R. H. Hudson.

Despatches from British Columbia state that shipping men, inticipating a heavier salmon pack than was put up by provincial cannerymen last year, have already begun to engage tennage for the transportation of the output to the English a arket. Three vessels have been already chartered.

Word comes from Wallaceburg that, as we noticed the other day was likely, the beet sugar factory is an assured thing for that that town,, a contract having been made with the Wolverine Sugar Co., of Benton Harbor, Mich., to renew their plant at Walls Wallaceburg. The terms of the contract are not published as Jet .

The Standard Pork Packing Company, Toronto, a new Creanization with a capital of \$40,000, which will open retail stores throughout the country in connection with the new factor factory at Stouffville, has elected Mr. E. Mackenzie, president, and Mr. G. Stevenson, vice-president. Messrs. S. M. Matthews, R Lavery and Geo. Puddy are the other directors.

According to the report of the inspector of fisheries, the Pack of salmon in British Columbia during the past season was  $35_{5,519}$  cases, or 36,744,912 pounds, an increase over the previcus year of 23,642,452 pounds, though a considerable decrease Cumpared for last year 664,332 cumpared with 1897. Of the above figures for last year 664,332 cases Cises were sockeye, 50,000 spring, 43,337 cohoes and the balance (for the first time in the history of the British Columbia canning industry), humpback and dog salmon.

The London Times, in a review of last year's cheese trade, has the following to say about Canada: The days of "filled" theese t cheese have passed away, and the cheese makers of the United States h States, by supplying a genuine article, are again trying to get held of held of our markets. Canada, however, has got such a firm toting here on account of the excellence of her cheese that she may look for a long time to come to the prospect of supplying at least 1. at least half of our requirements from abroad under this head.

#### FOR DRY GOODS DEALERS.

All advices from the foreign linen markets report continued higher prices without any prospect for a decline.

A syndicate has been formed of practically all the collar and cuff and shirt houses in Troy, N.Y., with a capital of about \$20,000,000.

In Paris, France, quite a large number of the dressmaking establishments are having trouble with their employees, and in some strikes are taking place.

S. F. McKinnon & Co., limited, of Toronto, the wellknown importers of millinery and millinery novelties, and manufactures have opened a branch manufacturers of millinery and mininery account in Montacturers of mantles and costumes, have opened a branch <sup>in</sup> Montreal.

There is a lace workers' strike at Calais, France, which has now lasted nearly three months, during which time 14,000 operatives have been out of employment. Orders to the extent of  $v_{er} \notin v_{er}$ cver £ 3,000,000 for the spring season are remaining unexecuted. Some of the firms are arranging to transfer their orders to Not-tingham tingham, as they will otherwise have to be cancelled.

The loose front French corset cover has displaced the seamless or fitted garment in the United States. Another sea-

son, if the straight-front corsets are generally worn, the fitted cover will be only an incident in the line, as the new corset calls for a differently shaped covering. The bouffant, skirtless covers are the selling styles. Cheap and effective laces afford an excellent opportunity for creating the French covers, in very low-priced goods.

A despatch from Nottingham says that prices remain high for all plain goods, and machinery producing bobbin nets, light tulles and mosquito nets is well engaged. Good quantities of mechlin and zephyr tulle and spotted nets are moving, and there is a fair demand for corset nets, but there is not much doing in stiff foundation nets. In the fancy millinery lace departments various kinds of allover nets and galoons are in favor.

The Montreal Cotton Company at its annual meeting held on the 12th inst., decided to increase its capital from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000, of which some \$500,000 will be required almost immediately to meet the expenses incurred in the erection of the new mill in Valleyfield. The following gentlemen were elected directors: Messrs. A. F. Gault, Charles Garth, Jacques Grenier, Hon. J. K. Ward, R. R. Stevenson, S. H. Ewing, and Samuel Finley. At a subsequent meeting, Mr. Gault was elected president, and Mr. Garth, vice-president.

#### BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

LIST OF OFFICERS, members, committees, the council, etc., of the St. John Board of Trade. With the compliments of the secretary, 1901.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange, presented at the annual meeting in January.

REPORT OF THE CORN EXCHANGE of Montreal, submitted at the annual meeting.

A PAPER ON UNIFORMITY OF PRACTICE, by B. Hal. Brown. Read before the Insurance Institute of Montreal, 28th December. 1000.

#### AN INTERESTING INDUSTRY.

To watch the passage of a raw material into a finished product is always interesting; when this happens to be a food-product, a peculiar added satisfaction is felt from the consciousness of great care and cleanliness, which are so essential in this line of manufacture, besides possibly a foretaste of certain pleasures to come. These thoughts occurred to us a few days ago on a visit to the factory of the well-known cocoa and chocolate manufacturers, Cowan Co., limited, Toronto, who have done much to place this industry, a comparatively novel one for Canada, on an established basis. This company has been in existence some fifteen years, but was organized on its present footing in 1890. They have a well-equipped factory on King street west, but the growth of their business has caused some crowding, and we understand the intention is to build a large addition at the back of their present premises almost immediately. As is probably known to our readers, cocoa or chocolate is the bean or fruit of the tropical cacao tree. The first operation in its manufacture consists in roasting the seeds, whereby the aromatic substance forming its basis is retained and the starchy matter changed into dextrin. This is accomplished in large revolving cylinders. and has to be done with great care, as the flavor is impaired by either too much or too little heat. The roasted beans are then taken to the crushing or winnowing machines, by means of which they are reduced to the form of nibs, the shells or husks being separated by the action of a strong fan blast. These nibs are then subjected to another process of winnowing through sieves, by which the hard cocoa "germs" are sifted out, all discolored or otherwise imperfect fragments being removed by hand. It may here be stated parenthetically that cocoa is sometimes sold in the form of nibs, practically its purest state, but the objection in the public mind will always be their comparative insolubility. The next process is grinding, which is effected in cylinder machines, having an outer fixed casing within which revolves a drum. The nibs are fed in by a hopper on the upper part of the apparatus, and are carried round its circumference by the revolution of the drum. and come forth as a thin, pasty mass. In this process no liquid is added, the heat developed by the friction within the cylinders being sufficient to liquefy the oil, which again sets when the paste becomes cool. For combining cocoa with sugar in the manufacture of chocolate, a machine called a melangeur is employed. This consists of a round revolving slab forming a pan, the sides being of steel. The cocoa and sugar are poured into this receptacle, while two heavy stationary rollers bruise the thick mass until it attains the consistency of thick dough. A scraper revolves just above the rotary stone slab, and distributes the chocolate as it passes. This operation, in the Cowan Company's process, is repeated in two or three machines until the last trace of lumpiness has disappeared. In the factory, besides the above we saw sugar-crushing machines, also the apparatus for cooling the chocolate in summer-time by the ammonia process. Space forbids us, however, going into further details. We can only add that this company's brands of cocoa, chocolate and confections enjoy the very best of reputations. We have seen a letter written by Col. Ryerson, M.D., Canadian Red Cross Commissioner in South Africa, from Bloemfontein, in which he stated that Cowan's was the only chocolate which withstood the hot weather without melting, and speaking in the highest terms of its good quality. Of cocoa as a health beverage it is hardly necessary to speak. The name of its active principle is derived from two Greek words meaning "food for the gods," but, besides this, it is surprisingly rich in albuminoids, or flesh-forming ingredients. While tea and coffee contain but little alimentary matter, cocoa may be said to consist almost entirely of soluble nutriment.

#### INSURANCE MATTERS.

It is interesting to recall that this week Mr. W. M. Ramsay completes his fiftieth consecutive year of service with the Standard Life Assurance Company. He retires to-day from the Canadian management of this old and strong company, and his place is taken by Mr. D. M. McGoun.

The meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, called for Wednesday, 13th inst., was adjourned till Wednesday a week later. Montreal members of the association found themselves unable, owing to recent disastrous fires in that city, to be present. Also, the Toronto Fire Underwriters' Association meeting was adjourned for a week.

The Montreal representative of the Elder-Dempster steamships, Mr. D. W. Campbell, received the following cablegram from Mr. Jones, the head of the company, on February 9th: "Very anxious to know what you are doing about insurance company. Invite anyone interested come here with you confer with us. Canada will not get fair play until she has independent insurance to look after Canada general business. We take  $\pounds$  50,000 shares provided everything arranged satisfactorily. Confer Dobell."

It appears that the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association has issued a new tariff of insurance rates in Quebec, which went into operation on Tuesday, and which has provoked some comment. In the lower town three-year policies are not permitted, with the exception of those on churches, convents, schools and hospitals, which may be written for three years at an increase of twice the annual rate. In the Upper Town three years' policies are permitted, but 10 per cent. is added to the rates on buildings and contents. Annual rates have an additional twenty-five per cent. added on both buildings and contents outside the walls and on contents only inside the walls.

It is curious, that after each big fire and threats of higher rates of insurance, people threaten to form more insurance companies and seem to forget that the fires of the future must hit these as well as other underwriters. It is suggested, in connection with the recent advance in fire insurance rates by a Quebec paper that each municipality should cover its own risks, and that Montreal should take the lead in trying the experiment. The proposal leads The Montreal Gazette to say: "This kind invitation to 'bell the cat' is not likely to be eagerly accepted by the citizens of Montreal. Under such conditions, a fire such as we had recently would mean not only a serious in jury to trade but a considerable increase in taxation. A bigger fire would greatly hamper even a large municipality. What the city can do is to provide such appliances that competition will keep the rates at a reasonable figure. After that, all that is left is for the insurers to pay—and grumble."

A conference between shippers, merchants, importers, underwriters, and others interested in the trade with Canada, was held recently at the London Chamber of Commerce, to consider the exclusion of Canada from the ordinary insurance rates under the "No British North America" clause, also to consider whether this discrimination against British North America was based on any belief that vessels in this trade were overloaded, and, if so, whether it would be desirable to urge that such overloading should be prohibited by law. The Hon. Mr. Dobell, who was present at the meeting, explained that, owing to the losses (chiefly of deck loads), which underwriters had sustained going from the ports on the St. Lawrence and Gulf and Bay of Fundy, there was an increased charge for insurance of I per cent. extra all the year round, and 3 per cent. from Sept. I until the end of the season. This increased charge militated against Canadian trade. The Dominion Government, having recognized what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade introduced what a check this is to Canadian trade what a check the c trade, introduced a bill in the 1899 session for enacting that all deck loads leaving Canadian ports should first have to pass an inspection by C inspection by a Government official with the object of minimizing the losses on such loads. This bill, however, had been withdrawn owing to strong opposition from St. John steamship owners, but Mr. Dobell said, he was hopeful that it would be reintroduced and passed in the coming session.

-We have found it interesting to read the recent reminiscent editorial in The Maritime Merchant, in which the Editor has what may be called a didactic chat with his readers. The journal in question, we wish to say in passing, is one of our exchanges for which we always look with interest. It contains a better resumé of business affairs in the Maritime Provinces than we find anywhere else. Its editorials are set sible, and the field it aims to cover is large. Typographically it is an extremely neat paper; and its advertisements show often as much skill in their wording as taste in their display. But to return to the chat we spoke of. It is therein urged that the support and suggestion of its subscribers have largely led to the improvement and success which has characterized The Merchant And Merchant. And a continuance of letters and suggestions is asked for, upon the ground that practical hints are what set papers need to make them what intelligent readers like Further, the help of readers is needed to keep the paper up to its standard. Not to progress often means to go backward. The management admits the duty of furnishing, week by week, a paper worthy of the price subscribers pay.

-It is significant to find the head of so important a concern as the Elder-Dempster Steamship Company offering to take £50,000 stock in an independent insurance company, which shall take risks in the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, as appears from their cable message of Saturday last to their Montreal representative. It is indicated in that message that Canada is not getting fair play from the marine underwriters. And it must be encouraging to find Mr. Jones offering to conter in England on the matter with anyone interested. This indicates a hearty sympathy with the proposal of a new compary. Still, the important thing is to get rid of the impression in Old Country insurance circles that the St. Lawrence is an imperfectly lighted and unduly dangerous route. In this, Government can assist.

#### CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, February 14th, 1901, compared with those of the previous week :

	129,448,386	\$28,611,074 \$4,208,446
Victoria	475 810	798,699
Vancouver	627,976	715,607
St. John	732,055	680+***
Hamilton	<b>736, 186</b>	811,007 685,446
Halifax	1,818,876	1,480,174
Winnipeg	1,958,207	1,828.249
Toronto	10,586,000	10,288,709
Montreal	\$13,013,276	\$12,008,183
CLEARINGS.	Feb. 14, 1901.	Feb. 7, 1911
ne previous week :		

Aggregate balances, this week, \$4,515,279; last week. \$4.90

# Fifteenth Annual Report

#### **OF THE**

# **Temperance** and **General** Life Assurance Co. **Of North America**

The following is a synopsis of the fifteenth annual report of the Temperance and General Life Assurance Company, sub-Mitted to the annual meeting held on January 23rd, 1901:

The report showed a net income from premiums and interest of \$294,509.26, which was a gain of \$51,541.49 over the anount received in the previous year, and \$81,809.59 over the amount received in the previous year, and the policyholders for all other all purposes was \$68,791.78, and the expenditure for all other Purposes was \$106,044.74.

Of the death claims paid amounting to \$59,091.56, claims  $f_{01}$ ,  $\eta_{2,236}$  accrued in the previous year, \$1,000 was reinsured, and \$5,750 awaited proofs before settlement.

Of the 254 losses by death, which occurred during the first 15 years of the company's experience, 50 were caused by accidents, and the whole number were distributed as follows between the two sections, viz.: 170 were in the Temperance Section, and 84 in the General Section, making the average the p. loss ratio for the whole period 3.75 per 1,000 lives in the Temperance Section, and 6.2 per 1,000 lives in the General regard to these two sections corresponds exactly with the com-paration of the section of the se The report states as follows: "Our experience with Parative record and experience made by every company through throughout the world that has classified its risks similarly, i.e., We have We have had a favorable mortality in our General Section, and a much more favorable mortanty in our contents Section." The section our Temperance Section." The assets at the close of the year amounted to \$925,182.28, bringing it the close of the year amounted to \$925,182.28, bringing them within easy reach of the \$1,000,000 mark, as the increase to \$257.068.06. The increase for the last two years amounted to \$257,968.06. The tuber to the last two years amounted to the fact that report says: We refer with great satisfaction to the fact that We again closed our books without a dollar of interest owing to the to the company and overdue on account of any security held by it. This it. This completes a record of seven years in which we have stood alo stood alone as the one company that could make this claim year after was of a single other comafter year. In fact we have only known of a single other company having made the claim for one year. Our claim is a broad. It is this: broad one, and it covers a comparatively long period. It is this: We have  $W_e$  have closed the books for seven successive years without a data we have never owned a dollar of interest due and unpaid, and we have never owned a dollar's worth of real estate either on account of compromise of a data

of debt, foreclosure of a mortgage or purchase. Our liabilities on account of policy reserves are placed at Brain 28, which is a considerably larger amount than the present 1. bresent legal requirements, and our other liabilities amount in all to so o all ite \$2,900.31, making a total liability of \$821,272.59 on our

own right basis of valuation.

Our reserve habilities to our policyholders were computed on the basis of 31/2 per cent. interest for policies issued in 1900: on the basis of 4 per cent. interest for policies issued in 1899, 1898 and 1897, and on the old legal standard of 41/2 per cent. interest on business secured prior to the beginning of 1897. It will be seen from this that we have done a good deal towards getting ready for the higher standard of valuation that we will be required by law to maintain a few years hence. To meet the new standard requires the withholding of money tor reserves that would otherwise go to swell our surplus or be declared as dividends to policyholders.

As, however, the safety of all life insurance contracts is of the utmost importance, and the strengthening of reserves not only does not mean that persistent policyholders will receive smaller returns in the long run, but on the other hand that they will receive larger returns for their outlay, we feel that this move is in the right direction, and will be approved of by all high class risks who fully understand and appreciate the situation.

During the year 1,520 applications for \$2,073,580 insurance were received, and 1,405 policies for \$1,870,680 were issued, increasing the company's gross business to 8,774 policies on 8,337 lives for \$10,132,580 of insurance divided as follows: In the Temperance Section 7,014 policies for about \$7,750,000, and in the General Section 1,760 policies for about \$2,200,000

It is pointed out that although the company has always been very conservative in the selection of its risks, it has added upwards of \$2,000,000 to its insurance in force in the past two years, of which \$1,700,000 was in its Temperance Section. The report makes a strong appeal to total abstainers to give the company their patronage. A recommendation is made with regard to the continuance of surplus to policyholders and shareholders as in former years.

The benefit which the company derives from its paper, entitled "Our Advocate," is referred to. It is mailed free to all who request it to be sent them.

The officers and agents of the company are also referred to in complimentary terms.

The following foot note is added to the report:

Since our report was in type we have been advised that the reserve value placed on our policies by the Department of Insurance, at the legal standard, is \$802,289.59; or \$10,182.69 less than we made it on our rigid basis of valuation.

This valuation would make our total surplus for the protection of policyholders \$154,092.38, including the unpaid Guarantee Fund of \$40,000.

The only change made in the directorate was the replacing of Mr. John Flett, who had resigned, by Mr. Wm. Strachan.

# FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL STATEMENT New York Life Insurance Company

Nos. 346 and 348 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

JOHN A. McCALL, President

#### BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 1st, 1901

ASSETSUnited States, State, City, County and other Bonds (cost value, \$157,212,823), m: rk ± value, Dec. 31, 1900\$164 883,973Bonds and Mortgages (674 first liens)34,798 942Real Estate (70 pieces, including 12 office buildings)16,925,900Loans to Policy-holders on their policies as security (legal value thereof, \$24,000,000)14,382,769Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks, at interest14,070,177.Stocks of Trust and Railroad Companies, (\$2,965,000, cost value), market value, Dec. 31, 19005,471,000Quarterly and Semi-Annual Premiums not yet due, re- serve charged in Liabilities2,575,843Premiums Notes on Policies in force (Legal Reserve to secure same, \$4,000,000)2,133,365Interest and Rents due and accrued1,680,405	LIABILITIES Policy Reserve (per Certificate of New York Insurance Department), Dec. 31, 1900
TOTAL ASSETS	TOTAL LIABILITIES
CASH INCOME, 1900         New Premiums (Annuities \$1,131,093) \$11,638,731         Renewal Premiums	EXPENDITURES, 1900Paid for Death-claims, Endowments and Annuities\$17,089,020Paid for Dividends and Surrender Values6,266,606Commissions and all other payments to agents (\$5,399,-145) on New Business of \$232,388,255; Medical Examiner's Fees and Inspection of Risks (\$617,967).6,017,119Home and Branch Office Expenses, Taxes, Advertising, Equipment Account, Telegraph, Postage, Commissions on \$969,768,410 of Old Business, and Miscellaneous Expenditures5,753,425Balance—Excess of Income over Expenditures for the year23,788,156Total Expenditures and Balance\$58,914,519
INSURANCE	E ACCOUNT D-FOR BUSINESS ONLY.
In Force December 31, 1899 New Insurance Paid-for, 1900 Old Insurances revived and increased, 1900	

	In Force December 31, 1899 New Insurance Paid-for, 1900 Old Insurances revived and increased, 1900	115.299	\$1,061,871,985 232 388.255 2,395,370	
Deduc	TOTAL PAID-FOR BUSINESS	554,108	\$1,296,655,610	
	By Death, Maturity, Surrender, Expiry, &c	42,508	94,498,945	
Gain in	Paid for Business in Force December 31, 1900	511,F00 73,824	\$1,202,156.665 \$140,283,680	

Certificate State of New York Insurance Department.

ALBANY, January 2, 1901.

I, FRANCIS HENDRICKS, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, do hereby certify that the New York Life Insurance of the State of New York, A Mutual Life Insurance Company having no Capital Stock, is duly authorized to transact the business of Life Insurance in this State.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, in accordance with the provisions of Section Eighty-four of the Insurance Law of the State of Com-bined Experience Table of Mortality, at four per cent. interest (Policy obligations of the last two years' issue are valued on a higher basis-that of the American Table of Mortality with three per cent. interest), and I certify the result to be as follows :--Net Reserve Value of Policies, \$196,357,015; Net Reserve Value of Additions, \$3,373,058; Net Reserve Values of Annuities, \$13,517,766. Total, \$213,247,839. Less Net Reserve Value of Policies reinsured, \$215,637. Total Net Reserve Values, \$213,032,202. I FURTHER CERTIFY, from the sworn report of the Company on file in this Department, that the Admitted Assets are \$262. Reserve Values of Policies as calculated by this Department.

Reserve Values of Policies as calculated by this Department, \$213,032,202; additional Reserve on Policies which the Company values on a 3 per cent. or a 3½ per cent. basis over the 4 per cent. valuation by the Department, \$4,283.077; Reserve to provide Dividends payable to Policy-holders in 1901 and in subsequent years, \$31,385,855.11; General Liabilities, \$3,175,059.06; Other Funds, for all other contingencies, \$10,320,319.06. Total, \$262,196,512.23. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my official seal to be affixed at the City of Albany, the day and year first above written.

FRANCIS HENDRICKS, Superintendent of Insurance.

#### Commercial.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 14th Feb., 1901. DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—The wholesale drug houses have nothing to comlain of as to the amount of business being done, though there is nothing exceptional, either in the amount or the quantity of orders coming in. Prices remain in statu quo. The New York market is reported as being somewhat dull just now, with no immediate changes in value probable, except, possibly, an advance in menthol, owing to scarcity.

DRY GOODS.—There has been an increased demand for spring and summer dress goods during the past few days, indirectly due to the improved state of the roads, throughout the outlying districts, which has tempted farmers out of doors. both to take in their grain shipments and to make needed purchases for themselves and families. Printed goods are in large request, especially the mercerized variety.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The demand from across the Atlantic for flour is light. One difficulty at the present time is the competition offered by French flour in the London market. In Liverpool and the other markets, it is not so notable. The demand from the East has been quiet. but has improved a little during the last day or two. Millers are holding at \$2.60, but business is practically being done at \$2.55, in buyers' covers, which is really below the cost of the wheat, which the millers have in hand. Bran and shorts remain about steady. GRAIN \_\_Wheat both Ontario and

GRAIN.—Wheat, both Ontario and Manitoba, remains steady at unchanged are firm at ic. advance. Rye and corn higher, and firm at the advance. Receipts have been light, owing to the ter as the roads get into condition for sleiphing.

GREEN FRUIT.—The extremely cold weather has militated somewhat against numbers of oranges and lemons have been prices. We quote: Lemons, new Mescalifornia fancy, \$2.75 per box; choice. \$3: \$2.50; Mexican, \$2.00; California navels, \$3.25; to \$3.35; Florida. \$3.00 to \$3.50; \$1.50 to \$1.75; Almeria grapes, \$6 to \$6.50 per keg; Canadian onions, 85c. per bag. GROCERIES. — The extremely cold weather has rendered business somewhat

Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.

Comparative Statement

Premium in-	1899.	1900.	Increase.
Rent and	\$510,560 52	\$579,255 94	\$68,695 42
Taile	72,801 98	87.461 11	14,659 13
Assets Insuran	583,362 50	666.717 05	83,354 55
Reurance	1,810,155 17	2,279,865 42	469.710 25
all liabilities	1,622,012 00	1,950,784 00	328,772 00
Insurance	33,756 01	101,372 69	67,616 <b>68</b>
force	14,368,226 00	15.280.226.00	1.021,000 00

quiet, as is usually the case. Parcels going out are largely of a sorting-up nature. For city and nearby trade some good round lots have been shipped, especially eastern and northern. Sugars are moving in small quantities only. Syrups of all kinds, on the contrary, are selling freely, and a heavy trade is also in progress for fish. California prunes are also in fair demand, especially for medium sizes at quotations. Valencia raisins are easy at 7¼ to 7½c. for F. O. S., and 7¼ to 9½c. for selected, the latter for fancy fruit

HARDWARE.—No new feature has developed in this market since last week's report. Business continues very good, indeed, and prospects are bright. A somewhat more active market for Scotch pig iron warrants is reported from Glasgow, though prices remain about the same. Hematite warrants, according to last reports, were dull and heavy.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Receipts of hides are ample, but the tone of the local market is somewhat stronger, in sympathy with slightly improved conditions in Chicago.

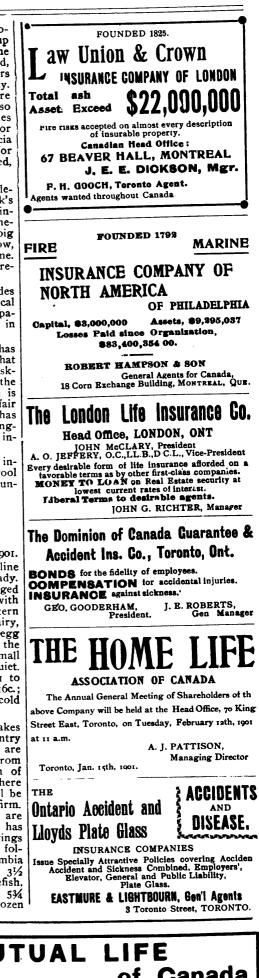
PROVISIONS.—The supply of butter has been ample, and the demand somewhat slack. For large rolls, 17 to 18c. is asked. No fine dairy tub is at present in the market. Creamery is 22½c. Cheese is quiet and easy. In hog products, a fair business is being done, and no change has been made in prices. Eggs are bringing, new laid, 20c. Receipts have increased in quantity.

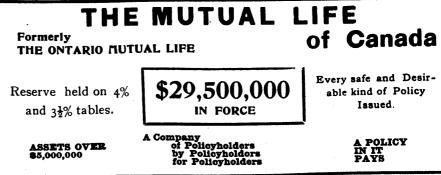
WOOL.—In spite of a somewhat increased demand in the States, the wool situation here remains practicaly unchanged, with nothing doing.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 13th Feb., 1901. DAIRY PRODUCE.—Matters in this line are quiet, with prices, as a rule, steady. Cheese values are nominally unchanged at say, 10¼ to 10½c.; butter, steady, with creamery unchanged at 23c.; western rolls, at 19½ to 20c.; and Manitoba dairy, 17½c. No further change in the egg market, prices being about steady at the recent reduction. Demand fair for small lots of fresh, but other grades were quiet. We quote: Fall laid fresh stock at 21 to 23c.; Montreal limed at 15½ to 16c.; western, limed, at 14½ to 15c., and cold storage, at 13½ to 15c.

FISH.—The approach of Lent makes business more active, and the wintry weather has helped trade. Orders are free from Ontario buyers, as well as from nearer points. With the exception of pickled herrings and Western fish, there are no sea fish in view, and there will be a shortage in some kinds; prices are firm. In fresh fish, haddock and herrings are dcarer, and in salt, No. 2 green cod has advanced 25c. per barrel, while herrings are weak and lower. We quote as follows: Fresh fish, British Columbia salmon, Ioc. per Ib.; haddock,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ to  $3\frac{3}{4}$ c.; halibut, IIC. per Ib.; whitefish, 7c. to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; pike, 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.; dore,  $5\frac{3}{4}$ to 6c.; mackerel, Ioc. each; fresh frozen



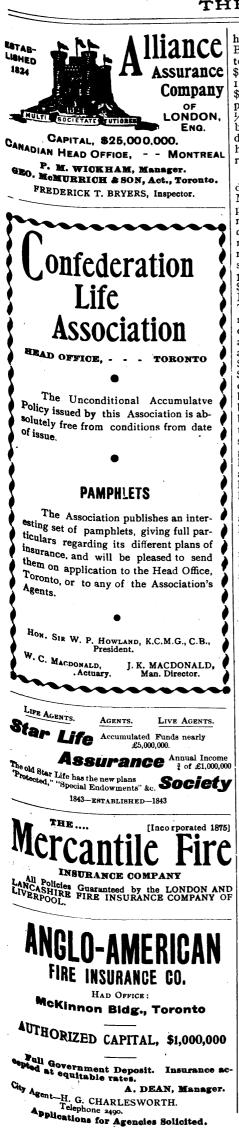


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# TORONTO PRICES CURRENT.

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Breadstuffs.		GroceriesCop.	\$ c. \$ c.	HardwareCon.		Canned Fruits. 9 50 2
LOUR	\$ c. 4 20 4 60	SYRUPS: Com. to fine, Fine to choice	0 025 0 023 0 027 0 035	WIRE: Brass.	<b>\$</b> 0. <b>\$</b> 0	PINE APPLE – Extra Standard doz. 9 40 9 50
Patent (Winter Wheat)	3 80 4 10 3 10 9 35	Pale Molasses : W. I., gal	0 03 0 03	Copper Wire Galvanized	0 00 0 23 0 00 0 28	RASPBERRIES
Straight Roller	885 805	New Orleans RICE : Arracan	0 97 0 30	Coil chain § in Barbed wire	4 00 0 (0	PEARS-9's
Bran per ton	19 00 12 50	Patna, dom. to imp Japan, """…	0 034 00 0 05 0 064 0 051 0 065	Iron Dine. Sin	10 70 0 00	"
		Genuine Hd. Carolina SPICES : Allspice	0 10 0 10 0 10 0 13	Screws, flat head " r'u head Boiles these dia	75 10%	1 15 1
RAIN : Winter Wheat,	0 61 0 65	Cassia, Cloves	0 20 0 30 0 22 0 35	Boiler tubes, 2 in	0 15 0 00 0 17 0 00	0.85 UM
Man. Hard, No. 1	065066 096097	Ginger, ground Ginger, root	0 25 0 28 0 20 0 30	STEEL : Cast	0 184 0 14	CHERRIES—Pitted Red
" " No. 8	0 27 0 22	Nutmegs	0 50 1 10	Black Diamond Boiler plate, 1 in	0 10 0 00 9 10 0 00	STRAWBERRIES
Barley No. 1 No. 9	0 39 0 40	Pepper, black, ground white, ground	0 174 0 18	Boiler plate, ‡ in. " 3/16 in " & th ckr	9     25     0     00       2     10     0     00	Canned Vegetables.         0 80 08           BEANS-9's, Wax and Refugee "         0 773 0 90           CORN-9's, Standard         "         0 771 0 90
No. 3 Extra	C 28 0 29	SUGARS f.o.b., Montreal Cut Loaf, 50's	0 00 5 25	Sterku suce	2 25 0 00	PEAS- 8'S. "
Rye	0 62 0 64 0 47 0 48	" "100's Granulated	0 00 5 15	CUT NAILS : 30 to 60 dy	0 00 2 35	PUMPEINS-3'S,
Corn Canadian Buckwheat	0 48 0 49 0 53 0 53	Cream	0 00 4 55	10 and 12 dy	0 00 2 4) 0 00 2 45	Fish, Fowl, Meats-Cases. 110 0
Provisions.		No. 2 Yellow	0 00 4 00 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 0 00 0 0 0 0 0 0	6 and 7 dy	0 00 2 50 0 00 2 65	SALMON- Cohoes
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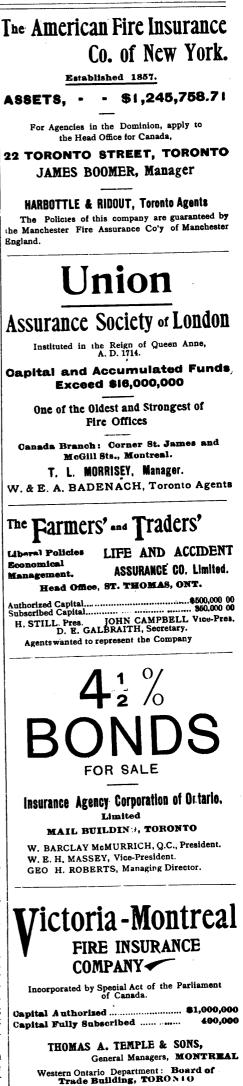
herring, \$2 per 100 fish. Salt fish-British Columbia salmon, No. I, \$12.50 to \$13 per barrel; Labrador salmon, \$12.50 to \$13 per barrel; green cod, No. I, \$6 per 200 lbs.; Loch Fyne herrings, \$1.05 per keg; Dutch herrings, 75 to 80c. per keg; No. 2, mackerel, \$10 per barrel; 1/2's, \$6; N.S. herrings, \$4.75 to \$5 per barrel for No. I; half, do., \$2.75; N.B., do., \$2.35 to \$2.50. Smoked fish-Finnan haddies, 6 to 7c. per lb.; smoked herrings, 13 to 14c. per box.

rings, 13 to 14c. per DOA. FLOUR, GRAIN AND MEAL.—Flour is dull of movement in Ontario sorts, but Manitoba is in steady request. High prices are firmly maintained in the Winnipeg market and at interior points for desirable grades of wheat, but there is not much doing in wheat here at the moment. We quote: Manitoba, best spring patents, \$4.50; winter wheat patents, \$3.65 to \$4; straight rollers, \$3.30 to \$3.40; in bags, \$1.60 to \$1.70, and Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.10 to \$4.20. There is a steady demand at Ontario mills from shippers for rolled oats for export, and the strong tone of oats makes a firmer feeling. While in this market no actual change in values can be noted, yet \$3.35 to \$3.40 per barrel and at \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bag represents the dominant estimate. An active business continues to be done in feed with local and country buyers. We quote: Manitoba bran, in bags, \$17; shorts, \$18; and mouillie, \$20 to \$24; Ontario bran, in bulk, \$17, and shorts, \$18 per ton. Demand for hay is good, and supplies only moderate, so that helders are firm. Later advices from abroad are favorable, consequently some large shipments are being made via Portland and St. John, N.B. We quote: No. 1, \$10.50 to \$11; No. 2, do., \$9.50 to \$10; and clover, \$8 to \$8.25 per ton, in car lots, on track.

GROCERIES.—Not much of an interesting kind is to be noted in this direction, except the news from New York to-day about sugar. The wholesale grocery trade of that city has been notified by the American Sugar Refining Company that the privilege of delayed shipments has been withdrawn, and that from this date orders will be accepted for prompt shipment only. In effect, it is said, this nullifies the thirty day guarantee on prices. It has also been announced that the independent refiners, including Arbuckle Bros., have withdrawn their guarantees. New York demand for refined is active, and most of the raw sugar arriving at New York last week was sold before landing. The local market was firm and unchanged this morning; granulated being quote at \$4.65, ex-factory; and yellows at \$3.95 to \$4.55.

PROVISIONS.—A good feeling, of confidence and firmness seems to pervade the provision market. Especially is this noticeable in meats. Hogs are decidedly firm, with an upward tendency, quite a number of small lots are moving. An active trade has been passing in dressed meats, and as the supply is none too large, the undertone to the market is firm. A sale of 212 quarters of beef was made at \$5.60 per 100 lbs. Choice veal was scarce, demand is good, and  $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. has been bid freely. Hindquarters beef, 5 to 8c.; forequarters, 3 to 5c.; lambs,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to 7c.; mutton,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ c., and veal, 4 to  $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. There is an almost constant call for fresh killed poultry, and all offerings seem to find a ready sale at outside figures. Chickens in good demand, and 10c. per lb. bid for choice sorted stock, of which the supply is limited. Old frozen stock moves slowly. We quote: Turkeys at 8 to 10c.; chickens at 7 to 8c.; fowls at 4 to 6c.; geese at 5 to 7c., and ducks at 7 to 9c. per lb.

Owing to the derangement of Eastern mails—presumably by an accident on the Grand Trunk—we are without our second instalment of Montreal Markets. —Ed. M. T.



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The general annual meeting of the members and shareholders of this corporation will be at the officers, 32 Church St., Toronto, at 3.30 to clock p. m., for the Election of Directors for business relating to the management of the company. By order, HUCH SCOTT. Mgr. and Sec'y.

Toronto, Feb'y 5th, 1901. HUGH SCOTT, Mgr. and Sec'y.

#### AMERICAN COTTON MARKET.

Mr. E. E. Knott, of New York, says: The cotton market for the rast week has presented no animation on the part of those working for higher prices, although to some extent, the long predicted fall-The ing off in receipts has appeared. facts are that the month of February, a year ago, the foreign spinners "bought everything in sight," for up to that time they followed Mr. Neill's large crop estimates, and the receipts were excessively large for February, and this year's receipts have got to compare with that abnormal condition, but February, last year, exhausted the buying support that attract-ed cotton to the market, and the receipts dropped from 847,180 bales, in February, to 586,768 for March, and 283,297 for April. What we lose in February this year, we will more than regain in March, for that cotton is held back by well-tofor that cotton is held back by well-to-do planters and speculators there is abundant evidence. The position is about this: The bulls are banking on "straws" to support their position. The straws are; further manipulation of the market, and a crop under 10,000,000 bales, neither of which will be realized, in my opinion. of which will be realized, in my opinion. Manipulation was easy in December and January months, for stocks here were practically nil, but the squeeze had the result of increasing the stocks here to over 150,000 bales, which debars any repetition of the January "business-killer," as that is what it accomplished for the New York Cotton Exchange, and what all corners accomplish, and the leading bankers and substantial commis-sion houses are determined to ostracize such operations. The fact that northern such operations. The fact that northern spinners have taken this year 1,358,077 bales of cotton, compared with 1,730,013 at the same date a year ago; that stocks of cotton goods are large everywhere and unsalable, compared with opposite conditions a year ago, is the sequel to the whole situation as to future values, and it does not amount to a energy of rough and it does not amount to a snap of your finger about a few hundred thousand bales one way or the other, although many of the most prominent people, in a position to form a fair opinion, have in-creased their estimates from 10,000,000 bales to 10,000 pales bales to 10,500,000 bales. My advice to traders is to sell the spring and summer months and stay

patiently by your guns and larger profits are sure to be realized. This whole bull fabric bolstered up by straws, as unbusi-nesslike as imprudent, must and will collapse in the near future, as there is less hope every day of trade improvement and greater bear elements of import, such as big crop planting and radical measures by the spinners to curtail their output, which they cannot sell except at a loss. This will force the holdings of raw cotton, now held back in extraordinary quantities in the small uncounted dinary quantities in the small uncounted towns that will come upon the market with a rush sooner or later. To believe in higher prices from the present ab-normally high level on legitimate grounds, there are no facts to sustain such an expectation; if depending on manipulation to accomplish it, it seems to me a very delusive or proposition for any me a very delusive proposition for any man to back with his money, except he is thoroughly reckless.

# ST. LAWRENCE MARINE INSUR-ANCE RATES.

Apropos of our remarks on the above subject which appeared in the Journal of Commerce of October 20th, the commer-Commerce of October 20th, the commer-cial men of Montreal, as represented by the Board of Trade of that port—or, as we should say, the Chamber of Commerce —have forwarded a petition to the Gov-ernor-General of Canada, showing the injury that is being done to the port through the extortionate rates, and beg ging that a royal commission be appointed to enquire into the matter. That ship-



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in the excessively high marine insurance rates obtaining, cannot but be allowed, but in how far that evil, for such it is as viewed from any standpoint, is avoid-able, taking into consideration the actual risks of the voyage, it is difficult to judge without absolute figures. In dealing with the question in a previous issue, we drew attention to the factors which control the issue, and named the per-sonal one of the navigators as needing sonal one of the navigators as needing consideration. That much depends upon that factor in the equation to be solved by the underwriter, when assessing his risk, should be remembered, for in one or two lines the premiums charged are or two lines the premiums charged are considerably below what is demanded in other directions; in fact a very marked difference, indeed, exists in the rate per cent. payable by the one and the other. The aspect of the case is one entirely in the hands of the shipowner, in our opin-ion, and if duly recognized and under-stood, no doubt an easement would fol-low as a natural sequence. The peti-tioners, however, appear to have introduced a strong argument in favor of a reduction in the rates, for the statement is made that "although many improve-ments have been made in the aids to navigation of the St. Lawrence, such as channel deepening and widening addinavigation of the St. Lawrence, such as channel deepening and widening, addi-tional lights, buoys, etc., no reduction of the insurance rates has thereby been secured, but, on the contrary, such rates have, within the past two years, been enormously increased." These rates have militated seriously against the St. Law-

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rence route, and the shipping trade, therefore, has, during the period named, been largely diverted to United States ports, and evidence of the loss, in the form of comparative tables of insurance rates, and letters from owners with-drawing their steamers from the St. Lawrence trade. are in possession of the "Board of Trade." This discrimination in rates on cargo from the opening of navigation to the end of August ranges from double to treble in ranges ranges United States ports, while from Sep-tember 15th to the close of navigation. the St. Lawrence rates are from five to seven times greater than to ports on the American coast. The system of advanc-ing the premium for the fall months originated in the days of sailing ships. and is now, therefore, altogether unwarranted, all the traffic being now conducted by steamers under totally different con-ditions. The opinion of the subscribers to the petition, and of the whole of the commercial community, with regard to these rates is that they will, if continued. "be fatal to the marine commerce of the great Canadian waterway." In conclud-ing the appeal, the petitioners urge the importance of the vital interests at stake. and the necessity for the appointment of a royal commission for the purpose of investigating the question "with a view to procuring more equitable rates, so that our national waterway may be enabled to regain and retain its share of the ship-ping trade of this continent." It is evi-dent that Mr. Robert Mackay, the president of the petitioning body, is a capable man, and it is to be hoped that some good may result from the appeal to the Earl of Minto. It has even been sug-gested that the Government be empowered to give material help to any reliable and responsible insurance scheme or undertaking that might be introduced, having for its object the reduction of rates, and it becomes a question for deep deliberation whether it is better to allow trade to be diverted whence it cannot benefit the St. Lawrence and into for-eign hands, or to face the founding of a State Insurance Department, or countenance in a substantial way some insur-ance undertaking.—Liverpool Journa<sup>1</sup> of Commerce.

#### LUCK AND WORK.

There's a river called Luck, that runs There's a river called Luck, that runs through our lives, but her flood it is sluggish and slow; and the treasure, which by her false current arrives, will never make very much show. And the man who sits down by her treacherous shore, vainly hoping his fortune to win, will wait till his locks are frosty with hoar, for his ship—it will never come in. But a far other stream is the River But a far other stream is the River of Work—on her swelling and vigorous tide no place is reserved for the drone and the shirk—they must loiter and die by her side. And the man who, with confidence, boldness and pluck, embarks on her affluent breast, will sail smoothly on, and catch up with his "luck," by generous fortune caressed.—The Insurance Age.

#### EIGHT MILLIONS STOLEN.

According to the statistics compiled by one of the leading fidelity companies, the one of the leading fidelity companies, the record of defalcations, embezzlements, etc., for the past year in the United States and Canada figure up \$8,000,878, an increase of something like \$3,000,000 over the totals of 1899. These figures are systematically tabulated from press re-ports and special despatches received from all over the country and ereceived rom all over the country, and are carefully recorded. The figures are, as a matter of fact, considerably underestimated, since many peculations are discovered which never reach the public. The following is the tabulated record for the year: Federal and State, \$1,162.771; municipal, \$865,694; transportation companies, \$193,949; building and savings and loan associations associations, \$181,939; benevolent asso-ciations, \$128,932; insurance companies, \$131,565; court tructs for 64, banks, \$131,565; court trusts, \$1,065,464; banks, \$1,713,638; commercial corporations and firms, \$1,754,084; miss is according to the second s firms, \$1,754,984; miscellaneous, \$892,342; total, \$8,990,878. The record of Decem-ber embezzlements was abnormally heavy; being \$808.848. The statements was abnormally heavy; being \$898,848. The defalcations classified as municipal com as municipal comprise more than half the entire total under the entire total under this head for the whole vear.

#### PROFIT-SHARING.

For many years the exponents of social reform have advocated the principle of profit-sharing as the sector like profit-sharing as the one thing most like ly to prove a satisfactory solution of our disturbing labor problems. The idea of disturbing labor problems. The idea the making an employee a participant in the servprofits of the business which he is serv-ing, is one beau ing, is one bound to be eminently sat-isfactory to both parties if faithfully car-ried out in the right spirit. Every man works better if he feels that in a measure he is working for bimself or well as his he is working for himself as well as his employer. There is a life and zest added to his routine duties. to his routine duties under these circumstances which it is impossible to infuse in-

to him by any other means. The Dry Goods Chronicle states in a firm, having large department stores in New York and Chicago, is now proposing to carry out this idea of co-operation with its employ Taken for granted that the business is already on a profitprying basis, the amount of public interest which is sure to centre in these stores after the plan is once adopted is bound to react former is the streiness bound to react favorably on the business transacted each transacted each year by the concern. Briefly, the plan is to set aside a large block of the capital stock, the dividends of which are to be divided each year among the employees of the house who have been in its service for three years have been in its service for three years or over. Any employee who has been in service for ten consecutive years or more and is in more and is incapacitated for duty, re-ceives his share for life, thus forming what is practically a pension fund. There are many admirable points about the are many admirable points about the proposition, and it is to be hoped that it will be successful will be successful.

\_\_\_\_\_ TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The report submitted at the meeting last week of the Public Library board, showed that the circulation of standard works on art bicture works on art, history, and science is on the increase, while there has been a cor-responding decrease in the science of responding decrease in the amount fiction, which was 62.2 per cent. of the

total circulation. The receipts for the year 1900, includ-ing the library rate of \$31,233, totalled \$34,116.79, with expenditures nominally the same. The chief items were: Salaries. \$13.522.28; books purchased, \$6,528.05; newspapers and magazines, \$1,910. The rent of branches amounted to \$1,640; law charges, \$115; and furniture and fittings, charges, \$115; and furniture and fittings, \$750.11. The statement of assets and lia-bilities gave the assets in assets and 

ing debentures, \$53.511.68. The chairman, Mr. W. J. T. Lee, in presenting his annual report for 1900. stated that the interest in the library and stated that the interest in the library and closing year of the century. The read-circulation of the library for home read-cing for the year was 450.070, and or ing for the year was 450,079, and of magazines and books issued in reference library, 106,117, or a total for the year of 556,196. During the previous year 442,914 books were issued for home read-442,914 books were issued for home real-ing, and to 256 books ing, and 103,576 magazines and books were issued in the reference library a total of 546,490, showing an increase 9.706 during 1900.



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