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FOUNDATIONS OF A HIGH OFFICE.

"Canada," as noticed on another page, has raised a ticklish question in proposing the reorganization of the High Commissioner's office in London. For nearly a decade the position of Lord Strathcona has been regarded as a kind of sacro-sanctity, which only the decrees of nature could dissolve. His tenure of the highest post in the gift of the Governor-Generalin-Council has been coincident with that remarkable extension of Canadian commerce which has astonished the Britons even more than it has delighted the Canadjans. To many British politicians and commercial men, Strathcona and Canada are almost interchangeable terms. It was a unique discovery to them to learn that in the Imperial capital, a Canadian could represent a colonial government with a gilded splendor, never exceeded by the most imposing of the ambassadors of ancient, glorious, and opulent em-

This is all to the good. But, in the judgment of "Canada" it is not good enough to be perpetuated. The High Commissioner has under his direction the Commissioner of Emigration, and therefore the whole of the Canadian propaganda which, at great expense, and with signal success, has been carried on in the Old Country; and in a darge part of the continent of Europe. In financial result, the European campaign mangurated by Mr. Sifton soon after he became Minister of the Interior, has beaten all the records of the divertising world. It is too much to expect that a High Commissioner of Lord Strathcona's years, and with Lord Strathcona's gigantic interests, can give personal inspiration to such work as has brought over fifty thousand Britishers a year to Canada. direction of the departments ancillary to the High Commissioner's office must, under present circumstances, be in the hands of a subordinate. A man who is big enough to be Commissioner of Emigration is big enough to deal directly with his chief. The High Commissionership of Canada is a post of such tremendous importance to the commercial prosperity of the Dominion, that, when the next appointment is made, the High Commissioner must be an officer of the Government absolutely engrossed in national affairs, responsible for all his time to Ottawa; and able to take real charge of all the country's European business.

Obviously, Lord Strathcona can have no successor modelled upon his own inimitable pattern. He is, and will remain a unique figure in the story of Canadian expansion. No living Canadian could keep up the state, on which, for the benefit of Canadian prestige, Lord Strathcona has lavished sums of money beside which his salary of \$10,000 a year, with \$2,000 for incidental expenses, is as a drop in a bucket.

In some quarters it has been lamented that, on such occasions as the settlement of Alaskan boundary controversies, Canadians had not competed successfully with Americans and British in all the dazzling attributes of social distinction. The social factor is of great importance in international influence. But it is only a subsidiary factor, after all; unless, by a weakness which does not become a young and virile country, the direction of public affairs, is allowed, after some length of time to become the perquisite of butterflies and dandies. That way declension lies. Just as soon as great public influences can belong only to those who are able to display enormous wealth, incapacity to develop our enormous resources will be manifest to all the world.

In the main those who possess great wealth in Canada have themselves contributed to the up-building of the Dominion. But a day is coming when a generation of inheritors as well as builders, will cut great figures in society. The event to be guarded against is the deposit of great public trusts with people whose incomes rather than their intellects are the largest measures of their power. The magnificent business record of Lord Strathcona makes it possible to discuss the vital functions of his rare office without the slightest suggestion that there is danger in the existing situation; and with necessary preparation

against any overthrow of the principle that individual Crown do well to be conciliatory-or to appear to be merit is greater than money in the national service; which is so conspicuously true in Lord Strathcona's

DEMONSTRATIVE FEEBLENESS.

The Ontario Government has been wrestling mightily with a peck of small trouble over the grant-ing of a concession to more on the right of way, north and south of Cobalt, by the Temiskaming and North-. ern Ontario Railway Commission. Premier Whitney last spring announced the terms on which the mineral alongside the Government railroad could be mined. The Railway Commission advertized for tenders on the Whitney minimum terms. No bids were made; and the Commission privately sold the concession to an Ottawa syndicate for \$50,000 cash, and a flat rate of 25 per cent, of the value of mineral extracted after paying operating expense

In the syndicate were the son of Railway Commissioner Murphy, of Ottaws, and the business partner of the same Commissioner. Opposition newspapers con-demned this private arrangement; which, like all acts of the Commission, was subject to the veto of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The Government advised the Commission to withdraw from the bargain, and advertise airesh. Everybody said that the Government had ment had done the right thing. But a disagreeable clement was introduced into the case by the assertion of a disappointed concessionaire that members of the Government, in conference with the concessionaires, thad offered that even if the tender of some other party, were \$10,000 higher than that of himself and friends, the lease would remain in the same hands. Of course, the acting Premier and his colleagues denied the accuracy of this version of the conference; though they admitted suggesting that a priffing disadvantage in the bid of the Ottawa people might not militate against

Into the merits of the controversy as between the Government, its newspapes enemies, and the baulked Ottawa concessionaires, it would be profitless to enter here. But as is always the case when public administrators get into a business crouble, general conditions and principles are concerned of vital importance to and economical conduct of public affairs. The Ontario Government is probably the most eminent on this continent for lasty honesty and freedom from outside. continent for lasty honesty and freedom from outside influences. There is nothing pharisaical about its probity. The Premier hinself exhibits occasionally walking. But even his requisitess of integrity has nothing repellant about it, because it is simply the obvious implementing of professions made in opposit

Mr. Whitney is in England, enjoying for the first time contact with the Mother of Parliaments, observing the defects of Imperial file at headquarters, and qualifying himself for an expert on socio-political problems by communing with men like General Booth. The colleagues whom he left behind are as honest as himself. They may not be quite as shrewd; or quite as independent. If they were, they surely would not have committed the curious blunder which has dis-tinguished their handling of the Temiskaming mining

Wherein they have shown weakness they have perhaps not done very differently from what Provincial Governments elsewhere would have done. They have only failed to recognize that one day has come when strong men can really afford to be strong in a strong country, and to discriminates between storms that arise pass over, and leave not permanent trace; and those disturbances of the political atmosphere which Have amazing potentialities for the next appeal to the ballot box. There are times when ministers of the

conciliatory. There are other times—and they occur more frequently than most ministers suspect when they can with perfect safety and fitting propriety, tell an importunist who looks formidable, but is not, to go to blazes.

Why on earth the cabinet of the Province of Ontario should have held intimate converse with an Ottawa company promoter is surely beyond the comprehension of any man accustomed to deal with the everyday affairs of a considerable business. Cabinet has a very proper right to review the conduct of the Commissioners who owe their appointment to The Temiskaming Railway Commission of three is the board of directors responsible for the proper conduct of that enterprise. The delegation of responsibility in such a case must be large; and only rarely interfered with from above. The commissioners must be wisely selected, given the complete confidence of the Government; and, except when they depart from some fundamental principle of administration, the Government must be to their faults a little blind.

The Commission blundered badly in selling the concession to the Ottawa syndicate without advertising a second time for tenders. Such a blunder is, in itself, almost incredible. When it is proved that the fayored parties are closely associated with one of the Commissioners in other affairs, the proceeding is so suspicious to partizan eyes, that it is quite impossible to perceive how men like Mr. Cecil B. Smith and Mr. Englehart could have dreamed for a moment that it would be permitted to stand when once the facts were known. In a manly letter Mr. Smith has joined the newspaper controversialists. His time is valuable. His letter has cost much more than the readvertising of the lease would have done. No little parsimony in the advertisement world surely ever cost so much as this classic instance of false economy. That such a shortsighted method was originally adopted would create doubt as to whether the men appointed to look after a railroad which is primarily a colonization enterprise, understand the first essentials in dealing with a public enterprise, were it not that there is a peculiar "kittleness" in publicly owned business which it is extremely hard always to appreciate. Pourparlers between the Government and its Commission lasted several days—a further proof of lack of understanding of disagreeable situation.

The Railway Commission had put itself into so ridiculous a posture, that anybody but a member of the Government would have seen that re-advertisement was inevitable. The acting Premier need only have stated that conclusion to the Commission, and left it to make its peace with a sensitive public, which could have been done immediately and frankly without a tithe of the humiliating experience which has followed the clumsier way of doing things. The Com-missioners, faced with a clear, sharp issue, would have had too much sense to make it a matter of their life or death as public servants. If they had chosen resignation rather than revision, the choice would have been its only, but its sufficient justification. There was no need to make a public display of the hurrying to and fro, the anxious protests of the Ottawa syndicate, and least of all the attendance at a Cabinet council of Mr. Dickson. In inviting him to see the Cabinet, Mr. Smith was detracting from the dignity of the Commission. The Cabinet, in seeing him was, with sublime ingennousness, putting in pickle a rod for its own back. Some of the Cabinet are lawyers. They ought to have known that such a discussion on such a subject would provoke a conflict of assertions. There is no wisdom in a multiplication of disputants. But they saw Mr. Dickson, with the result that next day the acting Premier, the Provincial Treasurer, and goodness knows how many other Cabinet ministers, were found excitedly denying in the public press, the ex-parte

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From all points of view, save two, this storm is a trivial piece of business. But it does damage the reputation for ordinary gumption of the Railway Commission; and exposes an inherent weakness in Government administrative methods. Both things are prejudicial to the reputation of the Province as a whole. There is too much obvious straining after the capricious favor of this section of voters and that by Ministers of the Crown. Politicians always heed partisan opinion; statesmen seldom. If they are big chough for their jobs, they must display their highest ability in getting public opinion to heed them. Leaders lead. Worthy public opinion likes to see them doing it.

The feeble favoritism with which the Temiskaming lease has been handled is against every public interest; and most of all against the interest of public men who fail to distinguish between the way of doing feeble things strongly, strong things feebly, and strong things strongly.

CHANCES WITH JAPAN.

Manufacturers cannot achieve the impossible, even though their eyes be in all the ends of the earth. The Dominion Government is sending Mr. W. T. R. Preston, the retiring Commissioner of Emigration for Europe, on a peripatetic mission to foster Canadian trade with the countries of the northwest Pacific. Mr. Preston's ability and success in advertising Canada in the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe, eminently fit him for his new office. He will do much more than merely supplement the missionary work which has been carried on in China and Japan since the Minister of Agriculture officially visited those countries. The field is bigger, and from some points of view, more difficult to cultivate than it was.

Mr. MacLean, the Canadian agent, reporting from Tokio regrets that Canadian manufactures are not adequately displayed in Japan by samples or prospectus; and calls for a vigorous advertising campaign. Every piece of news about Japan and China makes you wish for a multiplication of transactions with them. The exports of Japan have shown a remarkable increase since the war ended. In 1905, China bought \$15,000,000 worth of goods from Japan in excess of the purchases of the previous year.

Though there is now a slight slackening of imports, Japan in 1905 spent \$32,000,000 more in the British Empire than in 1904, the increase being 41 per cent. The United Kingdom's share was 34 per cent. The enlargement of Australian exportations to Japan is an important part of this increase. The United States are increasing their Oriental trade enormously. The Harriman interests are said to have bought two large White Star boats for use in the Pacific Far Eastern service.

It is worthy of note that the Japanese Government is discouraging foreign investments in Japanese enterprises, unless they are made through the Industrial Bank (Nippon Kogyo, Ginko), 150,000 shares of which are held in London. It is closely supervised by the Government; and is pursuing a vigorous policy with the ultimate intention of issuing debentures to foreign capitalists to a total amount of 175,000,000 yen, or \$87,500,000, for commercial expansion purposes. To promote trade abroad-by home merchants, the Government lends 20,000,000 yen to the Yokohama Specie Bank at 2 per cent. The inability of foreigners to own real property in Japan still exists. Although the Japanese are quite ready to trade with foreigners, they nt to keep very close control of their financial arrangements-a national policy with which it is not

But, though you may not quarrel with Japanese commercial patriotism, you do not rejoice at all the manifestations of it. The open door in Manchuria

seems to be scarcely ajar for white men. On September 1st, Dalny, (which is really the coast terninus for the business of the railroad through Manchuria built by Russia, and now controlled by Japan), is to become an open port. But as shippers over some American railroads, affectionately disposed towards special packing houses, and railway companies have sorrowfully learned, there is a kind of inverted asset in delays. Time is money; and by devotion to some interests, rather than by neglect of others, it is possible to make it easier for some to profit and some to lose. Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary was recently asked in the House of Commons, whether he was aware that the Japanese officials were putting every obstacle in the way of British merchandise after it left Niu-chwang, and that there were some thousands of boats delayed pending instruction from headquarters, whilst Japanese goods went in free via Dalny; and would he make such representation to the Government of Japan as would put an end to this unfair treatment,

These reports, unflattering as they are to the warmer friends of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, are only what would have been expected from such old hands at Government ownership as the Japanese. The Government, of course, has its own arsenal and shipbuilding yards, and runs the telegraphs and telephones as well as posts. A few years hence, all the railways will be nationalized. Tobacco, salt, camphor, and opium are Government monopolies. Trade guilds up and down the country are helped from the national Steamship companies are heavily subtreasury. Steamship companies are heavily sub-sidised. The Government may co-operate with capitalists in forming a leviathan trust to develop railways, mines, and forests in Manchuria. Steps have been taken to increase the production of rice and cotton in Corea, and sugar in Formosa. From Manchuria the Japanese expect presently to receive foodstuffs, and their manufactured articles they hope to sell in China. "Asia for the Asiatics" may become a talisman of commerce and of war.

What, then are Canadian prospects, in face of an expansion that promises to be engineered on peculiarly exclusive lines? It is not far from Japan to the mainland of Asia. Yokohama is 4,290 miles from Vancouver; and 3,940 from Fort Simpson, in the neighborhood of the Grand Trunk Pacific western terminus. Trade will have to be fought for. The splendid growth of traffic for C.R.R. and other steamers journeying from Vancouver to the Orient is capable of great extension, under proper stimulus. Better grades through the mountains will facilitate the shipment of wheat. Whatever agriculture does in Manchuria it will be a long time before it makes Canadian competition impossible. Alberta is increasing enormously as a grain-growing territory. Geography and railroad engineering are combining to enlarge the Supply for the Far Eastern market. The Minister of Trade and Commerce is doing well for provoking demand for sending a travelling hustler to the hinterlands of the North-West Pacific.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Unless the cable is a verbal contortionist, Mr. "Ned" Farrar, the widely known journalist, of Ottawa, has made a grievous charge against the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Writing to the "Tribune," a juvenile Liberal Free Trade organ in London, he says that if the naked question of protection versus free trade were submitted to the Western Canadians the result would be overwhelmingly for free trade; provided the Manufacturers' Association could be stopped from contributing to a bribery fund to be employed among the poorer classes of settlers. This surely is a gross misrepresentation, so wide of the

mark that the Association is not likely to recognize it officially. Mr. Farrar is also good enough to suggest that all the Canadians who know anything believe that the Chamberlain dream of placing the Empire on a protectionist basis, is about over. This would be serious if it were accurate. Not being accurate, it is amusing—which is very much better, in mid-August.

There was a plentude of vanity and a paucity of wisdom in an unsuccessful suit brought in Troy to prevent the directors of the Mutual Life of New York from placing on their fickets for the directors' election in October, four members of the International Policyholders' Association, who are said to be opposed to the policy of the existing board. Assuming that the Policyholders' Association wishes really to influence insurance management, some of its leaders should go on company boards. The four named in the Mutual ticket objected because they saw in their nomination as administration candidates an attempt to deceive possible supporters of the policyholders' ticket—a rather far-fetched fear. What does it matter who proposes their election? They are not so weak as to be incapable of declaring their position. The trouble and money they put into the effort to get off the ticket would have been wiser spent in making their election sure.

The complete reports of the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire in London last month are extremely suggestive. In parliaments of this sort there will always be too much talk about some subjects and too little about others. Agendas are apt to be overloaded; and insufficient compulsory condensation of remarks is exercised early in the proceedings. This Congress, which is the nearest practical approach to deliberative Imperial Federation yet devised, should sit longer than three days. It is supposed to take no longer to thrash out, once in three years, commercial policies for a world-wide empire, than is necessary for a body of artisan co-operators to settle their common affairs once a year. It is ridiculous that resolutions, for the elucidation of which some delegates travelled thousands of miles, should be disposed of in a few minutes because of lack of time to discuss them. The delegates from all over the world must have spent thousands of days in journeying to and from the Congress. It is no economy of time to occupy so much in travelling, and so little in turning it to account.

Next week Toronto will be in possession of the British Medical Association. The week after will be given up to the Exhibition. The advantage of such conferences as that of the imperial doctors being held away from the United Kingdom is so obvious as to make any remark about it an almost painful truism. The doctors are heartily welcome to see all they can; to teach all they can, and to become as closely connected with Canada as their circumstances permits More money is spent on doctors' bills than in days of A larger proportion of it than aforetime is really earned, because the doctor of to-day knows a great deal more about his profession than his predecessof did. The good doctor is a good investment; the very good doctor is a blessing beyond money and beyond price. The Exhibition is something by itself. It, is a promoter of health and wealth by means which are more mercenary than medical. You may size up the quality of a city by the quality of its shows. From that point of view, Toronto is equal to all, and a long way ahead of most. It makes money for good purposes, and not a nickel more than it richly deserves.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

A branch of the Weyburn Security Company, bankers, of Weyburn, Sask., has been opened at Midale.

The Eastern Townships Bank has taken over the business of the British American Trust Co. at Coleman, Alta.

The new Bank of Commerce building at Moose Jaw will be erected by P. Navin. The cost of what is to be the finest banking structure west of Winnipeg will be \$50,000.

The Sterling Bank has opened a branch at Port Stanley, with Mr. B. S. Walker as manager, with a sub-agency at

The Royal Bank of Canada, which opened business in Havana, Cuba, with six clerks, now employs fifty, and has opened a branch in another town.

The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada is increasing its capital from \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Shares are to be issued to stockholders at 125 at the rate of one new to every nine of old. Rights expire 15th prox.

The first report of the Mexican Electric Tramway Co. for the half-year ending June 30th shows an increase in profit compared with last year of \$212,662. Passengers catried were 25,320,004 as compared with 22,605,080; revenue, \$1,965,933 against \$1,722,971; expenses, \$1,001,045 against \$1,031,345; net profit, \$904,288 against \$601,626.

The Dingwall property at Winnipeg, which the Home Bank has purchased for a branch for \$100,000 cash, has about 40 feet frontage on Main Street, and includes a three-storey building bringing rentals of \$5,000 a year. The lower part at present is occupied by Archibald Wright, importer of dry goods, who has had to secure quarters elsewhere.

While the stock market has had an advancing tendency the last few weeks, many first-rate bonds can be purchased to-day at figures below those of a year ago. A few investors are acting on the opportunity, but the rank and file of people with a little money seem to prefer to use it locally at higher rates. In Montreal there would appear to be some little improvement in the demand for bonds.

The National Trust Co., liquidators of the York County Loan and Savings Co., has issued a statement of its work. The adjustment of eighteen years' business in which 1,400 employees were engaged is enormous, and classification of claims, etc., cannot be completed before the end of the year. Some assets have been realized and the money obtained used to pay all first charges upon the properties.

The Standard Loan Co., of Toronto, has purchased the assets of the Eric Realty Company for \$125,000. The property includes the old Sunlight Park baseball grounds, valuable lots on East Queen Street and Reid Avenue, several factories and numerous dwelling-houses. The Eric Realty Co. has sold in the neighborhood since its organization 20,000 feet of frontage.

For the first time in thirteen years the United States Covernment will purchase silver for coinage purposes. Tenders are to be delivered each Wednesday until further notice at the Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Denver mints. The average weekly requirements of the Treasury will not exceed 100,000 ounces, and its purchases will be spread throughout the year in order to cause no uncertainty in the market.

The Crown Bank of Canada is bringing suit against the London Guarantee and Accident Co. to recover \$11,000 on account of the embezzlement of E. P. Banwell, teller, and negligence on the part of F. M. Maunsell, accountant. The company claims that all the money stolen except \$4,000 was recovered, and that it ought not to pay losses incurred by the bank in chasing and arresting Banwell.

M. Kelczkowski, the French Consul-General to Canada, says that there is a rapidly increasing interest in France in Canadian securities. Canadian railway securities are very favorably regarded in French financial circles, and the consul knows a French capitalist who is, he says, taking one-fiftieth of the entire capital stock of the G.T.P. A new trust company is also talked of by Parisian capitalists. One million dollars is said to have been subscribed already.

During the United States fiscal year just ended 470 national banks were chartered; but 98 liquidated and 15 failed. The net increase in capital was \$31,743,000, and in circulation \$65,392,000. Undue inflation of business at the expense of stability is shown by the circulation increase of more than twice as much as the paid capital stock, by loans increase of \$307,719,000, with a gain of \$252,000,000 in deposits and only \$1,968,554 in cash reserve, and the failure of 15 nationals and discontinuance of 16.

Death of Mr. Walter N. Anderson.

Mr. Walter N. Anderson, formerly general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, died yesterday morning at his home in Toronto in his seventy-second year.

Born in 1834, Mr. As Scotland, and came to Ca Bank of British North Am manager at Hamilton for general management of which he relinquished in

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Consul-General to Canada, easing interest in France in railway securities are very financial circles, and the st who is, he says, taking stock of the G.T.P. A new by Parisian capitalists. One een subscribed already.

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N. Anderson.

merly general manager of e, died yesterday morning eventy-second year.

Born in 1834, Mr. Anderson was trained to banking in Scotland, and came to Canada as a young man, serving the Bank of British North America at different places, and while manager at Hamilton for that bank in 1870 he accepted the general management of the Canadian, Bank of Commerce, which he relinquished in 1886.

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leaving the Commerce Mr. Anderson was super intendent of agencies for the Merchants Bank of Canada.
In 1894 he was appointed assistant treasurer of Ontario, which post he held until the change of Government last year. His health had not been good for a year or two. His death was greatly accelerated by an accident a few days ago.

Mr. Anderson was a well-trained banker of the type of

which Scotland has furnished so many valuable clerks and managers to Canada. He was modest and reticent in business matters, conscientious, and exacting. To those who knew him best he exhibited warmth of heart and charm of

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ON THE LADDER.

"On the Ladder" is intended to be a record of promotions and changes in Canadian banking and financial institutions, and of matters of staff interest generally. The editor will be glad to receive authenticated paragraphs for insertion under this heading.

The manager of the Union Bank of Halifax at Springhill has been appointed to the charge of Annapolis branch.

Mr. F. H. Leacock has been transferred to Guelph from the Brockville branch of the Metropolitan Bank. He has been teller at Brockville for about a year, and before that was at Brigden.

Mr. W. F. Corson has been transferred from the East Toronto branch of the Metropolitan Bank, where been three years, to Brockville, to succeed Mr. F. H. Leacock as teller. Mr. Corson's home is at Markham.

The Imperial Bank having appointed Mr. Wilson, late Publicity Commissioner to the Prince Albert Board of Trade, to an important position, the Board are now advertising for a successor to Mr. Wilson.

The Bank of Hamilton branches at Holmfield and Mather will be in charge of Mr. Ray Macdonald, and Mr. C. G. Heaven, formerly of Toronto and Winnipeg, will be manager

Mr. Frank Steele has been transferred from the man-agership of the Boissevain branch of the Dominion Bank and promoted to that of the branch at Brandon, where he was

Mr. Cyril Dobbin, of the Havana branch Royal Bank, is spending his vacation in Montreal. Mr. Dobbin had charge of the payment of \$56,000,000 granted by the republic to the soldiers who fought for independence.

Mr. B. S. Walker, who becomes manager of the Sterling Bank's new branch at Port Stanley, was formerly with the Dominion Bank for a considerable number of years in various parts of the country, and in many capacities. He has been manager to the Sterling Bank's branch at Thorn-bill, from whence he receives his present appointment.

The new manager of the Fergus, Ont., branch of the Traders Bank of Canada is Mr. S. L. Cork. Mr. Cork, who is a Toronto man, goes to Fergus from Prescott, where he Was accounting. He has been banking since 1899, when he commenced at Sudbury as junior and ledger-keeper. After being teller at Sudbury he was removed to Toronto in 1901, and went to Prescott in 1902.

The successor of the late Mr. Thomas Merritt as On-Lario manager for the Mutual Life of New York is Mr. A. E. Donovan, who comes to Toronto from Athens, Ont. He has been superintendent for the company in the Markime Provinces, and also in Ontario; indeed, he has served the company in various capacities for about fifteen years. Mr. Donovan is well because of the platform in cantral Ontario. Donovan is well known on the platform in central Ontario. He was the opponent of Hon. G. P. Graham in the last contest for Brockville riding in the Legislature.

Mr. Bastedo, the Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, who recently came under the axe of the Ontario Government on a charge of partisanship, and who received a high testi-monial to his efficiency from Dr. Reaume, the Minister of Public Works, has joined the ranks of insurance men. Annuity Company of Canada, whose headquarters are in Winnipeg. Mr. Bastedo was for many years private secretary to Sir Oliver Mowat, and was admittedly one of the bright. brightest in the civil service. He is very widely known, and an excellent choice for the new position.

S. S. S.

The most costly musical organization that has ever left England is the Second Life Guards Band, who will give two concerts daily at the Toronto Exhibition.

WESTERN CROP CONDITIONS.

The crop reports from almost all parts of the West continue. Fifteen to twenty per cent. of the crops around Winnipeg, where damage is almost nil, has been cut. Brandon grain looks finer than in thirteen years. Almost the heaviest crops on record is the report from the Canadian Northern

Other reports show that the Western yield in general will be quite up to the average. Lack of labor continues to be serious. The five thousand harvesters who left Toronto this week, and the thousands of others going west from the Eastern Provinces will not meet the demand. Some good men are being paid \$5 a day.

HUMAN MULTIPLICATION IN THE WEST.

The corrected quinquennial census returns of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta are now issued, and the most striking increases in town populations are given below. In Manitoba, Winnipeg and St. Boniface, lead the way, each having more than doubled its population in five years.

don almost achieved this. Winnipeg claims more than two-thirds of the Manitoba urban population.

The most remarkable increase in Saskatchewan is at Saskatoon, where in five years the population has increased thirty-fold. Moose Jaw and Arcola have now five times as many inhabitants as in 1901; and the attractions of Regina have trebled that city's population since the same year.

Alberta's chief centres, Calgary and Edmonton, also show record increases, and many other Alberta towns double and treble the figures of 1901. The figures of many rapidly-developing places, such as North Battleford, Humboldt, Kamsack, Melfort, Lloydminster, Vermillion, etc., have yet to be announced.

Manitoba.

Incr	ease 60,029	, or 92 per cent.	
1901.	1906.	1901.	1906.
Winnipeg 42,34	0 90,216	Morden 1,522	1,438
Brandon 5,620	10,409	Neepawa 1,418	1,895
Carman 1,439		Pilot Mound: 446	589
Dauphin 1,135		Portage la	
Gladstone 731	828	Prairie 3.901	4,985
Gretna, 666	646	St. Boniface, 2,019	5,120
Killarney 585		Souris 838	1,413
Manitou 617		Stonewall 580	1,074
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		Totals64,918	124.947
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Saskatchewa	an.	Alberta.	
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1901.		1901;	1906.
Alameda 104	333	Calgary 4,091	11,937
Arcola 120	652	Cardston 669	1,002
Carnduff 190	400 11	Edmonton 2,626	11,534
Davidson	520	Fort Sas-	-
Indian Head, 768	767967	katchewan 306	586
Moose Jaw 1,558		Lacombe 499	1,015
Oxbow 230 Qu'Appelle . 434		Leduc 112	301
10	778	Lethbridge 2,972 Stafford	2,325
Regina 2,249 Saskatoon 113	6,217		623
Wapella 397	3,031	The second secon	1,144
Whitewood . 359	459 50[D I T	1,420
Wolseley 409		Strathcona . 1,550	2.027
400	033	Wetaskiwin . 550	1,648
Totals 6.940	22,442	Total's 13.715	37,025

In addition to Boys' Brigades in church and school, on semi-military lines, there has arisen in England a movement to train boys and lads to fire drill and to "first aid drill." At Brighton the chief constable inspected a company of forty-six lads who had been taught what to do when fire broke out, and what to do when persons were injured or apparently drowned.

The spring wheat crop of the United States is estimated by the Government to be the best on record—278,830,000 bushels from 17.987.000 acres giving a yield of 15½ bushels per acre, or half a bushel heavier than the enormous crop of 1901, the best recorded until this year. The average for the last four years was fourteen bushels to the acre. Mr. H. V. Jones, and Mr. John Ingalls, United States experts, who have been travelling in Western Canada have stated that in their judgment this Government report of winter wheat is fully fifty million bushels too high. Mr. Ingalls says he considers the Manitoba group largely overestimated. considers the Manitoba crop largely overestimated.

PEOPLE'S BANK PURCHASE.

How the Royal Bank was Outplayed in New Brunswick.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

St. John, N.B., August 14th.

Mr. E. L. Pease, general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, came to New Brunswick last week prepared to assist of negotiating with the directors of the People's Bank of Fredericton for the purchase of their property. He probably was the most surprised man in Carada to learn that the People's directors had ceased to represent a controlling interest in the bank.

While they had been negotiating with the Royal directors Mr. W. B. Tennant, a. St. John broker, had been going quietly buying up the shareholders' stock. The last recorded sales of this stock had been at about \$270 per share of the par value of \$150. On these Mr. Tennant raised the price, paying in some instances as high as \$300, and so obtained control for the Bank of Montreal. Then the Bank of Montreal appeared openly in the negotiations and offered Montreal appeared openly in the negotiations and offered to take over the property at the very generous price of \$350 per share and giving shareholders the option of taking cash or Bank of Montreal stock.

Mr. Pease was not prepared to raise this offer, so he returned to Montreal. The matter was to have been kept secret; but the St. John "Globe" got word of the deal, and ended the stock speculating, and saved some shareholders from parting at \$300 with property for which they will shortly get \$350

No public announcement has yet been made of the offer No public announcement has yet been made of the offer of the Royal Bank, but it is generally believed their price was in the vicinity of \$300 per share. It is understood that those of the People's Bank shareholders who wish it will be given stock of the Bank of Montreal, which will be figured at \$200 per share, to \$350 for People's Bank stock. It is understood that the Bank of Montreal will take over the staff of the People's, and that provision is made to continue paying fees to the People's directors. It is announced that the formal transfer will take place within three months.

Once After the New Brunswick.

The People's Bank was largely ewned in Fredericton; The People's Bank was largely ewned in Fredericton; in fact, the family and other relatives of the president, Mr. A. H. F. Randolph, who succeeded his father, the late Mr. A. F. Randolph, were the principal owners, controlling nearly one-half the stock. The bank had no agencies, transacting business only in Fredericton, where it had practically the cream of the accounts and a perfectly sate business.

The deal by which the People's Bank was secured to the Bank of Montreal very much rescribes the effort made by or on behalf of the same bank to secure control of the Bank of New Brunswick. Some months ago the directors of the Bank of New Brunswick practically accepted an offer of the Bank

New Brunswick. Some months ago the directors of the Bank of New Brunswick practically accepted an offer of the Bank of Montreal to sell out on the same terms that the People's Bank have now agreed to dispose of their holdings. When the offer was carefully analyzed it was found that it would not benefit local stockholders, who were earning 12 per cent: on the stock, so the negotiations were dropped. Then it was learned that Mr. W. B. Tennant, who figures in the sale of the Bank of New Brunswick asking options on their stock at \$350. The stock had been selling at the corner for from \$290 to \$300 per share of the par value of \$100. Presumably

the bank of New Brunswick asking options on their stock at \$350. The stock had been selling at the corner for from \$290 to \$300 per share of the par value of \$100. Presumably it was found impossible to secure enough of the stock to get control, for nothing more has been heard of the matter.

The speculator may still be at work. Meanwhile the Bank of New Brunswick has increased its capital from s500,000 to \$1,000,000, has established new agencies and in other ways been energetic. The day the sale of the People's Bank was announced the Bank of New Brunswick made known its determination to enter Fredericton. The People's and the Bank of New Brunswick on most friendly terms, transacting one another's business in their respective districts, and so the Bank of New Brunswick had kept out of Fredericton, in which it may reasonably hope for a very large share of business.

The other local bank, the \$1. Stephen's, is without branches, and has only the head office at \$1. Stephen. Already there are rumors that the stock broker is seeking to secure stock in this sinstitution, and it will not occasion great surprise if ere long the announcement is made that some

surprise if ere long the announcement is made that some one of the great financial institutions is endeavoring to * * *

Col. C. H. Bridge and Capt. Martin, commissioned by the Imperial War Office to buy horses in Calgary will for chargers and riding horses, and \$100 for cobs are not nearly sufficient to pay for the few horses offered in that

WEEK ON THE STOCK EXCHANGES.

Friday, August 10th.—Trading both in Montreal and Toronto was stagnant and prices made little change. In the latter the only feature was navigation shares, Northern selling up to 10134. C. P. R. and N. S. Steel were firmer. Havana, common, sold a fraction higher.

Monday.-The upward tendency of Northern Navigation continued and it went to 106. There was quite a demand for this stock and holders were in no mood to part with it, owing to optimistic belief re the new boat. Interest was taken in C. P. R. because of dividend expectations, but it made no strong movement. made no strong movement. Among the bank stocks, To-ronto was firmer. Electric Development lost two points.

Tuesday.—C. P. R. was easy, dividend anticipations not being realized. Mexican stocks also easier in spite of increasing volume of business shown by Electric Tramway Company's statement. Rio was fairly active. Northern Navigation fell back a point or two.

Wednesday. Business dropped off, but prices were slightly firmer than on previous day, as in New York. Rio was fairly active. C. P. R. was firm locally, but declined two points in New York. In Montreal power issues are

Thursday.—A, few shares of Electric Development at 53½. Rio was steady. Mexican L. and P. was in better demand. Dominion I. and S. bonds to the amount of \$11,000 exchanged hands. Mackay partially resumed its activity.

The General Situation.-Very little in the way of new feature has presented itself in the stock exchange business the past week. Money in New York has been a little easier, but this has not brought forth the looked-for result of bringing about a heavier movement in stocks. Prices have kept up well; that is to say, they have not retroceded; but this is all that can be said. Evidently there is a movement to keep them up, and that it has not succeeded in greater measure shows that the sluggish influences are stronger than supposed. What these exactly are is hard to say, for crops, industrial prosperity, comparative freedom from political posed. What these exactly are is hard to say, for crops, in-dustrial prosperity, comparative freedom from political dangers are all factors, and strong factors, in the opposite direction. Local Canadian markets are following in the train of New York. Values keep steady to nrm, but the valume of business is small and there appears no immediate probability of improvement. The outside public is seep-tical and, until it regains confidence, dulness will be the

Stock and bond prices will be found on page 248.

UNCHANGED C. P. R. DIVIDEND.

The C.P.R. directors on Monday declared the usual dividend of 2 per cent. on the preference stock and 3 per cent. on the common stock for the half year ending June.

cent. on the common stock for the half year ending June 30th. The surplus carried forward is \$8,268,082, compared with a surplus last year of \$1,764,553.

In view of the record earnings and profits, a larger dividend was looked for in some quarters. The directors have taken the conservative course, no doubt partly because the exceptionally open winter kept working expenses down, and the consequent increased gains have been retained against a possible reversal of conditions.

The preferred stock dividend will absorb about \$1,514,5000 and the common \$6,230,000. Here is a condensed bal-

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Gross	\$61,669,758 38,696,446	\$50,481,882 35,000,793
Included from other sources. Gains of steamships over amount previously shown	1,316,870	\$15,475,088 1,584,663
Total net income Fixed charges		\$17,059,751 7,954,065
Added to steamship pensio	\$16,592,215 N 580,000	\$ 9,105,686
Available for dividends Surplus after all dividends	\$16,012,215 8,268,082	\$ 8,875,686 1,784,553

The Hamilton Steamship Co. has given a contract to the Canadian Shipbuilding Co. for the building of a new CATTY 2,000 passengers, or double the capacity of the

The Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, has pur chased Caton Woodville's famous picture, "The Dawn of Majuba Day," in which the second Canadian contingent is shown in front at the surrender of Cronje at Paardeberg.

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NEW ST. LAWRENCE BRIDGE.

\$12,000,000 Montreal Scheme: Street Railway Franchise Renewal Chances.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Montreal, August 16, 1906.

It begins to look as though Montreal was about to have its third bridge over the St. Lawrence River. A very few years ago there was but one bridge across the St. Lawrence the Victoria bridge, the erection of which is remembered by many who still call themselves young. The bridge has since been reconstructed and has roadway and sidewalks, as well as the space for trains. Outside of this, there is only one bridge across the river anywhere near Montreal, and even this is three or four miles distant. It is owned by the C. P. R., and is only for trains. Up near Coteau, about 30 miles distant, is another railway bridge. There is none other. A few miles above Quebec a bridge is being built.

The Victoria bridge is so inconveniently situated that scarcely a tenth of the inhabitants of the city ever crossed it save by train. The tolls imposed by the G. T. R. for crossing it are also against its use. Montreal has for years wanted a bridge for the centre of the city to the south shore, across which pedestrians might travel free, and street cars carry their loads at ordinary fares. But even if tolls have to be paid, Montrealers want a convenient bridge. Mr. E. Stewart Wilson, of New York, who, represents Sir F. Stewart Wilson, of New York, who, represents Sir Douglas Fox, of London, says that that eminent engineer is to undertake the erection of the new structure immediately. The bridge will have to be 150 feet high to permit ocean steamships to pass beneath it. To this end the city approach will have to begin on St. Catharine Street, in the up-town, section. It will be a cantilever bridge with a centre span of 1,500 feet in length. The cost is estimated at about \$12,000,000. The bridge will be available for any railroad, and that a large station and terminal facilities will be provided at the city end of the bridge, possibly near St. James Methodist Church. The Delaware and Hudson Railway is mentioned as being anxious to make arrange-ments for the use of these facilities. The D, and H, has hitherto used the C. P. R. bridge and terminals. It is announced that these arrangements will be continued, mean-But it is believed that, now that the D. and H. has acquired its own lines and connections from the international indary to Montreal, it will welcome any change which will make it independent of competing lines.

Loss of a Negotiator. The death of Ald. C. B. Carter, K.C., removes from the Montreal City Council one of its most useful members. Those who keep a close watch upon the coming negotiations between the city and the Street Railway, for the renewal of the franchise of the latter, look to the future with no little apprehension. Ald. Carter had the confidence of the public, and was appointed to interview the Street Railway officials with respect. pointed to interview the Street Railway officials with respect to the matter. The subject was to have been taken un this fall, after the return of Ald. Carter from his trip across the Atlantic. His death, just as he reached Canada last week, Atlantic. His death, just as he reached Canada last week, makes it necessary to appoint another negotiator. The present franchise has 17 years more to run, but the railway officials want to know what is going to happen after that period. Three years ago they approached the city to see what could be done in the matter.

They want the franchise extended for fifty years. To obtain this concession, they are willing to clean and water the streets upon which they run, and to clear away the snow in winter—they may have also included the paving of them. They are also willing to give a greater number of work—

They are also willing to give a greater number of workmen's and school children's tickets for 25 cents and to give the city a bonus in addition to what they already pay on their earnings. It is estimated that this bonus would amount \$200,000 per annum.

As the railway operates on most of the principal streets, and as Montreal's greatest and hitherto unsolved problem is and as Montreal's greatest and hitherto unsolved problem is the cleaning of her streets, the offer has been received with much fayor. The street railway gives a most efficient service and the citizens look upon it in a much more friendly spirit than they do upon another company which has been referred to in these columns lately. Yet the citizens frequently express much displeasure because the city's receipts from the Street Railway Company are not larger, when they compare them with the receipts in some other cities.

City's Share of Profits.

The following figures concerning the earnings and the pear ending at that time:

Gross earnings of company, \$2,627,361; deduct portion earned in outside municipalities, \$271.492; leaving earnings within the city. \$2.355.867

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The city also received a percentage on the earnings of the Terminal Railway. This was but one per cent until a year ago; when at became the same as is paid by the Montreal Street Railway. The audit a few days ago showed the following result for the past eighteen months:

Total earnings, Aug. 1, 1905, to July 31, City's stare at 4 per cent......

An interesting dispute between the Montreal Street Railway and the city was that which was recently settled by the Privy Council in favor of the railway. The city claimed that the railway had to pay a percentage upon its earnings both in and out of the city. The railway claimed that it only had to pay upon city earnings. The amount at stake was in the vicinity of \$400,000, when the decision was given in favor of the railway. Since a year ago many outside municipalities have joined with Montreal, such as St. Henri, etc. These have added quite a few inhabitants to the city and many miles of railway track to that included in the city's mileage. When the street railway comes to make up the percentage on its city earnings to be paid this year the sum will be vastly greater than a year ago. Operations in the stock market have been so dull during

week that a reference to them is almost unne sary. Prices holding fairly firm, in the stocks not dealt in in New York. The listing of Rio securities here is expected immediately. Otherwise there is nothing new on the local exchange, and no gossip in the stocks dealt in here.

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SAID BY PERSONS AND PAPERS.

Echo (Halifax, N.S.).—We believe the Provincial Government should secure an efficient publicity agent, pay him an adequate salary, and have him devote his time to doing statistical and other work much needed.

The Manchester Guardian, commenting on the Canadian Manufacturers' Association circular regarding labor requirements, says it would require very strong inducement to make Lancashire operatives entertain the idea of emigrating.

Victoria (B.C.) Colonist:-British Columbia is coming into her own, and we have the confident belief that before many months have passed there will be evidenced a wave of progress and expansion which will surpass the fondest ex-

pectations of the most sanguine.

Guardian (Charlottetown).—People go west, as too many take a patent medicine because it is so persistently advertised. Many have removed west, to their lasting regret, just as many have taken some patent nostrum to cure imaginary ills,

and become really ill in consequence.

Lethbridge News.—The very best feature of this year's immigration to Canada is the coming of 20,000 Scots as against 900 five years ago. Averaging them all round not only as industrial units but as raw material for loyal and public

spirited citizens of Canada, they are excelled by none.

Calgary Albertan.—The recent census in Calgary was nothing more and nothing less than an absurd and most gigantic muddle. There was nothing accurate about it, there was nothing complete about it, there was nothing definite about it. The Albertan has absolute proof that a portion of Calgary was not included in the census.

Manitoba Free Press,-It is regrettable that neither the Dominion Government nor any of the Provincial Governments has a complete record of the savings of the people. What official information is procurable shows that Canadian savings per capita rank high in comparison with those of any

Swedish Technical Journal .- We have to fear that the iron industry of Sweden can expect a dangerous competition from Canada, which not only can cut out our market in the United States, but also our market in England, if that country should adopt the proposed customs union with the colonies; also in regard to China and Japan Canada is better,

J. J. Hill.—There is no foundation for the report that I have purchased the Dakota Midland. As a matter of fact I do not know where that railroad is located. If you hear rumors that the Great Northern or any other road with which I am closely identified has purchas road you can deny them, and thus establish a reputation for knowing things in advance. When we desire to enter a new territory, we think it the best policy to build our own lines. C. C. Hemming, vice-president Colorado Bankers' Asso-

iation.—I caution you not to be too anxious to make money. On that rock have been shipwrecked many of the best men in the banking business. It is more important to retain the confidence of your depositors than to be anxious about your deposits. The bank which conducts its business carefully and properly, on lines independently and conservatively, is never on the still hunt for money when hard times come, nor are its depositors disturbed for their safety.

RECORD OF CANADIAN TRADE.

Increase Over 1905, 17.1 per cent.; Increase Over 1897, 130 per cent.

The completed returns for Canadian imports and ex-ports are given below, with the increases worked out in per-centage, both as regards general aggregates and those for the four countries with which Canada principally trades. The figures speak for themselves:

Increase over last year		\$	80,703,95
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Total imports . \$266.83		1906.	Inc.
	4.417 329	4,267,616	10.2
lotal exports 203,316	25	6,586,630	26,2
Total trade . \$570,151	280 800		-
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Imports.	1905.	1906. Pe	rcentage
Dutiable imports	CAN LIVE TO THE		Inc.
Free imports	100 660 412	\$176,771,933	
Entered consumption	251.925.554	290.342,408	
Dutiable consumption	159,928,787	173,027,710	14.6
Free consumption	110.995.767	117,314,698	5.3
Duty collected	42,924,339	40,008,259	8.7
Great Britain.			
Total imports	00,538,811	69,298,751	14.4
Dutiable imports	45.413,809	52.748,623	16.1
United States.			
Total imports	166,949,890	180,729,458	8.2
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Foreign merchandise	- 144		
Can. goods to Britain.	12 461,926	21,102,070	6.93
Foreign goods to Britain	97 114.867	127,466,471	3.12
Can goods to U. S.	4.843,904	5,038,390	10.4
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The gross earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway for the six months ended June 19th amounted to \$15,108,000, an increase of \$1,462,000 ever the previous half-year. It is declared on the guaranteed stock and the first and second preference, as last year.

The Michigan arrears of taxes are closed. This means the future payment of increased duties, and the settlement of arrears and of interest since the Michigan Legislature passed the law in 1901, which diminish the chances of further distinsements on account of third preference stock. The last payment was made February last.

Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, the president, has completed his annual inspection of the line, and sails for England to-

有有的 STRAIGHT POINTERS FROM CALGARY,

Mr. C. W. Peterson, Secretary to the Calgary Board of Trade in a first rate article upon that city, contributed to "Industrial Canada," makes, among many others, two points by way of incentive to eastern business men to participate to the utmost in the growth of that section of west

tern Canada.
It is safe to assume that the population of Western Canada will be much greater than that of the Western Canada will be much greater than that of the Western States. It is a notorious fact that enormous areas of waste land are included in the States south of the line, while alland are included in the States south of the line, while almost every acre of the Canadian prairies will lend itself to agricultural or pastoral pursuits. Multitudes of settlers corner of the civilized globe, and it is not overstating the tement in the prairie provinces will remove the Canadian centre of population from the Eastern Provinces to a point west of Lake Superior.

west of Lake Superior "Unless the manufacturers of Canada look sharp, the wide-awake business men south of the international boundary who are commutally on the still-hunt for profitable incanada and capture, the market from Eastern manufacture. This is no tile dream. The process has commenced. American capital has already launched several enterprises in Calgary that will come in direct competition with Eastern Canadian industries."

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures of the Canadian Clearing Houses for the weeks ending with 9th August, 16th August, 1906, and 17th August, 1905:

Montreal Toronto Winnipeg Halifax Hamilton St. John Vancouver Victoria Quebec London Ottawa Calgary Edmonton Totals	21,640,718 8,730,779 1,659,155	*18,593,039 *18,888,602 8,865,953 2,014,351 1,332,065 1,288,373 2,812,247 798,234 1,826,140 1,119,468 2,603,734	Aug. 17, 1905. \$23,167,967 17,882,542 6,518,148 1,535,082 1,461,868 1,139,289 1,747,161 053,086 1,591,933 2,424,081
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*Five days

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Boston Mines, Limited, Toronto, \$50,000.-To carry on all branches of a mining, milling, reduction and develop-

British Columbia Timbers, Limited, Montreal, \$100,000.

To carry on throughout Canada and elsewhere the business of lumberers. A. L. MacLaurin, Montreal. ness of lumberers.

Beauharnois Navigation Co., Beauharnois, Que., \$20-To lease or purchase and operate steamers. L. J. Primeau, Montreal.

Renwick Co., Toronto, \$40,000 To build or acquire steamships, docks, etc. W. Mackenzie and D. B. Hanna, Toronto.

Lamb Watson Lumber Co., Winnipeg. \$50,000. C. Lamb Minneapolis Minn. and O. Lachmund, Arrowhead, B.C.

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To do business as lumberers, build vessels and docks, etc. A. L. MacLaurin, Montreal.

Grand Trunk Pacific Town & Development Co., Montreal, \$5 000,000, To acquire and lay out lands, promote immigration, advance money, etc. C. M.: Hays, Montreal.

La Patrie Publishing Co.: Montreal. \$500,000. To pub-newspapers, make and sell pulp, produce motive power, Hon. J. I. Tarte, Montreal.

Ottawa Sales Co., Ottawa, \$40,000.—To purchase or otherwise acquire letters patent for inventions, trade marks, designs, etc., and to assist inventors. N. I. Ker, C.E.,

Hamilton Mirror Plate Co., Hamilton, \$40,000.—To plate glass, picture frames, mirrors, etc. W. Stonewall

St. Lawrence Canadian Navigation Co., Montreal, \$1,000,000. To establish steamboat lines on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, build wharves, etc. W. Paul, Jr. Sorel, P.Q.

St. James' Realty Co., Montreal, \$3,000,000.—To acquire and sell land, produce steam, gas and electricity for heat, light and power, construct, and operate hotels, operate, systems of sanitation. Thos. Watson, Westmount, Quebeckers, Morgan & Co., Limited, Montreal, \$2,000,000.

Henry Morgan & Co., Limited, Montreal, \$3,000,000.

To do business in all kinds of merchandize, mechanical devices; to take over part of the assets of business now carried on by Henry Morgan & Co., in Montreal; to act as mercantile rating and collecting agency. James Morgan,

Grand Trunk Pacific Town & Development Co., Mont-\$5.000,000, To acquire and improve lands in any part real, \$5.000,000.—To acquire and improve lands in any end Canada, promote immigration into such and advance money to settlers; to operate tramways, ships, bridges, docks, etc.; to prospect for minerals; erect sawmills; refine oil; establish stores, etc. C. M. Hays and F. W. Morse, Wontreal

The Toronto carpenters' strike is ended. At a conference with the Master Carpenters' Association a minimum wage of thirty-three cents an hour was decided upon, and the Association agreed to recognize the m \$28,000 in wages was lost by the strike.

The conditions in Winnipeg with respect to terminals have not been finally agreed upon between the Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern and Transcontinental Railway commissioners. The last-named road's share of liabilities involved is limited, and legislation will be required to enable the commissioners to enter into the missioners to enter into the arrangement.

August 17, 1906.

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TRANSPORTATION NOTES.

August 17, 1900.

The gross earnings of the Northern Pacific Railway for the past year are \$62,000,000, an increase of \$10,000,000 over

The Canadian Northern Railway will enter Calgary within a short time, was the statement made in that city by President Mackenzie on Wednesday.

The G. T. R. purposes to construct a branch line from a point on the Central Vermont Railway east of St. Lambert, Que., in a southerly direction to St. Antoine de

The C.P. R. is having built 500 steel gondolas of 100,000 tons capacity, the first of which has just been turned out by the Dominion Steel Car Co., and has just given an order for fifty more of the same size.

For moving the wheat crop the C. P. R. expects to have ready a hundred additional engines and 8,600 extra cars for that exclusive purpose. Owing to improvements in the roadbed the capacity of trains will also be greatly en-

The Great Northern Burlington, and Northern Pacific railways have abolished all free passes, without waiting until the anti-pass clause of the new law takes effect. Passes involve discrimination, and, therefore, might make them subject to a fine of \$20,000

The corner-stone of the new I. C. R. shops at Moncton was laid on Monday, by the Hon. Mr. Emmerson, Minister of Railways, several other political, notables being present. That gentleman tickled his hearers by stating that the site had been selected with a view to a greater

The German State Railway Administration has decided on a unique series of experiments for the prevention of accidents. A certain section of the well-known military line between Berlin and Jossen, about one and a quarter miles in length, has been handed over to the engineers, who will proceed to conduct elaborate tests by artifical

The Minister of Railways has now agreed to issue passes to each I. C. R. employee who has completed a year's service, he may be given one pass each year for his wife and family. A limited number of additional passes will be granted in case of serious illness or death of relatives, or other exceptional circumstances.

Construction work is being rapidly done on the Canadian Northern line from Erwood to Pas Mission and Hudson Bay. The right of way to Fort Churchill, the provable terminus of the line will be probably completed by fall. There is little doubt that navigation on the Bay is feasible from July till the end of November, s portance as a grain carrier cannot be over-rated.

As a result of recent important mineral discoveries in Northern Quebeo the C. P. R. is displaying activity in surveying, etc. The Kippewa and Riviere des Quinze branch may be built at once, and this will afford easy access to Ville Marie and the country north of Temiskaming. Engineers are preparing a report on the proposed extension of the Nomining line to L'Originale Kapids.

R. O. & A. B. MacKay have purchased the steel freighter "Winona" for service on the upper lakes in the

The Edder-Dempster line is bringing to Canada, to ply between Montreal and Cuba and Mexico, the steamer "Sokoto" which has been employed carrying mails from West Africa to Liverpool.

The steamer "Erindale," which plies between Toronto and points along the north shore of Lake Ontario was last week burned to the waters edge at Newcastle wharf. The female cook lost her life. The loss is placed at \$25,000 and the steamer of the s and the insurance only about \$7,000. The owner is Thos. G. Jackson. Suspicions of incendiarism are heard.

The Manchester Ship Canal has had a prosperous half-rear, ending with June 30th. The tonnage was 2,243,136 tons gross, as against 1,933,127 tons in the corresponding period of 1005 period of 1905, of an increase of over 250,000 tons, of which practically all was in sea-borne traffic. Canadian trade with the Mother Land by way of Manchester, shows a strong tendency to increase.

The steamship "Athenic" recently unloaded at Albert Dock, London, this record cargo of New Zealand produce: 81,920 frozen carcases mutton and lamb: 220 frozen quarters of beef; 77 cases frozen kidneys, hearts, etc.; 90 casks (38); 35 frozen carcases pork; 1,000 cases tinned meats; II.550 hales wool and skins: 200 sacks grass seed; 1,100 11.550 bales wool and skins: 200 sacks grass seed, 1,100 casks tallow and pelts, and 2,800 cases fruit.

'Mr. Polson, of Vernon, B. C., contemplates running an electric railway through the great Coldstream and Bar X

ranches, through Vernon and to Okanagan Landing. Power would be obtained from Shuswap Falls.

The majority of the directors of the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Railway, have issued \$35,000 of new stock in order, it is said, to obtain a controlling interest, and the others contend that the action is illegal and that if the new stock is used for the ourselver of voting on dividende they stock is used for the purpose of voting on dividends, they will bring the matter into the courts.

The Quebec Kailway, Light & Power Company is building a dam 84 ft high about half a mile up the river from Montmorency Falls in view of the inadequacy of the latter for power purposes at certain times. It is to be capable of holding back 52,000,000 cubic feet of water, and will be the largest of its kind in Canada. The company will, instal a plant comprising a 1,500 k.w. alternating current generator, driven by a 2,225 horse-power turbine wheel.

SOME RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Canadian I	Pacific: Mile	eage, 8,792.	4.00	The transfer of the transfer o
		1906.	1905.	Increasé.
Fourth wee	ek July	. \$1,931,000	\$1,306,000	\$425,000
Month July		5,882,000	4,548,000	1,334,000
First week	August	. 1,390,000	1,070,000	329,000
Grand Tru	nk: Mileage	4,085		
Fourth wee	ek July	\$152,853	\$1,034,391	\$118,462
Month Jul	у	. 3,606,234	3,220,213	377,021
First week	August .	. 869,037	767,307	101,730
Jan 1.—Jul	у 31.	. 22,516,438	20,469,725	2,046,713
Canadian N	lorthern; N	Tileage, 2,433.		
Fourth wee	k July		\$126,700	\$61,800
Month July	,	. 603,800	397,100	206,700
First week			79,200	46,700
Toronto, H	lamilton, an	d Buffalo: M	ileage, 88.	
Month June		\$66,242	\$54,240	\$11,003
July, '05.—)		749,248		89,022
Toronto St	reet Railwa	y.		
Week Endi	ng 11 Aug	\$62,429	\$55,680	\$6,740
Month July		271,217	242,698	28,519
City's per c	entage	40,682	36,404	4,278
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Delawate of Mudson in Canada.

There is talk of the Delaware & Hudson negotiating for the purchase of the projected Northeastern Railway from Temiscamingue to Quebec.

The Delaware & Hudson is getting its recently acquired purchase, the Quebec Southern, or South Shore line into good condition. Gradually it will be extended down the St. Lawrence, its charter giving the right to build to the junction of the G.T.R., and Intercolonial, on the south side the river, opposite Quebec.

A short line may be built to fill the gap between the southern terminus of the Quebea Southern at Noyan, and the northern terminus of the Delaware and Hudson at Rouse's Point.

ACCEPT NEWFOUNDLAND COIN.

St. John's, Nfld., August 8th, 1906. Editor "The Monetary Times."

Sir,—I enclose a cutting from a St. John's paper, copying an item from the Montreal "Witness," suggesting the charging of a discount on "foreign. Newfoundland silver coins that find their way to Canada. No discount is charged on any Canadian, silver circulating here, either by the banks or by the general public. I think it would be a grave mistake to create at this time any obstacle to the Variance of the contraction. take to create at this time any obstacle to the free exchange of the coins of this colony and Canada, when efforts are being made to draw them closer together in business.

Unless there is some urgent necessity for doing so it

would be very unwise to do anything that might cause the least irritation or annoyance to our Newfoundland friends, or that might be used by any unscrupulous individuals to destroy that good feeling which is so marked at the present

The term "foreign" is hardly a correct one to apply to coins bearing the King's head, and of a British colony. American silver is freely accepted at its face value in many places in Canada. While such is the case it would be very inappropriate to tax the coinage of a sister colony, as the cutting contemplates may be done

Yours truly,

The articles on exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, last year were insured for \$3,000,000, and were of an estimated value of twice that amount. This year both insurance and value will be half as large again.

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The Insurance Chronicle

LIFE INSURANCE.

The Provident Savings Life Assurance Society will withdraw from Mississippi, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, New Hampshire and Vermont because of the heavy expenses of doing business in those States.

The Annuity Company of Canada, the organization of

The Annuity Company of Canada, the organization of which in Winnipeg, and its scope of operations, were recently favorably noticed in "The Monetary Times," has appointed Mr. S. T. Bastedo, of Toronto, its Ontario manager.

The National Association of Life Underwriters is to convene in St. Louis in October. The following questions will be discussed: (1) How can it be shown to the public that canvassers are essential to the successful conduct of life assurance? (2) By what lines of action can the National Association best advance at own life and usefulness this year? (3) How can the meetings of local associations be made most attractive and most beneficial to life assurance? (Liverpool Chamber of Commerce is agitating for the

made most attractive and most beneficial to life assurance? Liverpool Chamber of Commerce is agitating for the reduction of the marine insurance stamp duties of three-pence per cent. on voyage and time policies under six months, and sixpence per cent. on policies exceeding six and not exceeding twelve months. All foreign underwriters are less burdened in this respect, and some of them not at all. A uniform duty of one penny is proposed, as in the case of fire insurance policies. The loss of revenue to the Government would be small, because more marine insurance would be placed at home than abroad.

Contrary to expectation, the members of the Star Life Assurance Society agreed almost without opposition to amalgamate with the United Kingdom Temperance and General. The president of the latter explained on the same day to his policyholders that all new business will be undertaken by the combined office, with a temperance and general section. Nine directors represent the United Kingdom office, and seven the Star office, later to be reduced to twelve. The renewal business of the Star office had cost about 10, per cent, of their premium income, while their own renewals, calculated upon the same basis, cost about 7 per cent.

The Perilous Automobile.

The effect of automobiles on accident insurance has not yet been accurately determined. On the basis of more accidents more business underwriters in the Imperial capital should be doing well. London's automobile accidents in May and June totalled 2,205:

	Accidents caused by motor cars and cycles	May.		lune
	Number causing personal infine.	556		559
	Number causing personal injury Number proving fatal	160		178
	Accidents caused by and	4		- 4
	Number causing personal injury	400		390
	Number proving fatal	62	1	80
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Towards Uniform Insurance Laws.

The committee of fifteen appointed at the conference of State insurance commissioners, governors, and attorney-generals, hel in Chicago last winter to propound a scheme of uniform insurance laws, will go into session at St. Paul next Wednesday to prepare a report for the insurance com-missioners' convention at Washington in September.

The committee is expected to make recommendations upon the following topics:

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(1) Standard form of policies; (2) Annual accounting and distribution; (3) Prohibition of political contributions; (4) Investme ;; (5) Policy to contain entire contract; (6) Agent to be held agent of company; (7) Prohibition of false estimates and misrepresentations; (8) Election of directors; (9) Conversion of stock into mutual companies; (10) Temporary stock plan; (11) Participating company not to do non-participating business; (12) Salaries of officers when fixed by directors; (13) Vouchers; (14) Annual reports; (15) Regulation of fraternal and assessment co-operative companies.

Policyholders' Association Trouble.

There are divided counsels in the International Policyholders Association, the headquarters of which are in New York, and Mr. Seymour Eaton (formerly of the Booklovers' Library), has resigned the secretaryship. He says that when he went into it he believed the movement "righteous, unselfish, and public-spirited." His resignation "apparently means that he has found out it isn't. A Chicago writer expresses the opinion that the so-called international movement is, in the United States, an organized attempt of grafters to get control of the Mutual Life and the New York Life comget control of the Mutual Life and the New York Life com-

The treasurer, Edwin Leibfreed, has also sent his resignation to Richard Olney, of Boston, chairman of the committee. Mr. Mutermeyer writes a letter saying that he won't be a candidate for trustee on the policyholders' ticket, and that he will not accept any payment for his services thus far. Such self-abnegation on the part of this gentleman is so unusual as of itself to create misgiving. He has never been known as a philanthropist before. In Canada some men of high character have joined the movement.

FOREIGN DEPOSITS NOT REQUIRED.

"In view of the evidence they have heard, the committee do not consider that in the interest of British policyholders it is desirable to compel foreign companies to deposit funds in this country," is the conclusion of the select committee of House of Lords who inquired into the position of foreign insurance companies in the United Kingdom.

The committee based their decision on the almost unani-The committee based their decision on the almost unammous opinion of the leading British actuaries and life insurance managers, who thought it would be contrary to the insurance companies' principles which had hitherto prevailed in Great Britain, and would violate the principle that the whole of the funds of an insurance company should be available for the claims of all policyholders alike.

It might also lead to reprisals on the part of foreign governments, and cause the public to believe that the solvency of the companies making the deposits was guaranteed by the Government.

Such deposits might seem to imply a statutory basis for valuation, the tendency of which might weaken the reserves. Such deposits of securities would appear to give an unforzign company. Under such a limited state of supervision it was doubtful whether the policyholders would be as well protected as they are by control through publicity and the freedom enjoyed by British companies.

The report says that foreign companies should be placed in same position as British companies, and be made to comply with the requirements of the Life Insurance Companies of insurance companies accounts, and gives ample legal might be made in view of increased insurance business.

The committee feels that appointment of British trustees to act for foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign as British trustees to act for foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign as British trustees to act for foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign as British trustees to act for foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign companies is desirable, and that all insurance companies foreign companies is desirable.

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Lakeview Hotel, ow Man., has been burned.

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FIRE INSURANCE.

August 17, 1906.

Lakeview Hotel, owned by R. Blowes, at Shoal Lake, Man., has been burned. Loss, \$5,000; insured for \$2,000.

Up to August 1st the Hartford Fire Insurance Company had paid 2,670 San Francisco claims, covering an amount of \$4,405,900.

The waterworks building of the village of Boucherville, near Montreal, has been destroyed by fire with a loss approximating \$20,000, only partially insured.

Fire has totally destroyed Cartledge's woolen mills, Guelph, involving a loss of \$10,000, in addition to machinery and stock valued at \$30,000, a quarter of which is covered

The New Brunswick Government will probably require all fire insurance and accident companies doing business in the Province to make deposits at Fredericton for the pro-tection of their policyholders, unless already made with the

The New Brunswick Legislature is considering general regulations requiring all fire and accident insurance companies doing business in that Province to make a deposit for protection of policyholders, unless there be already such eposit with the Dominion Government.

Attachment has been levied on the property in New York of the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Co. of Hamburg. The action was brought by Shiland Shoemaker & Hodges on behalf of several hundred San Francisco policyholders as a result of the company's alleged announcement that it would pay no fire losses, they being the "act of Providence."

The Dutch Underwriters are a body of individual insurers resembling the London Lloyds. There are forty of them, of whom twenty-six are represented by one New York firm. In 1903 or 4 this body was receiving from New York over \$300,000 a year in premiums on good lines. But losses became so great that the Dutch Underwriters will underwrite in America no more.

Fire, which broke out Friday on Woburn Street, Hull, Que., that fire-harassed city, destroyed thirty-two buildings and rendered forty, families homeless. As was the case in previous conflagrations, there were no water and limited fire-fighting facilities at the beginning. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, by no means all covered by inserted. mated at \$40,000, by no means all covered by insurance. The section burned was a very poor one.

Three bad Canadian fires occurred on Sunday. Nixon's hotel at Little Current, Ont., with several outbuildings and cottages, was destroyed at a loss of \$20,000 with \$6,000 insurance. Hotel will be rebuilt. Clement & Marchand's tannery in Quebec city was burned. Loss, \$15,000, partly insured. Baker & Morrison's flour mill at Wallaceburg. It had been recently renovated and extended, and the loss is figured at \$20,000, partly insured.

The Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters some time ago offered a reduction of sixty cents in fire rates providing certain recommended improvements were carried out. Those included an improvement, in the water service on expert advice; aerial truck and ladder division; more alarm boxes and tappers; fire inquest; additions to strength of the fire department; purchase of two fire boats. The Fire Commissioners claim that, a considerable part of this programme having been carried out, they should get a prorata reduction.

For Mutual Companies in Canada.

The insurance committee of the Canadian Manufac-turers' Association having received over 300 replies from members supporting the movement to organize mutual fire insurance companies, has summoned the first organization meeting to be held at Winnipeg, on Monday, September 17th, the first day of the annual convention of the Associ-

"Industrial Canada" this month has a long article in support of the establishment of mutual insurance companies by members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The point is made that in mutual companies, when rates are increased, the benefits go to policyholders, who are shareholders. A table is given showing the results of the last two years' operations of the Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Union, consisting of twenty-one companies, the oldest of which, the Worcester, was established in 1823, and the youngest, the Mutual Protection of Boston, was founded in 1861. In 1904 the total premium receipts were \$1,922,621, and the profits to policyholders \$837,145, or 43¾ per cent. In 1905 the premiums were \$1,972,088, and the profits to policyholders. policyholders \$806,966, or 409-10 per cent.

The conclusion of the article is: "What has been and is now being accomplished by mutual fire insurance companies offers the greatest encouragement to the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in the formation of companies of their own. It will not all, however, be easy sailing; adverse winds will blow and storms may retard progress, but if they are properly organized and managed, success much cross the offer? success must crown the effort."

SCARCE LABOR IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Maritime Province is Going Ahead in all Business.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Halifax, N.S., August 13th, 1906.

The last spike in the Halifax & South-Western Railway will be driven about August, the twentieth. It is expected that a regular service between Halifax and Yatmouth will be established before the first of November. Two complete trains, modern in every respect, have been completed for the road by Rhode Curry & Co. The equipment heretofore has not been all it should have been.

The Minister of Railways, the general manager of the I. C. R., and other officials of that road, have been here this week. Much complaint has arisen here over the abolition of the "furtherance rates." These rates have been in force several years, being designed to meet the competition via Boston. Many merchants here formerly found it as cheap to import flour from Ontario via Boston by water as to bring it directly by rail. The furtherance rate water as to bring it directly by rail. The furtherance rate was really a rebate. The rate on flour from Chatham to Halifax is 21 cents per hundred. The consignee would pay this, could hold the goods over in Halifax for a certain time and then send them on to Cape Breton points, receiving a rebate of five and one-half cents. Sydney dealers complained that this rebate was unfair to them and it was withdrawn on their complaints. withdrawn on their complaint.

There is an extraordinary shortage of cars on this end of the I. C. R., due to the largely increased volume of freight being turned out by manufacturers throughout the Province. Every industry is extremely busy, the increase in the past four years having been far beyond all expecta-

The surveying parties on the route of the Halifax and Eastern Railway, one working from the Eastern counties and the other from Dartmouth have met at Middle Musquodoboit. They report no great engineering difficulties

on the route.

Halifax Tramway receipts continue to show heavy decreases; those for the week ending July 31st being \$826.65 less than last year. Street-paying is progressing well, the number of men at work having been largely increased.

Fish Handlers on Strike.

The prosperity of the Maritime Provinces is perhaps shown in no way better than by the fact that since the first of the year three of our banks—the Royal, the Nova Scotia, and the New Brunswick—have issued \$4,550,000 of new stock, and the greater portion of the amount has been furnished by local investors:

Wool is in great demand, at high prices in this Province. In the western counties 36 cents per pound has been paid. Not very long ago the prevailing price was 19 cents. Farmers are going into sheep-raising much more extensionly

The Acadia Coal Company is lining the Allan shaft at Stellarton with cement and it will require ten thousand

barrels to do the work.

The Davidson Lumber Company's mill at Springfield,
Queens County. N.S., is very busy, on some days turning
out about 190,000 feet of lumber. The year's output will

Fishermen complain of the rapid advances in rope. The rope principally used by lobster fishermen (six-thread manila) has advanced at retail from 9½ cents per pound in 1896 to 17 cents in 1905. The quantity now used by each boat is more than double that formerly used.

There is a great scarcity of laborers all over Nova Scotia. The Inverness Mining Company is vainly advertising for 500 men. There is almost a tie-up along the Halifax waterfront, many fish handlers being on strike and a large number having gone West to the harvests. The Dominion Iron Company is greatly have seed to be be better the company is greatly have seed to be a seed to be minion Iron Company is greatly hampered by lack of men. A number of miners are now on their way out to this Province from the Old Country. About 200 fish handlers ceased work in Halifax on Tuesday night, demanding an increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. This is the slack season in the business, the rush not beginning until next month.

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Every effort is being made to have a particularly good fisheries exhibit at the Dominion Exhibition. There will probably be an exhibit from British Columbia (which is second to Nova Scotia in the value of its fish products). The Smiths Dock Co., of North Shields, Eng., will send a fine exhibit, including an eight-foot model of a steam stawler, fully equipped and many photographs.

Captain Farquhar has gone to Sable Island with wrecking gear in order to strip the steamer "Skidby," which has been stranded on the island for two years. The Salvage Association, of London, has decided it would not pay to remove the steamer.

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A new orchard pest, the Tussock moth, has been discovered among the fruit trees in the Annapolis Valley, and is being vigorously fought by collecting the eggs and

BRITISH FINANCIAL TOPICS.

Wide Sweep of Income-Tax Law: Royal Institute of Directors.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Manchester, August 3rd, 1906.

We are accustomed to listen respectfuly to our bankers, and to allow their opinions, more or less, to shape our own. Their advice is mostly cautionary, and that description will apply to some words by the hairman of Parrs Bank at its general meeting: "Canada and Australia were prospering; but he was a little afraid Canada might go too fast and have to incur the inevitable punishment of re-Translated in the average mind this means that Mr. Cecil F. Parr is actually more than a little afraid, otherwise he would have left Canadian prospects as he did Austraffan—without comment. Bankers' language is one of noos and winks and signs which are to be interpreted freely, and for better or worse that is the interpretation that will be applied by those who look for guidance to the head of the great bank of Parrs, which was founded forty years ago, and has a subscribed capital of \$42,710,000.

Not all the bank chairmen have warned us specifically against Canada. They have dealt rather with the effects of wars and earthquakes, rates and taxes, loans and the shrink-age in the value of shares. Despite a feeling of want of confidence during the last financial year, bank profits have been more than usually satisfactory. For this the higher rate of discount is to be thanked and the industrial revival,

With varying degrees of emphasis the failure of confience in financial circles is credited to the machinations of the Liberal and Labor parties: to sales of securities by fire insurance offices; to the Chinese labor muddle, and to the increasing disposition to invest abroad rather than at home. These are the features men are despondent about, and for the public peace of mind it is as well that so many banks report the best results in their history. Fat sorrow—in the words of a Northern proverb—is better to bear than lean. Besides there is a sporting prospect of even a financial revial.

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The decision given by the House of Lords in the matter of De Beers Mines, Limited, vs. the Surveyor of Taxes deserves the attention of men concerped in international finance. For long the question has been dragging through the lower courts as to the liability of De Beers to pay British income tax. The company is not registered here, its mines are at the Cape, and much of its profits are distributed abroad. But it "really keeps house here and does business." This kingdom is its "chief seat of management and centre of trade." Where the company is registered is beside the point, and the final answer to De Beers is that Il must pay the shifting in the £ that others pay. The principle applies all round, and its operation must be calculated upon henceforth. Not in every case will the sum in dispute amount to the half million sterling which De Beers owed to the Exchequer on account of the last three years.

Of ingenious suggestions for increasing the gold reserve there are several. One that will bear thinking about comes from a society weekly. The proposal is that for the next fifteen of twenty years the heading banks should agree to stereotype their dividends, fixing a rate that experience suggests as safe, and leaving room for reserve, pension and premises funds. The surplus carnings would go to form a gold fund in which each contributory, would be absolute owner of its own share. Thus individual positions would be strengthened at the same time as the general situation. Accumulation would be slow but the fund would be amassed in time without any violent disturbance, and participants would have definite gains to set against their temporary losses. temporary losses.

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who made himself honorably useful in Toronto after his
flight from London, forced scrip of Great Fingal Limited
mines. He imitated directors' signatures, applied the seal
of the company to which he was secretary, and obtained
an advance of £20,000 on the documents. Ruben & Langenburg, who advanced the money, sought to make the
company liable to repay. As the deed was not the company's the Law Lords made short work of the suggestion
that the company should be bound by it. Lord Macnaghten scouted the idea that the seal should be locked and guarded as though it were a dangerous beast, and that the directors were cuipable in entrusting the seal to the care of their secretary.

Royal Institute of Directors.

England has not lost its horror yet of canned beef. England has not lost its norror yet of canned beef. Every day sees some reference to scandals and dangers connected with some form of prepared food. Lancashire cotton workers have forsaken corned meat for cheese, and they are relishing the Canadian variety. Their appetite for that is jeopardised by Mr. Grant's statement that probably ten per cent of Canada's wells are cesspoods, and that Dominion dairies are dangerously dirty. This passage from

minion dairies are dangerously dirty. This passage from a paper read before the Produce Merchants' Association in Montreal, has been reproduced in the leading Lancashire newspaper. Obviously, then, the sooner convincing reassurances can be sent on the better.

Company direction is one means of life to some 25,000 people in this land. They have not until somewhat recently had any protective organization of their own. Now they have their Institute of Directors, with a Royal Charter, of which London's chief bankers are all high honorary officers. The Institute holds discussions, ascertains points of law, compiles information and maintains a library. It is appealing for greater support, and in doing so states that appealing for greater support, and in doing so states that its main objects are "to exalt the profession of a director of public companies, to improve his status, to protect his interests, to claim audience for his views, and to remove from his name the slurs and slanders which have been too commonly affixed to it by a public ignorant of the rights of the question.

The Institute has Lord Avebury for President and Judge Bompas, K.C. for Chairman of Council. Its premises are at 4 Corbet Court, Gracechurch St., E.C. and its terms of subscription are one guinea per annum. In time it might become a valuable intermediary for the exchange of knowledge between Canada and England.

RRR MANUFACTURES.

Messrs. Maddock will build a \$40,000 brewery and a \$20,000 packing house at Moose Jaw, Sask.

A steel rolling mills company is negotiating with the Peterboro' civic authorities with a view to locating there.

W. J. Creedon, of Washington, O., is superintendent a factory being built in Peterboro' by the Peterboro' Rapid Tool Co.

Markham, Ont., woolen mills are again in operation der the management of Gaunt & Jessop, who have put in under the management of \$20,000 of now machinery.

The price of rough lumber has been advanced one dollar a thousand by the Mountain Lumbermen's Association of British Columbia. Other increases are also to operate.

C. R. McLaughlin, of Columbus, O., and other United States capitalists are about to erect a large sawmill near Millside, B.C. A timber limit of 160 acres has already been

West Indian sugar planters are incensed at what they consider the unfairness of Canadian refiners in claiming practically the whole of the preferential in favor of colonial sugars; and they talk of establishing in Canada a refinery of their own, with a direct steamship service in connection.

Mr. G. M. Murray, assistant general secretary, and Mr. E. P. Heaton, manager of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association insurance department, are on business in the Maritime Provinces. They will attend the Nova Scotia branch meeting to-day and a meeting of the Quebec branch on Monday branch meet on Monday.

United States steel manufacturers complain of scarcity labor, which has curtailed the output. The scarcity in United States steel manufacturers complain of scarcity of labor, which has curtailed the output. The scarcity in the iron ore districts is more noticeable than for many years. Agents are scouring the steel districts for labor, guaranteeing laborers two dollars a day and five months' steady employment in the mines of the north-west. This is an advance of more than fifty cents in the normal wage.

Wm. A. Faulkner is organizer of Western Creameries, a company composed largely of British capital, and shortly to be chartered for the purpose of erecting meat-packing factories at Medicine Hat, Regina and Brandon. Extraordinary precautions are to be taken to turn out a thoroughly pure, clean and reliable product. A leading feature of the company's policy will be to do away with the long and pork of the country into the manufactured product at the centre of the production.

Winnipeg's New Flour Mill.

Friday last was opened in Winnipeg the fine new plant of the Western Canada Flour Mills Co. in the presence of

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August 17, 1906.

It consists of three buildings, the mill proper, storage elevator and warehouse. The elevator comprises a working house and ten tanks, each 80 ft. high, and is the first of its kind west of the Great Lakes. Cement, reinforced with steel, is the chief material used. The mill is six stories, with cupola, and is 200 ft. long by 56 ft. wide. Great precautions have been taken against fire; there is a complete sprinkler system, with a separate water supply, owned by company. The machinery is up-to-date in every respect.

This is the first large industry to employ Lac du Bonnet The company has absorbed the Kelly Milling Co.'s business at Brandon, and will double its milling capacity.

MONEY AND MUNICIPALITIES.

Plum Coulee, Man., has carried a by-law to issue \$1,000 6 per cent. building debentures

Oakville, Ont., has carried by a large majority a \$50,000 by-law to instal waterworks and electric light systems.

The issue by Carlyle, Sask., of \$5,000, 5 per cent drainage debentures was disposed of for \$4,950.

The total amount made available for expenditure on Halifax streets this year, including expenditure for paving by the Tram Company, amounts to nearly a half a million dollars.

Fredericton, N.B., \$40,000, 4 per cent., 40-year, corporation sewerage bonds are being disposed of at par to local

The town of Waterloo has sold to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company \$12,536, 4½ per cent. debentures, repay-

The Ontario Government is being asked for a grant toward the Lady Minto General Hospital at New Liskeard. It will have fifty cots, and \$6,000 of \$10,000 required, have already been obtained.

Saskatoon, Sask., has passed a by-law authorizing e emption from taxes for twenty-five years to Hill & Sons, who will build a sash, door, wooden work and office fixtures fac-

The bridge spanning Jones' Creek, near Brockville, has been destroyed many times. How Clifford Sifton offers to build a high-level bridge if the municipal council will exempt his residential property from taxation, equal to the cost.

Indian Head, Sask., has just sold \$147,085 waterworks, sewerage and electric light debentures to Messts. Wood, Gundy & Company. The bonds bear 5 per cent. and are repayable in 45 instalments beginning in 1910.

A dispute has arisen between the municipalities of Perth and Lanark as to distribution of cost of certain roads which were acquired by Lanark County for \$19,250. Ontario Roads were acquired by Lanark County for \$19,250. Ontario Roads Commissioner Campbell will shortly make known his decision on the case, which is final.

At Welland on Monday a by-law to authorize the exwas defeated, the vote being:-For, 290; not being enough percentage of the total votes on the roll.

A by-law to grant free water and give fixed assessment to an automobile factory was carried by 391 to 10.

Mr. Bourke Cockran, the celebrated American lawyer and politician, who was born near Sligo, a year ago presented the city with £10,000, the windfall of its eight centuries of stormy existence. The trustees of the gift, which was intended for the benefit of industry in Sligo, invested the money in the Sligo Sawmills, and Joinery Company, Limited and lost it Limited, and lost it.

At Woodstock, Ont., September 12th, a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers to provide for a loan of \$25,000 to the Canadian Bearings Company, Hamilton. This concern agrees to erect buildings at a cost of \$10,000, instal machinery costing \$30,000, and employ at least fifty men. The loan will bear 4½ per cent. interest, and is to be repaid in twenty annual payments.

The following bonds of the town of Berlin have been sold by that municipality to the firm of Æmilius Jarvis & Co.—\$55,000, 4½ per cent. gas and electric light bonds, maturing in thirty instalments; \$4,000, 4½ per cent. School debentures, maturing in thirty instalments; \$1,080, 4½ per cent. drainage debentures. cent. drainage debentures, maturing in thirty instalments; \$8,424.04, 4/2 per cent. local improvement debentures, maturing ing in twenty instalments; and \$11,882.43. 4% per cent. local improvement debentures, maturing in ten instalments. Berlin bonds are counted amongst the choicest of municipal debenture investment. depenture investments.

A Wonderful Quinquennium.

Statistics just issued at Washington tell a great story of municipal growth in New York State since 1000, and incidentally provide justification for the policy of compelling the establishment of branch factories in Canada.

The State had at the end of 1905 37,194 manufacturing establishments, an increase over 1900 of 3.4 per cent.; capital, \$2,031,459,515, increase 33.3 per cent.; wage earners, 850,980, increase 17.9 per cent.; wages paid \$430,014.851, increase 27.5 per cent.; value product \$2,488,345,579, increase 32.9 per cent.

Increases in wages paid:-New York, 26.2 per cent.; Albany, 10.8 per cent.; Buffalo, 37.9 per cent.; Rochester, 32.4 per cent.; Syracuse, 34.4 per cent.

Increases in value of product:—New York, 30:2 per cent.; Albany, 17.0 per cent.; Buffalo, 39.5 per cent.; Rochester,

38.7 per cent.; Syracuse, 31.2 per cent.

Capital employed increase:—New York, 22.2 per cent.; Albany, 7.4 per cent. (decrease); Buffalo, 43.1 per cent.; Rochester, 58.2 per cent.; Syracuse, 33.9 per cent

DEBENTURE OFFERINGS.

Rapid City, Man .- Public Park debenture offering-until August 27th, \$2,500, 5 per cent., maturing in 20 years. Denis E. B. Daly, secretary-treasurer.

Tilbury Village.—Debenture offerings, until August 23rd, \$5,000 bonus debentures at 4½ per cent., maturing in twenty annual instalments. And \$2,056.34 waterworks debentures at 5 per cent., maturing fourteen annual instalments. A. A. Wilson, Clerk of Village, Tilbury, Ont.

Lethbridge, Alta.—Debenture offerings until August 18th, \$69,913.20, for waterworks and local improvements; comprising \$40,000 at 4½ per cent., repayable in forty years; \$27,403 at 6 per cent., repayable in thirty years, and \$2,516 at 6 per cent., repayable in thirty years. C. B. Bowman. secretary-treasurer.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.

The sixth annual convention of the U.C.M. took place at Halifax on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mayor McIlreath of that city summarized the objects of the Union as "interest in municipal affairs," which was growing throughout the Dominion.

The presidential address of Mr. Urquhart, ex-Mayor of Toronto, read by W. D. Lighthall, secretary, urged municipal representatives to stand together to resist the introdes of corporations. The cardinal principle was for Governments not to grant any rights to corporations unless such

Mayor Coatsworth, of Toronto called the Union a "rope of sand," because it had not done much to assist his city in the fight against Bell Telephone. The remark ruffled the meeting. Several delegates said that Mr. Coatsworth was

meeting. Several delegates said that Mr. Coatsworth was scarcely just to the Union.

Mr. Doane, Halifax city engineer, gave an address on a municipal central power station, claiming that even in cases where it is not possible to use water service for power purposes, the establishment of a large central station to supply power to all in any municipality requiring it would be practicable and economical. Mayor Coatsworth, of Toronto, referred to the admirable bargain made by the city ronto. referred to the admirable bargain made by the city with the local street railway system in regard to percentage contribution. Other addresses were: "Water Filtration," F. L. Fellowes, C.E., city engineer, Westmount, Que,; "The Value of Municipal Markets," Mayor Keary, New Westminster, B.C.; "Shade Trees in our Cities," Prof. D. F. Penhallow, D.Sc., McGill University; "The Embellishment of the Capital City," Mayor Ellis, Ottawa; "The City as a Place of Residence," Mayor Morley, Victoria, B.C.; "Franchise Troubles," Ald. 1. A. Lapointe, Montreal; "Partisan Politics," Mayor Sears, St. John.

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

"Reader," Windson.—The Anti-usury Act, passed at the money not exceeding \$200 is borrowed and interest over 12 per cent, charged, and where the borrower can show he was induced to enter into the contract by misrepresentation or concealment of the rate of interest to be charged, then the loan may be liquidated by the emount actually borrowed, together with the legal rate of interest, 5 per cent.; also that the "cost of the loan" (a phrase often used to the detriment the "cost of the loan" (a phrase often used to the detriment of horrowers) means the whole cost, not including actual disbursements for legal charges, such as registration of deeds and titles. This is to act against extortionate demands of money-lenders claiming large sums on the score of expenses to which they allege they have been put.

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The Jananese Government has contracted for several million barrels of California oil for its navy.

NEW

BUILDING AND MANUFACTURING.

Prospects of a Great Industrial Era in Winnipeg.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Winnipeg, August 14.

Perfect harvesting weather, reliable and favorable re-ports from all parts of the country of the condition of the crops, the incoming of Eastern harvesters in greater num-bers than were expected have caused the Western business outlook to be particularly bright.

Crop prospects have naturally affected every phase of business in the West. The wholesale mercantile houses say that times are exceptionally good, even in comparison with the fat seasons of the last few years. The farm implement men say that the season's paper has been well met; and that while the orders show a marked increase over previous years, it is noticeable that an exceptional number of the year's purit is noticeable that an exceptional number of the year's purchases are for cash. The binder twine people disavowing any combine, say that there is little dissatisfaction expressed by the farmers at the increased prices over those of several years ago. They state that while the prices at present are riom 11 to 15 cents per pound for binder twine from first-class sizal and manila varieties, to the lowest-priced kind; and that these same varieties could be obtained ten years ago, from s to 13 cents per pound, the increase is accounted for by the Spanish-American war, and the consequent industrial disorganization in the Philippines. They state further that if a combine exists it is not among the binder twine manufacturers, but among the few producers, and controllers of the manila and sizal fibre.

War Office Cannot Buy Horses.

The old difficulty has shown itself in the purchasing of remounts for the British army this last week, in the West. The British officers commissioned to make these purchases for the war office are, presumably, carrying out the instrucfor the war office are, presumably, carrying out the instruc-tions. In a way it is the old difficulty that seemingly always will exist between the military and civilian point of view. The purchasing officers seem to have the right of the ques-tion. They simply as soldiers have to follow their orders. If those orders are merely vexatious, unimportant as to the purpose, but all important in their effect of practically close-ing the war office as a market for Canadian horses, the ing the war office as a market for Canadian horses, the officers at present in Canada are not to be blamed. If the standards and requirements listed by the War Office are as some Western Canadian ranchers allege ridiculous, it is on the programme to bring about a change at headquarters,—not a cheerful outlook, in view of the difficulties in the way of improved methods in the British War Office. However, the War Office has the "say" in the matter, and how seriously that "say" is affecting the numbering trip of the two the War Office has the say" in the matter, and how seriously that "say" is affecting the purchasing trip of the two British officers at present in the West may be estimated by the fact that out of 60 horses offered in Calgary in one day were purchased.

In the face of cheerful crop prospects, it was not to be supposed that building operations, despite the great amount of building last year would fall off. On Saturday last it was announced that the building permits issued up-to-date in Winnipeg in 1906 amounted to \$8,400,000, as against the returns of the corresponding date last year, \$8,406,000. As last year was believed to be a year of extraordinary building enterprise, and of a widespread character, it was thought not by pessimists alone that there would be a distinct falling off this season in building. The figures indicate not only the confidence of the people in the present harvest, as an assurance of good times: but also their ability to procure the necessary large amounts of money, and consequently the confidence of the banks and loan companies.

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Remarkable as the sustained building enterprise is in Winnipeg, it is equally as remarkable, although not so widely advertized in the majority of the cities, towns and villages in the three prairie provinces.

Bridges, Subsidies, Elevators,

Although considerably prior to, yet possibly in anticipation of electrical power in Winnipeg manufacturing enterprise is becoming very exident in the business situation. Much of it is in the preliminary stages of organization; but the whole Western world of business is permeated with the confident belief that it is the beginning of extensive and varied manufacturing in the West.

The Dominion Bridge Company will erect an enormous establishment on Notre Dame Street West, in Winnipeg, which it is announced will be 200 feet by 70 feet in dimensions. Another new public school is to be erected, although tew cities in Canada are so adequately supplied with well-built, commodious schools as Winnipeg, at a cost of \$50,000; Winnipeg is yet a city of comparatively young people, and Winnipeg is yet a city of comparatively young people, and their children are yet school children.

One indirect effect of the Jim Hill pronunciamento as to extending the Great Northern Railway System into West-

ern Canada without subsidy or municipal assistance is the frequently-voiced opinion that the subsidized railway in the West is a thing of the past. Divided as opinion may be to a slight extent, as to the ultimate effect of the entry of a gigantic United States railway system into Western Canada upon the carrying trade of the Dominion, and the consequences to Eastern Canada and the Canadian Atlantic ports there is little difference of wiew that the railway subsidies have been around from the Wastern many laws. there is little difference of view that the railway subsidies have been erased from the Western man's lexicon by Jim

The intention of the Peavey people to build twenty elevators along the Canadian Northern lines will take shape in the name of the British American Elevator Company, with E. W. Kneeland, as president, and R. G. Evans, as secretary. good deal of Minneapolis capital is in the grain busin

The McHugh-Christensen Company, of Minneapolis, has long maintained an office; and other Minneapolis companies, both grain commission houses and brokerage firms, such as Watson & Co., C. E. Lewis & Co., Piper, Johnson & Co., Van Dusen-Harrington Company, and other Minneapolis hrms, have branch offices here, while W. H. McWilliams, a former Minneapolitan, is president of the Canadian Elevator Company, a Manitoba corporation, and W. J. Bettingen, Company, a Manitoba corporation, and W. J. Bettingen, former member of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, is vice-president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchan

. . FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

Lethbridge, Alta. The agent for Hudson Bay lands there has been notified to charge a minimum price of \$10 per

Fernie.—Scarcity of labor in this district is seriously retarding the lumber industry. Millmen cannot get anything like enough men for bush operations.

Galt.—A factory to make fancy hats is being started here. Its projectors have bought the old Williams Shoe Company's building from the town for \$10,000.

Macleod, Alta.—This municipality has let contract for a er-works system. A 100-barrel mill is to be built right water-works system. A roo-barrel mill is to be built right away. The C.P.R. have signed an agreement as to bringing

Kamloops, B.C.—Labor is very scarce, wages high, and still rising. Apparently the only solution of this question in British Columbia is the removal or reduction of the head-tax on Chinamen. A movement in this direction is gaining force in the Province

Dundas, Ont.—Indications are that the apple crop hereabout will be of good quality, but opinions differ as to the yield. Some estimate a full crop; others only a half crop. A good authority thinks the crop will be short, and owing to foreign conditions, does not look for high prices this fall.

Yellow Grass Sask A man who owner a quarter section.

two miles distant has agreed to sell 40 acres of it at \$100 an acre. The reason for so large a price is that a species of clay is found upon it such as is used in making the finest china. china. Parties in Winnipeg have tested the clay and propose to send a gang of men to open up the deposit.

Truro, N.S.—Haying is general and the yield average. A real gricvance is the scarcity of labor. Numbers of men are leaving this neighborhood to go as harvest hands to Manitoba. So serious has this yearly movement become that some of the largest farmers of Colchester County will be unable to some all their har lock of help. able to save all their hay for lack of help.

Parrsboro, N.S.—Heavy gales last week caused three detention of dredges and barges at St. John. Lumber shipments are slack, practically only laths and boards are being shipped to the United States market. One man who holds a lot of spenting is likely at the same transfer of securities in the same transfer of spenting is likely at the same transfer of same lot of scantling is likely to have to carry over 3,000,000 feet

Prince Edward Island.—The Provincial Exhibition of Prince Edward Island is to be made unusually atractive this year. It does not open until October, but preparations for it were begun by the association in July in the way of erecting new buildings and improving or re-roofing old ones. A cattle building to house 100 head is being erected. Another structure may have to be provided to house all the cattle expected. Horses will be shown in good number, too, and horse-races are among the attractions. October is, perhaps, later than Ontario and Quebec people expect provincial fairs, but it is hoped to see a good number of mainland dwellers visit the Island for the Exhibition.

Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe," will furnish the subject for the spectacle at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. An old-fashioned tilting tournament will be the grand feature. Costumes and scenery will be as exact as artists can make them,

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NEWS OF MINES.

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Granby Mines, Limited, have declared a dividend of 4 per cent., or 30 cents per share.

A strike of free gold has been made on the Wheaton River, west of Robson, B.C.

The Cordova mines, Bancroft, B.C., are to be reopened under Pittsburgh management.

Just east of the McKinley mine, Grand Forks, B.C., a fine body of magnetic iron ore, carrying copper in addition, has been unearthed.

British Columbia capitalists are forming a company to work coal deposits in the Nicola River district. The capital is placed at \$500,000.

Seven carloads of mining machinery are on the way from Chicago and San Francisco to Golden, B.C., for installation at the Ptarmigan mines.

On Lac Dore there are quantities of chrome iron ore. puebec Government is contemplating building a railroad through the Chibugamoo district.

The Mammoth claim, Warren Creek, B.C., has been leased to Cleveland capitalists, who will build a 1,000 ft. tunnel and do extensive other development.

Lord Ernest Hamilton, a director of Le Roi No. 2, has, in connection with that company, gained control of the Vancouver group of silver-lead properties in the Slocan.

Mr. R. W. Brock, of the Dominion Geological Surveys has discovered in Little Sheep Creek, near Rossland, sand which he believes contains platinum, and is having analysis

A seven-foot seam of coal has been struck by the Canadian Consolidated Company at Port Richmond, C.B. The areas cover about fifty square miles, and eighty men are

A tunnel 700 ft. long, recently run in the Montana mine, Windy Arm, B.C., discloses a vein averaging \$20 to \$80 per ton in lead and silver. Indications of native copper abound

Great development work is going on south of Carcross and between Windy Arm and Lake Bennett, and over 260 claims are being worked, many of them by the Conrad Con-

J. R. Bottorff, of Ellwood, Ill., and other United States capitalists have bonded the Broadview group of mines on Northern Hills, B.C., and will spend over \$200,000 in developing the property.

A valuable nickel, copper and corrundum mine is re-orted at Pontiac, two miles from McKee's Station (C.P.R.) The assay was 30 per cent. nickel, 15 per cent. copper, and 90 per cent corundum.

At the Molly Gibson claim, Burnt Basin district, a quartz lead, 20 ft. wide, containing gold, silver and galena, has been discovered. It is regarded as the most important find so far made in the Burnt Basin district.

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Development work on the Golden Sovereign mine, Aspen Grove, B.C., has revealed very rich ore, and it is understood that several offers have been made for the property. The district is highly mineralized, and there are several other mines in the neighborhood which will be benefited by the hardless of the North and the C.P. P. fited by the building of the Nicola branch of the C.P.R.

In connection with the strike recently made at the White Bear mine, Rossland, special development work is being pushed. The drift is to be continued and an upraise made from the 1,000 ft. level. The ore at present runs \$20 to \$25 per ton. In one place at the 850 ft. level an ore shoot from 3 to 6 ft. wide and of good value has been struck.

Fort Steele, B.C., district is humming, partly owing to Tailroad construction talk and the visit of parties of American capitalists to the Keystone, on Man's Creek; the Golden Five group, on Wild Horse, and the White Swan group on Wasa Creek. The Bull River Iron Mines Company are crown-granting seven claims on Fenwick Mountain on which considerable development work has been done. Reports from the placer mines on Wild Horse indicate that there is every prospect of the clean-up this year being over the

The mineral resources of the Portland Canal district are thus described by G. M. Brown, of Stewart, B.C.; There are two distinct zones of good ore. The first about six miles from salt water, is silver-lead, with ledges from 4 to 6 feet thick. This is separated by a mile of slate and porphyry from an extra carried across Bear other zone, a copper-gold lead. Ore is carried across Bear River by a bucket cable. The properties are eight miles from deep water. Surface showings from this camp have frequently run from 10 to 15 per cent. in copper, with small

gold and silver values. In the galena zone, also, assays, have shown an average of 400 ounces of silver to the ton, with about 20 per cent, lead.

Riches Around Lake St. John.

Peter Mackenzie and H. Massam have returned to Montreal from Lake St. John district with wonderful tales of its mineral wealth. Little actual mining so far has been done, but about twenty companies have men engaged in prospecting, and over 700 square miles are under prospecting

The richness of the country may be realized from the fact that not one of these concerns has failed to find some kind or another of mineral in probably paying quantities. The Chibugamoo Gold and Asbestos Mining Co. has made some open cuttings and sunk a shaft, and the ore in the former at present averages \$11 in gold and \$50 in copper, and still better in the shaft. A 12-foot vein of nickel-bearing pyrotites is also reported, as well as much magnetic iron ore, assaying 75 per cent. or more of iron.

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REORGANIZE LORD STRATHCONA'S OFFICE?

Those who regard the High Commissioner's office in London as a sort of sanctum sanctorum of Canadian business and dignity in the Old World, would be shocked by the sizing up of the situation there by "Canada," the illustrated newspaper which was started in London seven months ago, and which is doing service in helping the Britisher to appreciate the magnificent potentialities of the Dominion. Here are the salient paragraphs of the article

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We are convinced that a drastic reorganization of the
High Commissioner's office is absolutely necessary. In
saying this we have no intention whatever of criticising
Lord Strathcopa, whose great sorvices are everywhere not only in Canada, but also in Great Britain- appreciated at their proper value. Lord Strathcona has for years played the part of the Canadian Ambassador in the chief city of the Empire, and he has done more than any living Canadian to enhance the national dignity of the country and people he represents. His public munificence has always been directed for the benefit of Canada's reputation,

and he has never refused to use ms private behalf of the Canadian visitor to London.

"But the commercial interests of the Dominion in Great Britain are now so vast and complex that it is too much to ask of one man—even if he have the ageless enmuch to ask of one man—even if he have the ageless enmuch to ask of one man—even if he have the ageless enmuch to and enterprise of the present High Commissioner—and enterprise of the present High Commissioner to perform the functions of an Ambassador and at the same time act as the head of an adequate organization for the development of Canadian trade with the Mother Coun-There is not a third-rate country in the world-not even the most insignificant South American Republic—which expects a single London representative to double the parts of Ambassador and Consul-General. Canada must have an Ambassador (whether he is called by that title of by whole time to the business.

Only One Canadian.

"So far as the commercial side of the High Commissioner's office is concerned, it would be absurd to deny that the organization is incomplete and inefficient. Canadian business men have always contended that the High Commissioner's office should contain a staff of Canadian-born experts, who could be relied upon to supply visitors with the most accurate and up-to-date information. At present no such staff exists. A good deal of work seems to be done in the Victoria Street building, but the results of it are not very apparent. There is only one Canadian of it are not very apparent. There is only one Canadian in the office, and he very seldom gets a chance to revisit the Dominion. None of the others are in touch with Canada, and their knowledge of trade matters is meagre and

"According to a prominent cifizen of Toronto, now in London, a member of the staff was once overheard informing a gentleman about to sail for Canada that the finer qualities of fruit were only grown in one or two of the southern counties in Ontario! Such instances of inaccurate information could be multiplied. Neither from Victoria Street nor from the Canadian offices in Basinghall Street (which are subject to the control of the Canadian offices of the Canadian of the C subject to the control of the High Commissioner) has a trade report been forwarded for the last two years,

"The Superintendent of Commercial Agencies at Otta-wa is unwilling or unable to give information on this sub-ject. Enough has been said to prove that a drastic reorgan-ization of Canadian offices in London is an immediate neces-sity. Let us hope that the improvements required will be carried out on the lines we approach without dalay and that carried out on the lines we suggest without delay and that any friction which may arise in the process will not be made public to form the theme of derisive comments in the British press, and sarcastic questions in the British House of Commons."

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Chemicals, and Drugs, Opium and quinine, the chief staples, are in much the same position as last week. Opium has a strengthening tendency, due to adverse reports from Asia Minor, the chief primary market. Quinine buyers are holding off until they get a better idea of the real situation in the Amsterdam market. Prices for other drugs are steady to firm. Locally, a fair trade is going on. Travellers report normally good conditions, without special feature. Baltimore chemical advices are firm, with no great movement, as is usual at this season. English chemical market reports good business, especially in the export branch. Bleaching powder is rising, and so are soda, potash and ammonia.

Dry Goods.—Wholesale merchants report satisfactory demand for all classes of goods in demand at this season of the year, both through mail and travellers' orders. In the of the year, both through mail and travellers' orders. In the rural districts perhaps there is a little lull, but this is due altogether to the rush of work which the farmers are undergoing through harvesting operations. There have been no further advances in the cost of woolens, domestic or imported, but their position is quite firm. Probabilities are that values will remain firm but unchanged for some little time. Cottons also are steady and quite strong. Linens, while priced as before, seem to be ending upwards, as all reports, both from the United States and Europe, agree. Payments so far this month are satisfactory.

Plour and Grain. A material drop in wheat prices has taken place in Chicago on heavy receipts of new crop, and this is reflected locally. Naturally, while knowledge as to amount and quality of Canadian crops is so indefinite, price matters are still very uncertain, but they are quoted noming the control of the co matters are still very uncertain, but they are quoted nominally as follows: Ontario, 700, at outside points; Manitoba No. 1 hard, 82c.; No. 1 Northern, 70c. at lake points; No. 2 Northern, 205c.; oats, 36 to 37c.; new, 30 to 31c.; barley, 45 to 46c. Flour is in the same position, unsettled and easy, ninety per cent. patents, new, being quoted generally at \$2.75 to \$2.80, in buyers bags; Manitoba patents, \$4.40 to \$4.50; strong bakers, \$3.00 to \$4.00. Millfeed is in more than usual demand for this time of the year on account of poverty of pasture. Shorts are held at \$17.50 to \$18; bran at \$13.50.

Fruits and Vegetables. Fruits have been very plentiful and prices easier in consequence. But the demand has been brisk and all offerings sold readily. We quote: Raspberries, 8 to 9c.: Lawtons, per quart, 6 to 8c.; black currants. \$1.15 to \$1.25; gooseberries, basket, 75c. to \$1.20; blueberries, basket, \$1.25 to \$1.35; lack raspberries, quart, 8 to 10c.; peaches, Canadian, basket, 25 to 75c.; bananas, bunch, firsts, \$1.85 to \$2; bananas, eights, \$1.25 to \$1.35; lemons, Messinas, \$4; do. Verdillas, \$5; oranges, oval, half-box, \$3; summer oranges, 150s, per box, \$5; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$4; waterhelons, each, 30 to 30c.; cantaloupes, crate, \$1.50 to \$2.50; cucumbers, Canadian, 40 to 50c.; tomatoes, Canadian, 30 to 45c.; onions, Egyptian, sack, 100 pounds, \$1.75 to \$2; Spanish onions, cases, \$3.25; new potatoes, per bush., 65 to 75c.; green apples, per basket, 15 to 30c.; Fruits and Vegetables. Fruits have been very plentiful per bush., 65 to 75c.; green apples, per basket, 15 to 3oc.; yellow beans, basket, 15 to 20c.

groceries.—Sugars are being firmly held, but with no change from last week. Granulated is \$4.28; beet, \$4.18; yellows, \$3.08 to \$4.08. The movement is not very large. In general groceries a good trade is passing, and wholesale houses report prospects for fall very good. This refers to practically all branches, in no particular one of which is there any special feature. Prices are announced on new pack peas: Standard, 82½ to \$5c. Early June and Champions, 92½ to 95; Sweet Wrinkled 97½ to \$1; extra sifted, \$1.22½ to \$1.25. These are about 20 per cent above last year's prices, but then they were abnormally low, owing to heavy hold-over stock.

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Hardware.—Conditions are very satisfactory. All lines of building goods are selling very rapidly, especially the better qualities of enamel ware, plumbing and heating goods. Nails, screws, and bolts are in keen demand. Solder has advanced ic. The metal markets preserve a strong position. Ingot tin has advanced to 44d. Copper is firm and in good demand at 21 to 2134c, for ingot and 25c, for sheet. Pig lead is a little easier at \$4.35 to \$4.40. Stocks of pig iron are becoming low. As a result values have gone up. Hamilton, 50d; Radnor (at furnace), stc. Deliveries of bar iron, quoted at \$2.15, are slow. The demand for boiler plates and tubes is very brisk, and advances are expected. Cement is firm.

Live Stock.—Prices ruled higher because drovers had come to the conclusion too many cattle in the market. Result was few offerings, scarcely enough to go round. Most of the export animals went at \$4.40 to \$4.60, with more for really choice. Butchers, \$4.50 per cwt. for choice lots.

Sheep and lambs are scarce and sell well. Hogs are a triffe

Provisions.—Receipts of butter are somewhat limited, but values remain for the most part unchanged. Pound rolls are 18 to 20c.; large rolls, 17 to 18c., with less for inferior grades; creamery prints at 22 to 23c.; solids, 20½ to 21c. Cheese is still firmer, being 13c. for twins, 12½c. for singles. Cheese is still firmer, being 13c. for twins, 12½c. for singles. Eggs remain as before, with satisfactory receipts, good stock quoted at 18½c. Smoked meats are high in keeping with the firm position of live hogs. Bacon, long clear, 12½ to 13c. per pound in case lots; mess pork, \$21.50 to \$22; short cut, \$24 to \$24.50; hams, light to medium, 15 to 16c.; do., heavy, 14½ to 15c.; rolls, 12½c.; shoulders, 11½ to 12c.; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c. The market for lard at 111/2 to 12c. is quiet and prices are unchanged.

Wool.—The market is steady at old figures, but little

MONTREAL MARKETS.

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Dairy Products.—The generally prevalent drought is apparently having some effect upon the make of cheese in the country, and values continue to strengthen. Some local dealers are said to be holding finest Westerns at 12%c., but from 12¼ to 12½c. is the general quotation, with fine Easterns ranging from 11% to 12c. Yesterday's Liverpool cable showed an advance of a full shilling. The butter market also shows a firm tone, finest creamery being quoted at 22½ to 22½c.; good to fine, 22½ to 22½c. The exports of cheese last week aggregated 83,087 boxes, and the grand total for the season to date is 1,118,642 boxes, figures 100,000 boxes in excess of those of a year ago. The shipments of butter for the week were 19,845 packages.

Dry Goods.—Travellers are starting out again, but there

Dry Goods.-Travellers are starting out again, but there is comparatively little being done in the way of sorting business as yet. Some new Western buyers have been in town this week, but their selections have not been large. The fall millinery openings have been fixed for September 3rd, when a considerable influx of buyers is looked for. The new price list for the Dominion Textile Co.'s prints has just issued, but shows practically no change from that of last year.

Flour, Etc.—The demand for flour is only moderate, but quotations are about steady at \$4.50 to \$4.70 for Manitoba spring patents, and \$3.90 to \$4.10 for straight rollers.

Rolled oats are quiet at \$2.20 to \$2.25 a bag; cornmeal,

\$1.45, and granulated ditto, \$1.65. Bran is steady at \$18 to Rolled oats are quiet at \$2.20 to \$2.25 \$1.45, and granulated ditto, \$1.65. Bran \$19. Oats are firmer at 38c. for No. 2.

Groceries.—The sugar market rules strong, but the anticipated advance by local refiners has not developed, due to some extent, it is thought, to the fact that English refined sugars have been coming in more freely of late. The demand is still active. Late cables from Japan state that the crop of third pickings will probably be 20 per cent. short, and prices are again advanced. As yet no new Japan teas have come to hand selling below 18½ to 19c. In Ceylons and China teas nothing new is reported. The first direct Mediterranean fruit steamer for this port, the Bellona," is scheduled to start loading at Patras on August 31st, to be scheduled to start loading at Patras on August 31st, to be followed about a fortnight later by the "Jacona." Prices for new crop Valencia raisins, for August shipment via Liverpool, have been approximately fixed at 25s. 6d. for selected, a nigh figure. Quotations for later shipments by above vessels have not yet been made.

Leather.-Manufacturers of boots and shoes n fall deliveries, and are buyers of leather in fair quantity. Export business in sole and splits is good. We quote sole on the basis of 26c. for manufacturers' No. 2; slaughter, 29 to 30c.; splits, 28 to 30c. for Western, and 25 to 26c. for Quebec; harness, 32 to 34c.; russet, 45c. buff, 16 to 165c.

Metals and Hardware.—Business for August is unusually good. Ingot tin continues to show much fluctuation, and has lost some of the advance noted last week, being now has lost some of the advance noted last week, being now quoted at 43 to 43½c.; antimony is again firmer at 26½c; lead, copper and spelter are unchanged. Galvanized sheets have been advanced to \$4.25 to \$4.50; Canada plates, \$2.50 for cokes, and \$4.25 for charcoals of standard brand and weight; ternes, \$6.75. Pig iron remains at last quotations. Bars, \$2 to \$2.05; cut nails, \$2.10; wire ditto are still selling at the cut rate of \$2. Boiler blate is quoted at \$2.30 for quarter inch, and iron pipe at \$4.38 per 100 feet for inch.

Provisions.-Live hogs are easier at \$7.25 to \$7.50, and abattoir dressed hogs at \$10.75, or possibly \$10.50 for heavier weights. The demand for cured meats remains good, and we quote: Short cut mess pork, \$24; long cut heavy mess, \$21.50; hams, 14½ to 16c., according to size; bacon, 16½ to 17c.; pure lard, 12 to 12½c.

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M M L MARKETS.

Montreal, August 16, 1906. enerally prevalent drought is

nue to strengthen. Some local ginest Westerns at 1256c., but general quotation, with fine to 12c. Yesterday's Liverpool f a full shilling. The butter e, finest creamery being quoted no, 22½ to 2236c. The exports and 82 082 hoves, and the grand ed 83,087 boxes, and the grand 1,118,642 boxes, figures 100,000 a year ago. The shipments of

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VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE REPORT.

The nineteenth annual report of the Vancouver Board of Trade is full of meat. It has not an illustration in it, and is a compendium of information about Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia generally.

The Board possesses a membership of only 138, but it is an effective body, nevertheless. It understands the value of copious information of everything relating to commercial possibilities, as witness requests made to the Dominion Government for "the preparation of correct and readily available information to induce settlement of vacant lands within the railway belt of British Columbia," and to the Provincial Government for "more definite information regarding unoccupied lands."

The report puts in a claim for the protection of the lumber industry on the ground that these large investors of capital and employers of labor have to pay increased prices for all kinds of supplies by reason of our protective tariff, while the products of the United States saw and shingle mills are permitted to enter Canada free of duty, and at the same time the products of Canadian mills entering the United States are subject to a duty of \$2 per thousand on lumber and 30 cents per thousand on shingles.

Here is a delightful paragraph on railroad construction: "Prospects for all-rail communication with the Kootenays are in sight, thanks to Mr. Jas. J. Hill, of the Great Northern. We seem scarcely to realize this, inasmuch as no bonus has been exacted; but actual construction has been in operation for months on the eastern end of the line, and work will soon be started on the western section."

ENTHUSIASM FOR GOOD ROADS.

Mr. A. W. Campbell, Commissioner of Highways for Ontario, is a Government official full of zeal and of good works. Parts three, four and five of his Tenth Annual Report to the Minister of Public Works are just published. They are like veritable oases in the dry-as-dust regions of official literature.

Mr. Campbell is an enthusiast, and writes with all the vim and glow of a first-rate propagandist. Part 3 deals with bridge construction; part 4, road construction; and part 5, town streets. The first paragraph on "Municipal Improvement" is a fair sample of Mr. Campbell's matter

A town's streets should be the public lawns, the public parks. They should be to the corporation as a whole what the grass plot in front of the house is to the individual resident. There is no higher evidence of the taste and refine-ment, enterprise and intelligence of a community than well-paved streets, bordered with fine boulevards and handsome shade trees. Ill-kept, badly laid-out streets speak of public poverty and narrowness, an utter absence of that spirit which should possess every citizen loyal to his town's interests and wisely attentive to his own. Public streets, substantially paved and boulevarded, will in turn encourage a similar treament of the private property adjoining them. There is no departure which would so instil patriotism and love of home and country as the perfecting of our streets and highways. 'As a strictly business proposition, street improvement gives good returns to all owners of property; for property values will be found to make a decided advance on all properly improved streets.

YEAR OF BIRTHS, WEDDINGS, AND DEATHS.

The thirty-fifth report of the Registrar-General of Ontario is just made public. It deals with births, marriages, and deaths in the Province in 1904. No explanation is given as to why it takes so long for the public to know about its own vitality. In accordance with custom, the dates of official letters submitting reports to the Lieutenant-Governor are omitted from ernor are omitted from the copies of those documents.

One infers from the reports that a great deal of new tabulation has been done in the office recently. The workregistrar-General. Nobody who knows him or the Hon.
W. J. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary, will suppose that there is anything lackadaisical in their energy. The most efficient public servant cannot do the work of ten men, or statistical ground with seven-league boots.

The population at the end of 1904 was estimated at 2,203,068. The birth rate was 22.8 per thousand, an increase of .07 for 1903, and of 1.1 for 1902. Curiously enough, the birth rate in the rural districts is below the average for the Province. The 19,789 marriages, or 8.9 per thousand, kept

up the marked increase noted in 1903 over the immediately preceding years. There were 30,020 deaths, equivalent to 14.1 per thousand.

The birthplace of 28.3 per cent. of these is given as foreign. The population returns are necessarily incomplete, and lead to remarkable disparages in birth rates owing to new settlers not being included in the estimates. The county of Nipissing, for instance, shows a birth rate of 38.9 per thousand, and for Thunder Bay gives 38 per thousand.

Only one birth in every 63 was illegitimate. It seems strange to put the twins and triplets in the same table as the illegitimates. There is no reason for faultfinding in regard to twos and threes. In 1904 Ontario produced 549 pairs of twins and seven trios of triplets.

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The Preference Stock dividend will be paid on Monday, October 1st, to Shareholders of record at the closing of the books at the Company's London Office, No. 62 Chaing Cross, London, S.W.

The Common Stock Transfer Books will close in Montreal New York and London, at one p.m., on Saturday, September 1st.

The Preference Stock Books will also close at one p.m., on Saturday, September 1st.

All Books will be reopened on Thursday, October 4th.

By order of the Board.

CHARLES DRINKWATER.

Montreal, 13th August, 1906.

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Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to SATURDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER NEXT, for the purchase of the following debentures of the Town of Fort Frances.

\$31,000 Waterworks Debentures dated Aug. 1st, bearing interest at 41/2%, repayable at the expiration of 30 years. Interest payable yearly. Principal provided for by a sinking fund of \$850.14 deposited yearly. Interest and principal payable at the office of the Treasure Town of Fort Frances

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Not a dollar was "written up" in its list of Assets, and the Real Estate held by the Company joutside its Head Office Building) was less than \$1,000



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3 Prominent Characteristics

High Interest-Earning Power Safety of Invested Economy and Care in Management HEAD OFFICE - - WATERLOD, ONT.

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Excelsior Life Building 59-61 Victoria St.

Insurance in force over nine millions.
New Insurance written \$2,433,281.00
Cash Income - 321,236.62 Cash Income - 321,236.62
Reserve - 894,025.30
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August 17, 1906.

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CANADIAN FAILURES.

R.G. Dun & Co. report that failures in Canada last week were 13, against 16 the preceding week, and 19 the corresponding week last year. Last week only one was for an amount exceeding \$5,000. Some of the current week failures are given below:

Ontario:

Collingwood.—P. W. Arnold, furniture, meeting of creditors called. Liabilities about \$5,700; assets nominally \$6,000. Formerly manager of the Collingwood durniture. Co., and in business about eighteen months.

Napanee .- C. A. Graham & Co., farm

implements and men's furnishings. Liabilities estimated at about \$15,000. Sensior partner reported to have failed some years ago at Lyn.

Toronto.—Turner & Co., grocers. Turner previously a tailor at Kenora, where he failed eighteen months ago. Lately has been operating in wife's name.

Croydon.—Morris Steinart, general store. In business three years, previously peddling. Liabilities estimated at about \$3,000.

Buckingham. — Hugh Martin, men's furnishings and shoes. Liabilities \$2,300; assets approximated at \$2,000. Began business in spring of 1905:

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Lac au Saumon.—Alfred Robichaud, general store. Liabilities about \$1,800.

Beauceville.—O. Brochu & Co., general store. V. E. Paradis, Quebec, assignee. Liabilities, \$2,200: stock and book debts nominally figured \$2,800.

Montreal.—Elite Costume Co., Ltd. A winding up order has been issued and a meeting of creditors is called for the 16th inst. The company was only incorporated in February, 1904, with an authorised capital of \$40.000.—Geo. F. Fischer, pork packer. Liabilities about \$9,000. Failed before in 1896.—J. A. U., Pauze, hardware, offers twenty-five cents on the dollar.—Abraham Victor, dry goods. Liabilities about \$6,000, assets

Ste. Scholastique. Moses Carsley, general store, Liabilities, \$19,000; nominal assets estimated at \$13,000. Formerly a peddler, and in 1904 bought out O. Vermette.

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A "Toronto World" reporter recently took a trip from Toronto to Thornhill on the Metropolitan Railway, and tendered twenty cents in payment. The conductor demanded thirty cents, and upon the reporter's refusal to pay, he was put off the car. The "Toronto World" have now applied for a writ of mandamus commanding the railway to carry plaintiff over its lines at two cents a mile.

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