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19th May, 1902
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e Huron \& Erie Loan \& Savings Co, Dividend No. 76.
Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Four and One-half per Cent. for the current half-year upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Company has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Company's Office in this city, on and after

Wednesday, July 2nd, 1902.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 30 th June, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
GEO. A. SOMERVILLE,
London, June 4th, 1902.
Manager.
The Home Savings and Loan Company, Limited.

## DIVIDEND No. 46.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of even per cent. per annum has this day been declared
on the Paid-up Capital Stock of the Company for the half-year ending 30 th June, 1goa, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company, No. $7^{8}$ Church Street, Toronto, on and after and July, prox. The Transfer Books, will be closed from roth to ${ }_{3}$ oth June, inst, both days incl
By order of the Board.
Toronto, June gth, rgoz.
JAMES MASON,

## THE TORONTO MORTGAGE COMPANY.

## Dividend No. 6.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two and One-half per Cent., upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Company, has been declared for the current half-year, ending 30th instant, and that the same will be payable at the Offices of the Company, No. 13 Toronto Street, on and after

Wednesday, 2nd July, 1902.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16 th to 30th instant, both days inclusive. By order of the Board.

WALTER GILLESPIE, Manager.

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## Dividend Number 82.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Company has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the Office of the Company, on and after the

2nd Day of July, 1902.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16 th to the 30th days of June, both days inclusive. By order of the Board.

EDWARD SAUNDERS
Toronto, May 29th, 1902.
Manager.
Imperial Loan \& Investment Company of Canada.

## DIVIDEND 65.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of
FIVE PER CENT. per annum on the Paid-up Capital Ftock of this Institution has been this Payd-up Capital the half-year ending 3 oth June, and the same will be payable on and atter
Wednesday, 2nd Day of July next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the x5th to the 3oth June, both days inclusive.
E. H. KERTLAND,

Managing Director.

## iVercantile Summary.

## A BANKER'S RETROSPECT

The review of the banking field of Canada since 1856, when he began his career in this country as accountant to the Bank of Toronto found very interested listeners at the meeting of the Merchants' Bank of Canada last week, when Mr. George Hague delivered his farewell address as joint general manager of that institution. At the date mentioned the total deposits of the Canadian banks were under $\$ 15,000,000$ -to-day they are $\$ 379,000,000$. "So little was banking understood in those days, that only a year or two before, the Bank of Upper Canada distribured the whole of its reserve fund amongst the stockholders; and no one seemed to think this an extraordinary proceeding. It is no wonder that the bank failed a few years afterwards."
Coming to the time when he joined the Merchants' Bank in 1877, before the C.P.R. was built, commercial affairs were much depressed, there was no "Great Northwest" as we understand it now. The timber trade, for example, was, so depressed that cargoes have been known to be shipped from Quebec which did not realize freight and charges. "Much of the business of the country was then carried on in a most reckless manner. Supply accounts were rampant in the wholesale trade, and for amounts that in these days would be deemed incredible. I have known such accounts to run up to $\$ 50,000, \$ 75,000, \$ 100,000$ and even $\$ 150,000$, and this to storekeepers who were not entitled on any rational principle of trade to be credited more than $\$ 5,000$ or $\$ 10,000$. Exporting was then largely carried on by consigningconsigning, which has been proved to be the road to ruin, if only carried on largely enough, and in those days cargo after cargo of commodities was shipped across on mere speculative chances of what they might ultimately bring. And buying for export was done most recklessly. I have known, in one case, more than $\$ 600,000$ to be expended, by means of bank advances, on articles which, when realized, did not bring more than $\$ 150,000$." At this time the whole discounts of the banks did not amount to more than $\$ 135,000,000$-they are now about $\$ 400,000,000$.
"I had, with the heip or the directors and officers of the bank, to weed out and adjust insolvent estates to the amount of $\$ 8,000,000$ during the first three years of my incumbency of office. Not that we lost that amount, or even one-half of it. By many of thesc insolvencies we lost nothing-our securities brought usi out. But our losses were heavy enough to wipe out the Rest and seriously impair the capital. But we were by no means the only sufferers by losses of that time-very far from it. Other banks suffered heavily too: and the price of bank stocks during those years afforded a remarkable indication of the severe times through which the

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country and the banks were passing. In June, 1872, Bank of Montreal stock stood at $227 \frac{1}{2}$. In 1877 it touched at the lowest point, $1533^{1} / 2$. And the decline continued; for in 1878 the lowest was $1361 / 2$; and in 1879, a year of well-remembered gloom and financial anxiety, the stock at its lowest point touched 125. And well do I remember a conversation with our president of that time, the Hon. John Hamilton, who was considering whether he should not sell out his stock in the Bank of Montreal, even at that low figure. I think my advice was to hold on, which, fortunately, he đid. Bank of Toronto fell from 176 , the highest point in 1877, to 106, the lowest, in 1879 . Bank of Commerce fell from 122, the highest in 1877 , to 95, the lowest in 1879. And the stock of this bank, which had been about 125 a few years before, fell to 65 in 1877. This was on the unreduced capital. But as the gloomy times continued, and became worse and worse for nearly three years longer, even the reduced capital fell to 7I before a change for the better set in, with the year 1880."
For the story of the Manitoba boom, or land speculation, we have not space, but an incident of it must not be omitted. "Hundreds of speculators flocked to Winnipeg, many of them with large sums of money, and the deposits in our Winnipeg office were at one time as large as those in our Montreal office at present. running up into millions. This money, I may say, we mostly employed in New York. and made a very large profit on it. That was the year when we added $\$ 400,000$ to the Rest. Tren came the reaction."
While in 188 r failures were only $\$ 19,000$, in 1882 they were $\$ 590,000$, and in 1883 they amounted to the prodigious total of $\$ 2,869,000$, which practically meant universal bankruptcy. It is a fact that in the town of Emerson, once very prosperous, every merchant failed, without a single exception, but the proprietor of a small drug store. Our own losses, for we did the larger part of the business of Manitoba, in spite of all possible care to keep out of the circle of inflation, amounted to very large sums. But I am glad to say they were not nearly as large as the profits.

Aiter contrasting the exports of Canada which, in 1879 were $\$ 72,000,000$ in value, and are now over $\$ 200,000,000$. Mr. Hague went on to compare the increase of our trade with the increase of population. In 188 r the population was $4,300,000$, and the foreign trade $\$ 204,-$ 000,000 . In 1901 the population was $5,400,000$ and the foreign trade $\$ 387,000$,000 . Thus, while the population increased 26 per cent., the foreign trade increased 90 per cent. Twenty-five years ago, with \$135,000,000 current discounts, the Canadian banks had $\$$ r2,000,ooo stocks and bonds owned and loaned upon. They have now, besides $\$ 336$,000,000 of loans and discounts, $\$ 140,000,-$ 000 in stocks and bonds owned and loaned upon. So that they have in proportion far less of commercial risks on their books. Discussing the crashes

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## Wednesday, 2nd July, 1902.

The Transfer Books of the Corporation will be closed from the 17th to the 30th of June, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
J. W. LANGMUIR, Managing Director.
Dated, Toronto, June, 11th, 1902.

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savings and loan company.

## Dividend No: 60.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum has been Capital Stock, payable half year, upon the Capital Stock, payable on and after

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caused in different countries by employing bank resources in discounts resting upon land or fixed property, the speaker said: "My opinion is, however, that there is far less of this kind of thing than there ever was before, and for this reason, that bankers have gained a vast amount of experience during the last thirty years, and that the present generation of bankers, as a whole, thoroughly understand this dangerous element of their business."
"During the last three years of great expansion our discounts have increased $\$ 29,000,000$, but our foreign trade increased $\$ 36,000,000$, and this is a sample of what tas been going on for years. I am well aware that advances may not all be sound that rest on merchandise; and, in fact, take any kind of such advances that you please, there is a certain proportion of them that are likely to have some element of unsoundness in them. Mercantile articles constantly fluctuate in value, and leakage of unsound accounts will occur in every merchant's business. But I do not think up to the present there is as much) as would cause serious embarrassment to banks, whatever they might do to the mercantile community; and there is, I am sure, far less of recklessness in trade than there formerly was. Supply accounts are very much fewer, and on a much more restricted scale than formerly. Our exports are now mostly on the basis of sales, instead of goods being sent on consignment to take the risk of the market. Credit in the wholesale trade is far better understood than formerly, and on the whole, manufacturing is carried on more conservatively than formerly, though, no doubt, there is something to be learned yet."
The veteran banker closed with some warning words as to the signs of future commercial and financial trouble of which one of the first would be a bad harvest. And as a stockholder in the Merchants' Bank of Canada, he expressed the hope and desire that the affairs of the Merchants' Bank might be so conducted as to show continuous and solid advancement in every department year after year.

Mr. J. A. Robinson, representing a Montreal syndicate, has purchased the Caroline \& Hastings claims at the head of Whitewater Creek in the Slocan district, from which samples of asbestos existing in deposits of soap stone or steatite are said to promise good results if developed.
Mr. B. Friel, wno is about to build a flour mill at Nelson, B.C., offers to build one also at Kamloops with a capacity of IOO barrels per day if the city will give a free site, exempt the property from taxation for a term of years, and lend $\$ 5,000$ free of interest for five years.
The New Brunswick Petroleum Company has commenced torpedoing the wells at St. Joseph's College. A well 800 feet deep was nitro-glycerined but no results are visible. Boring still consintes at Hillsboro, one well being $x, 400$ feet deep. Oil sands are being struck in two or three places.

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The directors of the Eastern Townships Bank have voted a special grant of $\$ 500$ to the E. T. Agricultural Association to provide prizes for the product of the dairy and creamery.

We hear from St. John of the death of a prominent merchant of that city, Mr. Joseph H. Scammell, head of the shipping firm of J. H. Scammell \& Co. He was about 65 years of age.
Sherbroore city council has accepted Mr. Carnegie's offer of a gift of $\$ 15,000$ for a new free library building. The city will grant a free site and $\$ 1,500$ annually for maintenance.
The Halifax Retail Merchants' Association have agreed to recommend that the natal day of Halifax, the 21st of June, and Dominion Day, Ist July, be combined, and celebrated on the latter date. This to take effect in 1903.
The earnings of the Sao Paulo Tramway for the month of May were larger than had been anticipated. The gross revenue was $\$ 95,000$, operating expenses $\$ 37,000$, leaving a net profit of $\$ 58,000$. It is stated that the company is closing a number of new contracts for power. The quarterly dividend of $1 I / 4$ per cent. will be payable on July and.
THE death was reported last week of Mr. John Symons, an old resident of Toronto. He came from England in the early fifties, and was the founder of the Canada Landed Credit Company, now known as the Canada Landed \& National Investment Co., of which institution he was for a long period manager. He was in his 94th year at the time of his death.
The Cape Breton Red Granite Company is being organized to develop the quarries of red granite at Barrasois, N.S. Besides quarrying the granite a crusher is to be erected to prepare the granite for roadmaking, The chief promoters are H. F. and James McDougall, John and Thomas Vooght, Hiram Donkin, John A. MacDonald, David Rudderham and Robert Musgrave.
The following is a record of patents recently. granted to Canadian inventors in Canada and the United States: Canadian patents-G. H. Montgomery, reversing motions; J. M. Loese, key sharps; W. R. Scott, animal pokers; J. C. Craig, voting machines; J. R. Couillard, acetylene gas generators; L. Morin, woodworking machines; C. J. Gilson, ping-pong ball picker up; L. C. Archibald, cheese hoops; P. J. Smith and T. Colleran, woven wire fabric for spring mattresses; L. M. Jones, C. McLeod and W. G. Hunt, swathe boards for mower divider shoes. United States patents-O H. Anderson, manufacture of artificial stone or brick and the preparation of lime therefor; W. D. Hutson, gas range; R. F. Montgomery, dress supporter, and R. F. Montgomery, dress suppo
J. Morrison, compression valve.

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## Mercantile Summary.

We hear that Joseph Bourque, general dealer, Ste. Gertrude, Que., is trying to settle liabilities of $\$ 3,000$ by a 35 per cent. compromise.
The Dominion Government will build a special hall at the Osaka (Japan) exhibition for the exhibition of Canadian wares. A site has already been leased.
The Government Assay office in Vancouver is reported to be well patronized by miners and companies who formerly shipped their gold to New York. Its size has already been materially increased, but the manager believes even now it will be inadequate to handle all the metal offering this season.
The bonds for $\$ 850,000$ of the Vancouver Power Company have been satisfactorily placed, and the work which this company, in conjunction with the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, contemplates, will soon begin. One feature of the power scheme will be a two-mile rock tunnel to connect the two lakes involved.
We hear from Winnipeg of the formation of a partnership between Mr. Jas. Burridge of that city, and Mr. E. S. Cooper, formerly connected with the Goldie \& McCulloch Co., Galt. The new firm will carry a large stock of engines, boilers, woodworking machinery, etc., and will not only cover Manitoba in their operations, but British Columbia and the Northwest Territories as well.
Great activity is reported to reign on the Comstock group of mines at Quatsino. Sound, which have become great shipping properties. A wharf has been constructed, besides several bunk houses and other necessary buildings, and a road has been laid from the beach to the mine. At the Yreka mines, near the Comstock, a modern air compressor is being installed, and as soon as other necessary machinery is put in a smelter will be erected, to obviate the expense of shipping ore to Tacoma. Another property being exploited is the Blue Grouse, at which the ore is said to give very good results, and which will be developed as rapidly as possible.

For some weeks, a group of Windsor men have busied themselves forming a mortgage loan company, with head office in that place, Messrs. R. F. Sutherland, K.C., John Curry and F. H. Macpherson had succeeded a week ago in getting some thirty persons to subscribe \$130,000 , and we hear later that $\$ 200,000$ has been raised, and that $\$ 100,000$ is to be offered to the public at a premium of two per cent. The subscribers have held a meeting, when it was decided to make application for a charter. The gentlemen whose names follow were elected provisional directors: Judge M. A. McHugh, George Bartlett, John Davis, W. J. McKee, S. A. King, and John Curry. Afterwards they chose from among themselves Mr. Curry for president, Mr. M. A. McHugh for vice-president, Mr. McPherson to be manager and Mr . Sutherland, solicitor.

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## Mercantile Summay.

## Joserh Plourde, of Riviere a Pierre,

 Que., has done a small millinery and dry goods business for the past year, which has been managed by his wife. He has not made a success of it, and now assigns, owing about $\$ 800$.Andre Labbe, general trader, Emberton, Que., who failed in March, and whose affairs have been since in charge of a curator, is now trying to compromise with creditors at 75 cents on the dollar, liabilities being about $\$ 4,000$.
E. C. Lombard, a young man of Little Brook, N.S., who started a small store business last fall, without any previous experience, writes a creditor that he has placed his affairs in the hands of a liquidator, and would like to settle liis Iiabilities at 50 cents on the dollar.

A little while ago it was the United States which was shipping coal into Great Britain. Now it is the coal dealers of New York who are bringing anthracite coal in from Wales. Arrangements to this end are being carried on now, though it is estimated it will cost, landed in New York, no less than \$8 per ton.

An assignment has been made by A . Prevost \& Co., dry goods, etc., Ste. Agathe, Que. Mr. Prevost was formerly in the dry goods trade in Montreal, and failed there in 1893. He had only recently established the Ste. Agathe business, which was carried on with Dame Hectorine Narbonne as the registered proprietors.
THE assignment is noted of L. Lemelin, storekeeper at St. Raphael de Bellechasse, Que. He is reported as having done a liquor business for some time in a rather irregular way, and about three years ago added a grocery stock. He has never been found a methodical business man, and was slow pay. He is said to owe about $\$ 4,000$, and to show assets of about \$1.500.
A demand in insolvency is made upon Gingras, Morin \& Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes, Quebec, and they have consented to assign. The business was only started in August last by Messrs. Jean M. Gingras and Jacques A. Morin, who had prevíusly been connected with the Migner shoe business, and Ludger Robitaille, formerly a foreman with the late G. Bresse.

The Montreal firm of A. Demers \& Co., who only last May elaborately fitted an up-town store for men's furnishings, have assigned with liabilities of $\$$ Ir,000. They had previously carried on a downtown business for some years, but with no great measure of success, and of late years the business had been done in Mrs. Demers' name, owing to a former fail-ure.-P. J. Mainguy \& Co., another Montreal firm in the same line, have also assigned, after a brief year's experience. The business was carried on under the above style by Napoleon Mainguy, who had failed in the dry goods business in January, Igor

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## Mercantile Summary.

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The Chignecto Marine Transport Company held a meeting in London on the 19th inst., and decided to press the Canadian Government to grant compensation for the abrogation of their contract.

Shurly and Dietrich's saw factory in Galt was destroyed by fire on the 21st inst. The loss is something like $\$ 100,000$ with only $\$ 26,000$ insurance. This is the largest fire which has taken place in Galt for many years.
The Roman Catholic Institute, known as Les Soeurs Gadbois, situate three miles east of St. Hilaire, Que., was on the 23 rd inst. totally destroyed by fire. It was valued at $\$ 15,000$; insurance not stated.
The retail hardware merchants of Toronto at a meeting a few days ago decided to affiliate with the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, of which they will form a section. They will participate in the convention of the latter body to be held in Toronto on September 9th and ioth.
Lumber in the west is beginning to show the result of last winter's short cut owing to the light fall of snow. Last week in Brandon an advanced scale of prices went into effect, so far as the wholesalers are concerned, and retailers will raise their prices proportionately very shortly. The advance varies from $\$ \mathrm{I}$ to $\$ 6$ per thousand.

Mr. Alfred Hewett has sent us another issue of his Canadian Year Book. This is for rgoz, and contains much statistical information, besides portraits of many of our public men, financiers, manufacturers, not so easily found elsewhere. One division of the book is called "Historical Happenings;" there is a list of branches of banks in Canada, and a score of pages of sporting records.
The Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company was organized at Quebec on the 20th inst., with the following directors: Hon. John Costigan, president; Hon. Adelord Turgeon, vice-president; T. J. Cochrane, manager of the People's Bank at Edmundston, N.B.; J. N. Gregory and Hon. H. S. Corroll. Work has begun on the New Brunswick end, near Corners Station
A Dawson City paper, of the 21st ult., referred thus to the opening of navigation: The opening of river navigation was officially inaugurated yesterday by the arrival of no less than nine steamers, all of which are now in regular commission and ready to handle the big volume of summer traffic. No more welcome sound is ever heard in Dawson than the whistle which announces the arrival of the first steamer. The event is an inspiring one, for it proclaims the glad tidings that Dawson is again in close touch with the great, busy, outside world.

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Toronto, 7 th May, ERNEST S. BALL

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Wednesday, the 2nd Day of July next.
The transfer books will be closed from the 16 th to the 30th June, inclusive.
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Toronto, May 28th, 1902.
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Interposed between the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, and about thirty miles from the tormer is the English island of Dominica, among the lesser Antilles. "The overwhelming disasters to Martinique and St. Vincent have cast quite a damper over us," writes our correspondent on 5th June from that island, "and we are so particularly near to the former island, that we have been a little nervous. The sympathetic display of munificence from Canada towards the suffering is worthy of all appreciation. We were hoping that the vast increase to the population of the West Indian islands of Antigua and Dominica by the coming of some 7,000 Boer prisoners and their guards would have given quite a boom in Canadian products, especially flour, but 'peace' having been proclaimed our hopes cannot be realized. Still Canadian products will assert sway in these islands yet. We wonder whether Canada would like to take us over and federate us to the Dominion. The thought is much more pleasant than being under the American flag. We have been looking out for the report of the delegation of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which recently visited us, in charge of their able and worthy travelling president, Mr. Robert Munro. It is worth noting that lots of West Indian limes have been shipped hence to London, Ont., by the Pickford \& Black steamers. It is hoped they will be preferred to lemons, and a chance be thus given us. In this hot weather what can be more appreciated than a glass of iced limeade. A good deal of lime juice has also gone on to Montreal and Halifax. Canadian butter has recently been very scarce, but a supply of 'Blue nose' has just arrived; yet we still continue to import Danish butter, which is not quite the thing."

## THE PARIS FIRE BRIGADE.

British residents in Paris often express wonder at the small number of serious fires which occur there. With half-a-dozen families in every house, with fenderless hearths, and candles and lamps still largely used instead of gas or electric light, the opportunities for accidents seem to be frequent. And yet a house destroyed by fire is a rare sight. This immunity is generally ascribed to the carefulness of the French nature, to the solidity of their buildings, and the excellence of their fire brigades. The Prefect of Police has just published some statistics of the work of the Parisian firemen in 1901. During the year 1,422 fires broke out in the city, causing damages estimated by the victims at 5,900 ,ooofr. In 1,268 cases the engines were on the spot within five to ten minutes. In only eight cases 25 to 30 minutes elapsed before their arrival. In 928 cases the fire was extinguished in less than five minutes. In one case only it lasted three hours and a half. The brigade, it may be added, consists of 1,805 men, 52 of whom
are officers. The expenditure on it during rgor amounted to £ 140,000 .-Insurance Record.

## NEW CORPORATIONS.

Following is a list of new companies, lately organized throughout Canada, that have received Government charters, or have been granted supplementary Letters Patent. The object of the company, amount of capital stock, location of principal office, and names of incorporators are given, so far as possible, and whether the charter has been granted by Provincial or Dominion Governments:

The G. Carter, Son \& Co., limited, St. Mary's, Ont.; \$9o,ooo. To carry on the business of a flour and oatmeal miller, a storekeeper and produce merchant, and to acquire the business of G. Carter, Son \& Co., and the J. D. Moore Co., limited. J. H. Carter, H. L. Rice and Clarence Freeman. Ontario charter.
The E. D. Tillson Estate, limited, Tillsonburg, Ont.; $\$ 200,000$. M. A. Tillson, G. W. Tillson, E. Van N. Tillson, L. C. Sinclair and H. A. Harrison. Ontario charter.
The Toronto Junction Lumber Co., limited, Toronto Junction, Ont.; \$25,000. W. C. Irvine, R. L. McCormack and R. E. Gibson. Ontario charter.

The Bear Creek Cemetery Co., limited, Brigden P.O., Ont.; \$r,000; J. A. McBean, J. R. Duncan, George McFarlane, David McDonald, J. S. Morrison, Angus Shaw, Alexander Gray, P. A. McBean and John Young. Ontario charter.
The Thomson Drug Co., limited, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; $\$ 40,000$; H. W. Thomson, R. J. Easson and Walter Thomson. Ontario charter.
McGregor \& McIntyre, limited, Toronto, Ont.; \$roo,ooo. To manufacture and sell structural and ornamental ironwork, and, generally to carry on the business of an iron and steel foundryman and manufacturer of machinery and tools. J. H. McGregor, R. L. McIntyre, Jean McIntyre and Ella McGregor. Ontario charter.
The Colonial Weaving Co., limited, Toronto, Ont.; $\$ 60,000$. W. C. McBurney, John Nugent, F. J. Jameson, G. L. Hay and R. M. Glover, Ontario charter.
Prime \& Rankin, limited, Toronto, Ont., $\$ 75,000$. To manufacture and deal in laces, embroideries, muslins and dry goods. F. A. Prime, Alexander Rankin, Samuel Roether and E. A. Prime. Ontario charter.
The Globe-Wernicke Co., limited, Stratford, Ont.; \$100,000. To manufacture and sell furniture, office specialties, fittings and supplies. J. J. Mason, A. J. McPherson, George McLagan, E. C. Cole and Thomas Rowe. Ontario charter.
Messrs. J. W. Mellor \& Co., limited, Victoria, B.C.; $\$ 25,000$. To carry on a general business in paints, oils, etc. B.C. charter.

The Citizens' Water, Gas \& Electric Co., of Strathroy, limited, Strathroy, Ont.; $\$ 50,000$. H. C. Brittain, H. E. Mihell, S. M. Smyth, R. M. Pincombe, J. W. Cameron and Dugald Graham. Ontario charter.
The Hanover Specialty Co., limited, Hanover, Ont.; $\$ 40,000$. To manufacture, deal in and sell furniture and woodenware. J. S. Knechtel, I. M. Knechtel, Epliraim Knechtel, Valentine Kirchner and H. H. Miller. Ontario charter.
J. L. Rochester, limited, Ottawa, Ont.; $\$ 75,000$. To carry on a business as chemist, druggist, etc. J. L. Rochester, A. L. Foster and J. L. McDougall; jr. Ontario charter.
The Phoenix Gold Mining Co., limited: Fort Erie, Ont.; \$r,ooo,ooo. W. S Bull, C. A. Rupp, J. H. Cooper, J. A. Taggert, C. A. Martin, P. R. Wright and J. G. McNerney. Ontario charter.

The New Davis Dental Mfg. Co., limited, Toronto, Ont.; \$roo,ooo. W. A. Lawson, W. S. Plews, W. C. Trotter, A. J. Husband and A. H. Allen. Ontario charter.
The Kinetic Heat Co., of Canada, limited, Montreal, Que.; $\$ 50,000$. A. G. Ingalls, J. C. King, John McKergow, F. E. Nelson, W. J. Giles and C. W. Brown. Dominion charter.
The Saskatchewan Valley Land Co., limited, Toronto, Ont.; $\$ 3,500,000$. B. E. Walker, Z. A. Lasił, J. H. Plummer, Miller Lash, Massey Morris, J. S. Lovell, F. G. Jemmit, Wm. Bain, Robert Gowans, E. W. McNeill, S. R. Wilkie, Richard Richardson and R. P. Ormsby. Dominion charter.
The St. Joseph Land Improvement \& Manufacturing Co., limited, Ottawa, Ont.; $\$ 500,000$. L. DeG. Routhier, J. P. Prudhomme, T. G. Coursolles, James White, J. T. R. Laurendeau and S. D. Joubert. Dominion charter.

## TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS

[^2]143-5; St. Lawrence, 24 at 180-5; Twin City Rail. (xd), 1,473 at $1175 / 8-93 / 8$; Can. Land. \& Nat. (xd.), 95 at 104; Can. Per. Loan (xd.), 390 at 120; Sao Paulo (xd.), 55 at $9833 / 4-9$; Carter-Crume (xd), I3 at 104 $1 / 4-5$; Dunlop Tire (xd.), 5 at ro5; Dom. Steel, 45 at $54^{1 / 4}-5^{I / 2}$; pref., I25 at 94- $1 / 2$; Tor. Sav. \& Loan bonds, $\$ 102,000$ at $93-1 / 4$; Dominion Coal, 1,6 or at $135-7^{1 / 4}$; Nova Scotia Steel, 750 at $106-7 \frac{1}{2}$; Lake Superior, 5 Io at $29-30 \frac{3}{8}$; Republic, 5,000 at $9 \frac{1}{4}-1 / 2 / 2$; North Star, 1,500 at 22; Crow's Nest, io at 500; Packers' Asso. (A), 620 at $1003 / 4-\mathrm{I}$; (B), 240 at $1001 / 4-\mathrm{I}$; C.N.W., pref., io at 95; C.P.R., new, 402 at I27130 $/ 4$; Twin City Rights, 4,542 -10 at It/2-5/8; Toronto Mortgage, 2 at 92 ; Northern Nav., 3 at 158 ; Nova Scotia Coal, 25 at ro6 $1 / 2$.

At Milestone a new elevator is being built, with a capacity of 25,000 bushels.
The Lethbridge Co-operative Association at Lethbridge, Alberta, have assigned. The company was incorporated in April, 1899, with an authorized capital of $\$ 10,000$. It carried a large stock of general merchandise, amounting to $\$ 20,-$ ooo, and did entirely too much business on credit, having over $\$ 9,000$ of accounts outstanding. Now they assign, and it is not much wonder.
At the end of last year, with the assistance of the Carling Brewing Company, of London, F. N. Scott purchased the assets of the Commercial Hotel at Woodstock. Now it is reported that Scott is away, and the Brewing Company has foreclosed its mortgage.-R. B. Boddy some years ago became tired of working behind the counter at Bradford, and went to Manitoba, where he farmed for five years. In January, 1899, he returned and opened a general store at Cookstown, and for a time apparently prospered. In the spring of last year he claimed to have assets of $\$ 4,000$ in excess of liabilities of $\$ 400$, but among the assets the farm represented $\$ 2,000$. As this could not be converted into cash he has been obliged to assign.

- An enthusiastic resident of the St. Lawrence port of Rimouski, some 200 miles below Quebec, thus raises his little song of rejoicing in Wednesday's Globe, per special telegram: "Rimouski yesterday celebrated two important events in the history of the little port. First, the Allan Liner "Tunisian" reached here Friday at 9.30 a.m., two hours and thirty minutes earlier than any steamer ever previously arrived via Cape Race; she also delivered her mails in Toronto on Saturday for the first time in the history of St. Lawrence navigation less than eight days from Moville. Second, the "Parisian" sailed from here for Liverpool yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with the largest number of passsengers that ever left the St. Lawrence River, 150 first, 115 second and 600 third class; total, 865 passengers." These figures of course are swollen to their unusual dimensions by the volunteer militia and other Canadians going over to witness the coronation festivities.


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THE SITUATION.
On the eve of the Coronation of King Edward, when elaborate arrangements had been made for the great event, the King was stricken with a dangerous malady, which only a serious operation, if anything, could prevent being mortal. All the preparations for the Coronation had to be suspended, and the Coronation itself indefinitely postponed. All the representatives of foreign governments, including many royal personages, had to return to their homes without witnessing the august ceremony which they had gone to participate in ; the Colonial Premiers were among the disappointed, though they may confer with Mr. Chamberlain before their return, in any event. The fleet which was to have taken part in the Coronation celebration has been disbanded, as it is impossible to tell when its services will be required. The nation is profoundly grieved, and for once Ireland partakes of the deep feeling which moves the rest of the Empire; foreign nations are prompt in expressing their sympathy. On Wednesday, it was stated in the official bulletin, by three of the doctors in attendance on the afflicted King, that some days must elapse before it will be possible to say that His Majesty is out of danger; on Thursday morning the report came that there had been no apparent change in the King's condition for twenty-four hours. Medical men say that, under the most favorable circumstances, six or eight weeks must elapse before complete recovery will be possible. Meanwhile the gravest apprehensions are felt; one of the medical attendants on the afflicted King said that on Tuesday he regarded the chances of recovery as one in three, but, on Wednesday he feared it was not possible to say as much.

Great credit is due to Mr . Ames and his colleagues of the Board of Trade for the valuable service they rendered in bringing about a settlement of the Toronto Railway employees' strike. The terms of settlement are reasonable, and ought to be satisfactory to both sides,
and so serve as a guarantee of continued peace, in future. The men are to get i8 cents an hour, for the first year, and 20 cents for subsequent years, besides extra pay for Sunday, which will make it equal to that of other days. The attempt of the company to make the graduated scale much longer failed. A man on the cars can learn to do his duties as well in one year as in ten; the higher scale offered for the ten-year men was indeed a premium for long services; which in other lands have sometimes been exalted into a virtue, to reward which charitable bequests have been made. But in this land, whether desirable or not, the tendency is to shorten the terms of hired service. Yearly service in domestic circles has long been superseded by monthly engagements, and in the neighboring Republic weekly engagements now take the place of such as were formerly monthly. There is no use in shutting our eyes to the tendency of the times. A generation ago, labor unionists were sometimes prosecuted as persons engaged in an unlawful conspiracy. Now the unions exist by the same right that industrial and other corporations rest upon-the law of the land. It must be said that, on the present occasion, the labor leaders showed a strong desire to get an advantage for the men without resorting to the extremity of a strike. In the end they did not insist on the employers recognizing the union; though the difference between recognition and the compromise accepted is so slight as to be of little account. The hoodlum spirit which broke out into violence on Sunday and led to the destruction of considerable property, was in some cases encouraged by the strikers, but it was mainly an outburst of lawlessness, which is always liable to occur under the influence of exciting causes strong enough to rouse the depths of passions which are ordinarily dormant. These outbursts of feeling are only redeemed from the utterly ignoble by having in them a strong dash of generous; though often misguided, sympathy.

After the Toronto Railway men's strike had been brought to an end, the men celebrated their victory by a parade through the principal streets; and again the hoodlum element was conspicuous in acts of violence, and damage was done, not to the Toronto Railway Company's property, but to certain store windows. The union men cannot here escape blame. This bad example being set by the men in the procession, it is not surprising that a hoodlum was incited into throwing a stone through one of Eaton's plate glass windows. The device on this banner was an incitement to the wrong, and the men in procession cannot be exonerated, as parties to the wrong. The banner itself was grossly offensive. While the struggle lasted, both parties were entitled to do what they could legally to weaken the other; in the hour of partial victory, on the return of peace, offensive words, especially when put into letters, were out of place; they were, besides, entirely out of harmony with the language held, with apparent sincerity, by labor leader Dilworth.

Though mut ial preference between Great Britain and the colonies may be impossible, in the form that it has hitherto been presented to the imagination, it does not follow that the meeting between the Colonial Premiers and Mr. Chamberlain will come to nothing. It is
true that mutual preference would not suit all the colonies, even if the British Government had no reason not to entertain the idea. An Australian statesman, some time ago, explained that Australia finds a foreign market for most of her wool, and that a preference against her principal customer, Germany, might deprive her of her present market without any assurance of substituting another. Canada happens to find a market for her grain and much of her lumber in England, and therefore sees that preference in that market would be an advantage to her. But, in the case of wool, it would be a disadvantage to Australia; therefore, as a general rule, it is not suitable for application to the colonies. Colonel Denison's scheme of a general tax throughout the British Empire, for the defence of the Empire, seems to be no better adapted for the general use to which its author proposes it should be put. Sir Robert Giffen, an authority in statistics, figures that this scheme would cost Great Britain $£_{41,000,000}$ in taxation, in addition to an increased price for colonial goods. His conclusion is that the result would be disaster to the very trade for which Colonel Denison is anxious to provide protection. But still, the meeting of the Colonial Premiers with Mr. Chamberlain can scarcely fail to produce a good result. They will come to know one another better, and that will clear the way to some agreement, of which no clear conception can now be formed in advance by outsiders.

Mr. Edmund Barton, Premier of Australia, expresses the opinion that an Imperial customs union is not within the bounds of practical politics; because the colonies require customs revenue for the sustenance of their governments. But he thinks that, short of absolute free trade within the Empire, something of mutual benefit may be done. What it is, or whether he has anything in his mind which he thinks might be realized, he is careful not to say. At the present moment, discretion among the Colonial Premiers assembled in London, is at a premium ; and it is well it should be so. The airing of individual views, prior to the meeting that is to take place, would only tend to complicate matters instead of aiding in a rational solution of some questions which may have germs of promise in their crude state, and which under discussion may show capabilities of developing into practical propositions. Mr. Barton does not despair of seeing some mutual tariff concessions, but even here he sees difficulty for the removal of which he is not without hopes. The cautious temper in which these remarks originate is far removed from the danger of glib-tongued rashness.

A week ago, an anti-Imperial meeting was held at Drummondville, province of Quebec, at which 5,000 persons are said to have been present. The occasion was Saint Jean Baptiste Day, and as this personage is known as the peculiar saint of the French-Canadians, it is customary to exploit "Notre langue; nos lois; et nos institutions." A resolution was passed giving expression to these views. The opposition to Canada taking a part in England's wars is put partly on economic and partly on national [French-Canadian] grounds. The economic protest is little more than an echo of what Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said, in Parlia-
ment. He protested against spending on militarism what could be made effective in the development of the country; they do the same; in fact, their avowed object is to strengthen his hands in the line he has taken, on the question of Imperial defence. The resolution is a protest against doing what the meeting thought would weaken French-Canadian nationality. The desire to preserve the autonomy of Canada is not peculiar to the French-Canadians; but the majority of the people do not see the danger to it which this meeting in imagination conjured up. If the meeting was entitled to speak for French-Canadians, it could not claim to express the voice of the majority of Canadians of different national origins.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW.

We present below a condensation of the monthly statement of Canadian banks for May, 1902. It is compared with the bank statement for the previous month, and shows capital, reserve, assets, and liabilities ; average holdings of specie and Dominion notes, etc.
Canadian Bank Statement.
liabilities.


Reserve Funds. 69,358,448

April, 1902.
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\$77,126,666
68,474,523
38,665,823
$\$ 50,69 \mathrm{I}, 588$
6,859,833
99,210,543 239,875,365 $239,067,736$

659,015 3,051,245
6,529,954
$6,529,954$
672,895
8,708,267

Total liabilities....................... $\$ 450,089,961$
$\$ 448,326,515$
ASSETS.

| Speci | \$12,304,824 | \$12,919,7 71 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dominion notes ...... | 23,778,337 | 21,339,692 |
| Notes and cheques on other banks | 2,584,513 | 2,569,513 |
| Loans to other banks, secured.... | $\begin{array}{r} 13,255,35 \mathrm{I} \\ 679,196 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,557,378 \\ 659,015 \end{array}$ |
| Deposits with other banks in Canada | 4,215,064 | 4,097,714 |
| Due from banks in Great Britain........ | 6,374,242 | 3,763,348 |
| Due from other banks in foreign countries | 6,374,242 |  |
| Dominion or provincial Govt. debentures or stock | 3,551,470 |  |
| Other securities | 10,169,429 | 10,169,429 |
| Call loans on bonds and | 48,972,314 | 47,612,032 |
| Call loans elsewhere | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \mathrm{I}, 308,894 \\ & 38,277,922 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39,503,535 \\ & 43,020,869 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | \$215,471,556 | \$212,782,035 |
| Current Loans in Canada |  |  |
| Current Loans elsewhere | 3,738,098 | 302,160, |
| Loans to Dominion and Provincial Governments. | 26,327,300 | 28,737 |
| Overdue debts | 4,118,213 | 4,245,762 |
| Real estate | 2,091,730 |  |
| Mortgages on real | 893,000 | 943,945 |
| Bank premises ... | $\begin{array}{r} 777,942 \\ 6,814,182 \end{array}$ | 736,473 $6,911,171$ |
| Other assets | $6,129,466$ | 5,777,745 |
| Total assets | \$566,36r,675 | \$564,576,264 |


| Average amount of specie held during the month | 12,323,898 | 12,290,099 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average Dominion notes held during the month. | 21,821,409 | 21,410,069 |
| Greatest amount notes in circulation during month | 52,184,227 | 53,221,68I |
| Loans to directors or their firms . . . . . . . | 9,802,821 | 9,822,350 |

The statements of the banks, almost without exception, have this summer given evidence of the extraordinary tide of prosperity flowing over the country to which we have more than once adverted, and each statement, as it appears, bears out the fact. Deposits have again increased, and the total amount, including savings banks, is now as near as possible to the one hundred million pounds sterling that we ventured to predict some time ago as possible of attainment. This is an extraordinary amount certainly, considering the condition of things from which it has arisen; and it is one evidence amongst others, that the prosperity rests on a satisfactory basis.

There is, however, one very considerable difference between the position of the deposits in the chartered banks and those in savings banks and loan companies, viz., that in the latter only a very small amount of cash or available securities is held in reserve against them. The Government holds nearly $\$ 58,000,000$ of deposits in its savings bank department, but it holds little or no reserve against them. The gold which is held by the Government is all as security for the Legal Tender Dominion notes. Of course, in the case of the Government, no considerable amount of cash is required as a reserve, seeing that the Government does not keep current accounts, has no balances to pay at the clearing house, and is not called upon, as the banks are, to pay out large sums of money every day. If a drain of money did set in the Government would require to draw the amount from its various bankers, with whom it has at credit at present $\$ 4,200,000$ in all, and sometimes has more. In fact, the bank cash reserves are practically held against the deposits of the Government as well as against their own. The same remark indeed might be made with regard to the savings banks and the loan companies. They do not keep large reserves of cash in their possession, and rely upon the banks to furnish them with whatever money they may need from time to time. Of course the banks are under no strict obligation to furnish more money to the loan companies and savings banks than they actually have at credit of these institutions. But there can be no doubt that in all ordinary cases they would have no difficulty in obtaining more. Some years ago, when a senseless run was made upon the Montreal Savings Bank; the two chartered banks with whom its account was kept, furnished it at once with the money to meet the run.

## (Conclusion next week.)

## THE STREET RAILWAY STRIKE

The Toronto Street Railway strike is over, and the disturbance and discomfort it must have created are escaped. The whole community is doubtless pleased at this fortunate outcome, for walking or "cabbing " it in all weathers is not, nowadays, to our taste. But the people we congratulate the most are the grocers, the butchers, the milkmen, the boarding-house keepers of the city and suburbs, upon whom the heaviest share of the burden must have fallen of maintaining the families of hundreds of striking operatives. People who side unreservedly with the strikers in a case like the recent one do not usually think of the tradesmen who would have largely to maintain the strikers and their families during the weeks or months that the strike was kept up, by giving credit to the men for their daily bread.

As to the real points of difference between [the com-
pany and its employees, they have by the exercise of patience and tact been greatly harmonized. Business-like advice was given to both sides by the Board of Trade Committee and this helped the solution. The men first asked recognition of their union and the reinstatement of a man whom the company discharged; a nine hour day and 25 cents per hour ; payment for a suspended employee's time during the period of his suspension if he is afterwards found blameless; the cleaning of the cars each morning to be done by someone else than the motorman and conductor.

The company, which we are told had already prepared a scale of higher wages, seeing that these were required by the increased cost of living, declined to treat with the union, and declined to reinstate the discharged man. This is a stand which employers of labor generally will approve; for no business can be conducted which is subject to the dictation of a union upon such a vital point. If labor unions in this country will put themselves in such a position in the eye of the law that they can sue and be sued, and will offer some tangible security to an employer that he can recover damages from them if a suit be decided in his favor a great stride towards fairness will have been made. In the English case of the Taff Valley Railway Co. against the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, the highest authority decided that a trade union can be sued either in its registered name or by its proper officers (Times Law Reports, No. 32, Vol. 17, page 698). Justice Farwell, whose decision in the above case was upheld, considering the question what, if any, liability a trade union incurs for wrongs done to others, decided that this Society was liable in tort for violent or 1 mproper acts done by its agents in the course of the management of a strike. This is to be borne in mind by those who conclude that the employing firm or company must always be in the wrong if its workmen go out on strike.

Not to go into the minute details, the discussion of which kept a number of worthy citizens, Board of Trade arbitrators and others, out of their beds for nights together, we may say that the company conceded as a compromise a scale of wages which is very close indeed to what they had already offered the men. One thing the conductors and motor men contended for, and justly, namely that they should not be required to clean the cars in the morning. And in this contention they have been successful, for the company agrees to have them otherwise cleaned. And a concession was made, too, in the matter of Sunday pay. At the second midnight meeting of the men, somewhat more than a third of them voted to accept the offer of the company then made ; but the majority held out.

Then came a notice from the city authorities, dated Saturday, ordering the company to resume the running of its cars. An attempt to so resume on Sunday resulted in rioting and the destruction of property. The military were called out to supplement the police force, ard matters looked ugly indeed. Finally, and happily, on the 23rd June, a compromise agreement was reached by the chairman of the employees' committee, the manager of the company, and the Board of Trade committee of four members. The majority of the men agreed to their recommendation to accept the scale offered of 18 cents per hour for the first year of service and 20 cents thereafter from July ist, and the company substituted this scale. The company, while still refusing to recognize the union or its grievance committee, offers any person aggrieved the right to appeal to its general manager. Thus then, the employees, while not succeeding in their fight to have their union recognized, have a better rate of pay, which no one will grudge them, and obtained an advantage in some minor points. At the same time it is only just to the com-
pany to observe that while firm as to the principle adopted it has shown much consideration for its faithful employees and a disposition to deal reasonably even with matters of common discipline. It is creditable to all parties that the state of affairs which threatened, a week ago, to affect so seriously not only the comfort but the business prosperity of Toronto has through wise counsels been succeeded by an amicable and satisfactory settlement.

## OUR PACIFIC CABLE.

It is expected that the Pacific Ocean cable, from Canada to the Australian mainland, will be completed by November next. Already the section of it from Australia to the Fiji Islands is open and doing an active business. From these islands to Canada remains to be laid. The "Colonia," the largest cable steamer in the world, built by the Pacific Company to lay this cable from Fanning, an isolated island, 1,000 miles south of Honolulu, to Bamfield Creek, B.C., will reach our Pacific shores in September with the section from Vancouver to Fanning, 3,500 miles in length. October will see the completion of laying this. Then the steamer "Anglia" will have the last section of the cable, that from Fanning to Fiji. The total distance traversed will be 7,000 miles. The cost of the whole cable is expected to be $\$ 11,000,000$. It is a heavy cable, with a large copper conductor which enables speedy transmission. A gentleman who arrived this week from British Columbia met some of the officials connected with the work. Mr. C. Reynolds, manager of the Pacific Cable board, came across on the last steamer, and is now in Montreal with Mr. Kent, manager of C.P.R. Telegraphs. There are three British representatives on the board, two each from Canada and Australia, one from New Zealand, eight in all. The cable rate to-day between Canada and Australia, via England, is about 4s. 6d. a word. Between Europe and Australia a uniform rate of three shillings a word is in effect. When the new cable is completed, a reduction of these rates may be expected; and certainly commercial transactions between the Commonwealth and the Dominion will be facilitated.

## MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

At the annual meeting, held last week in Montreal, a somewhat better ratio of profit was shown for 1901-02 than for some former years, the rate being 9.18 per cent. on capital. After paying seven per cent. dividend, $\$ 50,000$ was written off bank premises account and $\$ 15,000$ contributed to officers' pension fund. Then \$roo,000 was added to Reserve, which is now $\$ 2,700,000$. The statement shows that out of total assets amounting to the large sum of $\$ 34,168,000$ more than one-half is in immediately available shape; indeed, assets of this class exceed the current loans and discounts, which amount, less rebate, to $\$ 15,340,300$. The bank thus shows abundant strength, but its earning power could in all likelihood be increased by larger discounts. The call loans in Canada are about $\$ 5,000$,000 , and in New York say $\$ 3,000,000$. Circulation has gone up about four hundred thousand dollars. To replace two deceased directors, Messrs. Andrew Allan and John Cassils, Messrs. C. F. Smith and Hugh A. Allan were added to the board. After a period of more than twenty-five years in the service of the bank, Mr. George Hague, joint general manager, made his fare-
well address, which proved full of reminiscent interest. A resolution of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hague, and in putting it to the meeting, which carried it with applause, the president expressed the appreciation felt by the board of Mr. Hague's services, and wished that gentleman long life and prosperity.

## LAKE SHIPPING REGULATIONS.

Considering the many complaints which constantly come to one's ears regarding one point or another connected with the Canadian shipping regulations, there would appear to have been a radical lack of judgment shown in the framing of many of them. We also hear complaints to the effect that, even when faults have been brought to the attention of the Marine Department, the latter has given but scant consideration to their correction. The seat of the trouble seems to be the lack of uniformity which exists between the Canadian laws affecting shipping and those in force in the United States. And that such uniformity is a thing greatly to be desired will be admitted by anyone who will reflect a moment upon the confusion which is bound to result from the captain of a vessel sailing, say in the St. Mary's or St. Clair or Detroit river, and having to alter his relative position in the stream every few minutes according to whether, in its windings, it was passing through Canadian or through United States territory. That serious accidents do not more often occur is due not to any virtue of the regulations, but to the fact that, more often than not, they are more honored in the breach than in the observance. It is only a short time ago since a Canadian vessel going down stream in Canadian territory in the middle of the current, in accordance with the United States rules of the road, was collided with by a vessel of the latter country, the captain of which based his defence upon the fact that he was trying to sail according to the regulations imposed by the Canadian Government. In the ensuing action for damages on the part of the owners of former vessel, the Maritime court awarded a verdict in their favor on the ground, as we understand it, that the American rules were better known and more adapted to the requirements of the case. A very strange state of things must exist, to be sure, when such a ruling is possible, and it goes to show how very strong is the argument in favor of an international code of rules. There is no hope of the United States Government adopting those in vogue, or supposed to be in vogue, on this side, even if they were better than their own, which is far from being true. The regulations governing United States shipping in the interior were drawn up at the instance of the Lake Carriers' Association, and experience shows they are well adapted to the necessities of the situation. That we have on the statute books a code which is not only different in many features from that in use on the other side (when there are so many arguments for uniformity) but which is considered impracticable even by Canadian mariners, is regarded by Americans as still another proof that we as a nation are far behind the times.

It is not only in the "rules of the road" that the discrepancy between the two codes exists. It is also to be seen working to marked disadvantage in the differences obtaining as to the blowing of fog signals, etc. United States vessels have one system of giving warning, Canadian vessels another. Or rather, they are supposed to have. As a matter of fact, they sometimes use the American code, sometimes the one authorized by their own government. The confusion arising from this uncertainty adds one great danger to the perils of navigation; and it is a
danger which, one may think, should be altogether unnecessary. Another thing which is constantly giving rise to confusion is the fact that, according to the Canadian regulations, there is no difference between the signal used to denote the passing of a tug whether it be alone or towing another vessel or towing a raft of lumber. The difficulty created for the captain or steersman of the other vessel by his ignorance as to which of these is the actual case is obvious. The attention of the Marine Department has been called to this anomaly, but they have replied by repeating a clause, inserted apparently before lanterns were invented, to the effect that on the raft there should be kept burning a bright fire. To the rejoinder that it is hardly practicable to keep a fire burning steadily on a raft they reply by silence.

There would appear to be need for a general overhauling of the system and regulations established by the Department. In many sections of the lake coast the fog signals are not in good working order, and we believe it correct to state that keepers of some of the stations when, owing to the fact that the bells cannot be heard, they have to fire guns in order to warn passing vessels, actually have to pay the cost of the required ammunition out of their own pockets. This is a comparatively trivial matter, but it serves to show that emphatically "there is something rotten in the State of Denmark."

## OCEAN SHIPPING TRADE.

About 500,000 tons of shipping which has been employed between England and South Africa will be released after the repatriation of the deported Boers has been completed. But in the meantime, to bring back all these people will be a heavy tax on the available shipping. The obstruction of so large an amount of shipping from ordinary commerce to become auxiliaries in war was not unfelt. This may even have had some effect in stimulating the Morgan syndicate to secure for the United States a large amount of shipping. At the high tide of prosperity shipping and everything else increases greatly ; and at such a time no one thinks of the decline of prosperity, which is as certain as that the tide will ebb. When this happened last time, every one deplored the excess of shipping over the demand for its use. No one now cares to remember that the same thing is bound to happen again. Shipbuilding nations have always been anxious to sell their surplus ships. The time was when Canada realized as much from the wooden ships she built for Europe as for the wheat she sent to the same market. Since wooden ships went out of fashion we have bought iron ones, and no one ever thought that we should find any difficulty in getting all we wanted before the Morgan syndicate turned people's heads. After a while, when we build iron ships, we shall be glad to find customers for the surplus over our own wants. People now-a-days get frightened too easily; the nonsense about the British flag disappearing from the seas as a consequence of the merger was unworthy of full-grown men and women.

## CANNED GOODS.

A special meeting of the Canadian Packers' Association took place in Toronto on the 17th and 18th inst. Reports were read from various sections of the country as to the prospects of growing crops. They varied quite considerably, some sections reporting very satisfactory indications, others just the reverse. The excessively wet weather has damaged peas in many places. Prospects for corn and tomatoes appear so unfavorable that prices were left open'to be fixed at a later date. Those for gooseberries, raspberries, strawberries and
other small fruits were decided upon, but we have been unable to learn the schedule arranged. Prices for plums, pears and peaches will be fixed later on, as it is too early yet to judge fairly as to the prospects. Packers in Quebec province recently formed an association, and this has now become affiliated with the Canadian Packers' Association, and has adopted the latter's laws.

The feature of the local market for canned vegetables is the continued scarcity of tomatoes, stocks of which are now very small. Peas and corn also are in by no means large quantity. The feeling here has no doubt been rendered still stronger by conditions in the States, where the tendency is still toward a higher level of prices on all new goods as fast as they are packed, because of the continued unfavorable crop conditions and the increased buying orders coming from nearly all sections for berries, cherries, pineapples, peas and string beans. The large advances in some articles have checked the buying of them to some extent, but the advance in prices will continue in other articles until, by next fall, the stocks of the articles named will be smaller, perhaps, than anyone now anticipates. All the reports, however, about the peach crop say it will be the largest that ever happened.

Referring to canned fish it appears likely that the present season will show a scarcity of salmon. The great increase in the pack of last year took place mainly on Puget.r. Sound and in British Columbia, and on that coast it is usual for a phenomenal run to take place at periods of four years, the intervening three years generally averages something like half the quantity obtained during the good year. The pack in the sections referred to was last year about $2,600,000$ cases, and this year it is not likely to exceed $1,500,000$. At this rate, allowing for the increased consumption, as demonstrated last season, the supply will only barely equal the demand. However, so far as the prices which have been fixed (which as far as we know has only been done as yet in the case of the Alaska Packers' Association) are concerned, the packers are not taking advantage of these conditions, for the new prices are distinctly lower than anticipated. These prices are fixed on the basis of 95 c . for red talls, 85 c. for medium reds, and 65 c . for pinks, f.o.b. on the coast.

## C $\overline{\text { OPPER IN QUEBEC. }}$

It is pleasing to learn that an effort is being made to resume the production of copper from the mines of the Eastern Townships. There are various copper deposits in Brome, Bagot, Megantic and other Quebec counties. Those of Acton and Upton were freely worked twenty odd years ago, and it should be possible by more modern methods to extract the metal in paying quantities. At all events a committee consisting of Messrs. William Farwell, president of the Eastern Townships Bank; J. S. Mitchell, W. S. Dresser, S. W. Jenckes, George Pierce, the Hon. C. C. Colby, J. R. Woodward and Prof. Dunn will ask aid from the Quebec Government to build a smelter at Sherbrooke to treat the enpper ores of the townships. It is pointed out that there are fifteen copper mines within thirty-five miles of Sherbrooke, which might be worked at a profit if smelter facilities were provided. We shall watch with interest the result of this application. The Geological Reports of Canada, especially that for I890, contain abundant information as to the various deposits and mines. A number of them, which used to produce largely, and ship to the States, ceased working when hostile legislation by our neighbors to the South made that market no longer available for our ore. It would be a great thing for the neighborhood of Sherbrooke and Richmond if the copper industry be re-established.

## WEST INDIA TRADE.

The arrivals of West India products of late have been large. Among other items on the manifests we notice about r,200 puncheons of molasses from Barbados and other islands, I,500 tons of sugar from the various islands consigned to Canadian refiners, a large quantity of hides, as well as cocoanuts, cocoa, fruits of various kinds, ginger, etc.

The most interesting feature of the West India trade at present is the fact that our imports of sugar are so heavy. If Canada can solve the problem of disposing of West Indian sugar, which is the largest staple product of the islands, she can command the trade of her sister colonies in the Caribbean Sea. To-day we seem to be making a start, for we have been buying larger quantities than at any time since we used to draw our sugar supplies from that quarter alone. So far this year we have made a record as compared with the same period in previous years. The prospects for a continuance of this condition for the next two months are excellent, and there is even a good hope that it may continue longer, if not become permanent. Of course the prices are not very favorable to West India planters, for the raw market has recently been at "rock bottom," and is still phenomenally low. But if they can sell us sugars to-day, with the market in such a condition, why should they not sell them to us when the market is higher? The higher the general market the better should be the chances of making good sales in Canada, and these will improve as production in the United States and its colonies increases, thus making our American friends independent of outside supplies. When the bounty system in European countries finally expires in September, IgO3, the conditions should become still more favorable, for the general market will then come to assume a healthier tone and the natural source of supply for Canada will be the West Indies.

Hides are another item of unusual interest in the recent imports. Large quantities of hides are available in the West Indies and South America, and it is the custom for tanners in the United States to import them largely from both quarters. The United States does not produce enough for its own purposes and is compelled to import. The same thing obtains in Canada, but we have been taking from the United States very largely to supply our deficiency. Now, however, Canadian manufacturers of leather goods who used to import American leathers are using more of the Canadian product, which, giving a stimulus to the tanning industry in this country, is making the demand for hides greater. Presumably tanners or hide importers are looking direct to the sources of supply, and instead of going to the United States for hides already brought from South America, are going direct for them. From all countries last year we imported a little over $\$ 4,000,000$ worth, of which nearly $\$ 2,500,000$ worth came from the United States, and scarcely more than $\$ 30,000$ worth from the British West Indies. At the same time the producing capacity of the British West Indies must be considerable when it is considered that Trinidad alone exported in 1900, almost $\$ 550,000$ worth. It seems that there are lots of hides to buy in the West Indies, and if our importers look to that quarter for them they will materially increase trade with our kinsmen, for every dollar's worth bought from them 'favors the selling of an equal quantity of our products to them.

Halifax, 19th June, 1902.

## BANK OF HOCHELAGA.

The totals of this bank are larger this year than last because of the increase of ralf a million in the capital stock, and of the larger business which that step enabled it to transact. Net earnings reached the satisfactory amount of $\$ 199,525$ (on $\$ 1,967,000$ capital paid up) and the premium on new stock brought in \$1r6,750. Thus the directors were able, after payng dividend, to place $\$ 200,000$ to reserve, making that fund now $\$ 950,000$, and $\$ 5,000$ to officers' pension fund. Deposits came in freely, and their total is increased from $\$ 5,422,000$ a year ago to $\$ 7,251,000$. Circulation, too, is larger. The total assets of the bank are now \$1r,708,377, o which current loans and discounts constitute $\$ 7,411,000$, and readily available assets $\$ 3,943,913$. The considerable rise in bank premises account arises from the occupation of the new and admirably fitted banking offices which the still increasing business necessitated. We congratulate the bank on having a president who devotes, as Mr . St. Charles has done. the whole of his attendance fees for the year, some $\$ 1,200$, to the Employees' Pension Fund of the bank.

## CALEDONIAN INSURANCE CO.

The business of the Caledonian Insurance Company during its ninety-seventh year, has been an unsatisfactory one, owing specially to two large fires in which it was heavily interested. These took place in Montreal, where the company lost $£ 7,000$, and in Jacksonville, Florida, where its loss was $£ 22,000$. They sent the fire losses up to 68 per cent. of the premiums. In consequence of the last-named conflagration the company closed its agencies in that state and in a dozen others, and reinsured its risks at a cost of $£ 33,000$. It still continues in quite a few of the more northerly states where the fire underwriting business is upon a better basis, with increasing rates. Under the circumstances the management decided to take $£ 15,000$ from its guarantee fund, still leaving £255,000 to credit.

In the life department the business of the Caledonian for the same year had some compensating features. It was the largest in the company's history, which extends over almost a century. The life and annuity funds now reach the magnificent sum of £r, 949,846 . One cannot look over the report of this old company without concluding that it is not only steadily growing stronger as the years go by, but is expanding at a rate that would be creditable to a young concern that had not reached a score of years.

## A June day in guelph.

"What does this crowd of strangers mean?" asked a man who lived near Girelph and saw on Saturday last the Grand Trunk station of that city thronged with people evidently holidaying. "Why, this is the regular crowd of excursionists come to see the Agricultural College. They have had 'em every day for a week." The man went off to wander around town, and the writer followed him, so beautiful was the river with its overhanging foliage; the clean, shaded streets of white stone dwellings on the upper levels; the surrounding slopes with their salient buildings. And as we walked we came to factory after factory in unexpected. places. Crossing the ancient bridge by James Goldie's big flouring mill, one reached a red brick building, said to be for a knitting factory extension. Crossing it again near the Wellington Hotel was an addition in process to the planing mill of Clemens \& Co., 60 by 32 feet, three stories high. If we visited the outskirts we should find, so we were told, more extensions of factories, but we were not then in search of bricks and mortar, but of sylvan beauty. A market day in Guelph is a busy day. There are crowds of comfortable looking folk everywhere. Looking from the picturesque Priory of John Galt (A.D. 1828), beyond the viaduct, we saw an extensive castellated ruin of cream-colored stone which thirty years ago was the extensive distillery of David Allan. Half concealed by it, and across the river from it, is a range of buildings, part stone and part brick, which are the premises of the A. R. Woodyatt Manufacturing Co.

To call upon a business man for purposes of gossip or enquiry on a Saturday forenoon is a cheeky thing to do, but the writer did it because he knew the Messrs. John M. and Adam Taylor, who are now managing this concern. and he felt sure of a welcome. Once inside, what seemed from the exterior a quiet place was found to be a hive of industry, with 149 men in all in the moulding shop, ther machine shop, the lathe room, the japanning room, the paint shop, the finishing room, the packing room. There was much more to see, and Mr . Adam Taylor was willing to show it us, but minutes will fly and railway trains will not wait. It is generally known that these people make lawn-mowers by the thousand, and mangles by the hundred, but it is not so generally known, even in Guelph, that they turn out, for the trade of Canada, huilders' hardware, stable fittings, barn door hangers, spring hinges. oven doors. tailors' and housewives' irons and a hundred other articles of cast and tempered metal. In their large chemical room the processes of nickel plating, copper plating, brazing and silvering are carried on, and in other premises, elsewhere in the Royal City, we were told they have malleable iron works. Evidently the concern. considerable as it is already, is bound to grow.

## MULTUM IN PARVO,-SO TO SPEAK.

A subscriber in one of the Eastern provinces sends us copy of a statement in an insolvent estate, that of Edgar Scott, of Halifax, which he thinks is unique, in that it only shows assets of $\$ 49$. 5 to pay $\$ 3,45$ I. If a creditor who gets only two cents in the dollar looking at this list could keep his temper long enough to examine it closely, he would find some amusement in its contents, as we have done. Look in the first place at the residences of its Nova Scotia creditors, which sound queerly to Western folk: Paradise-Antigonisk-Shemogue-Shubenacadie-Folly Village - Nappan - Marshy Hope. There are many individual creditors for sums of $\$_{3}$ to $\$ 30$ each, who live in places not to be found in a directory, or in R. G. Dun's book. Curiously enough, the largest in a list of 76 creditors is a maker of vehicles at Orillia, $\$ 345.50$; and there are other creditors in Ontario, namely at Brockville, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa, for dairy produce; chemicals, check-books. We are not told what business Mr. Scott was in; from his list of creditors he would seem to have kept a general, a very general, store. Not needles or anchors, possibly, but almost anything else. Judge by the lines of business his creditors are in: Fish, coal, flour, marble, stoves, hams, boots and shoes, crockery, books, building material, machinery, groceries, clothing, paper bags, stationery, marble, rubber goods. But if a merchant, of any kind, is buying on credit from 76 persons in thirty different places, the chances are ten to one that he gets behind with somebody and has a prospect of being sued. We observe, by the way, that one of the items among assets obtained by Assignee Faulkner for the estate was $\$ 127$ in surrender value of an insurance policy.

## TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

The growing length of such lists as we have long been publishing under this heading compels us to condense the circular letters received weekly from London. If any subscriber desires to know the name and address of some firm or individual mentioned in this column, and will give the date of the London list in which it appears, it will be sent him by mail from this office on receipt of a 2 -cent postage stamp.

Canadian Offices, London, week ended r6th May.-Liverpool man wants agencies for Canadian firms which export groceries or confectionery. Bradford house exporting raw wool, noils, waste. and yarns, wants a good agent to introduce such in Canada. South African firm with English house want Canadian agent who might purchase goods for the Cape of Good Hope. Montreal agent is prepared to represent English firms in hardware, metals, railway supplies. A Canadian maker of excelsior (fine wood shavings for upholstery purposes), asks who in Great Britain buy this article. Montreal man proposes to export packing-cases of spruce and pine in a "knock-down" condition. Canadian firm manufacturing, wants names of dealers in mouldings, dowels, wood turnings of all kinds.

## ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

Mechanic, Hamilton.-We did not expect to receive such a letter as yours on the Metric System from a Hamilton man. Evidently you are not aware that the system is so far from being deemed "utterly impracticable," as you call it, that the High School arithmetic, for Ontario, compiled by your Hamilton Inspector of Schools, Mr. Ballard, and the principal of your Collegiate Institute, $\overline{\mathrm{Mr}}$. Thompson, contains six or eight pages of problems in the Metric System, dealing with the very kilometres, cubic metres, litres and hectares which you despise. The world moves, whether we move or not.
W. W., City.-Will make the desired explanation in another issue.
A. O. W., Ontario.-Cannot take up the matter for a week, or perhaps a fortnight, but the point is worth making. We had not noticed the special cause of death you mention.

## FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

In Gloucester, Mass., fishing boats have been fitted out with the new system of wireless telegraphy to enable the fishermen to keep in touch with the markets without coming into port, thereby enabling them to dispose of their hauls to greater advantage.

The chief feature in the grocery trade this week is the strength in teas. Young Hyson and Japans have made an advance of $2 c$. per pound. Stocks of the former are very short; indeed, the old stock is already practically exhausted before the arrival of the new, which no doubt accounts for the increased price.

A New York report says that the currant market in Greece is somewhat lower, which probably indicates a return to more favorable weather. The excessively wet weather in Patras caused less damage than was expected, owing to the fact that the temperature at the time was cool. Should it become hot and sultry, however, in the near future, there is still time for serious damage to the growing crop. From Great Britain a good consumptive demand is reported.

A United States consul in China speaks of the good market existing in that country for apples. With the Chinese this is a favorite fruit, though the average native does not distinguish very clearly the different varieties, and he has no great purchasing power. If, the consul thinks, inferior grades could be sent at low rates, an extensive outlet might be created. All shipments for northern Chinese ports should be made by Oct. Ist to escape danger from freezing.

Limes are a fruit grown in large quantities in the West Indies. Some of the British islands are famous as producers of it. To-day's letter from Dominica refers to them. But so far there has been comparatively little sale for them in Canada. Indeed, there are many Canadians who consume large quantities of lime fruit juice that are unacquainted even with the appearance of limes. They are very much like a small lemon in shape and color, but are much more acid. The juice of half of one mixed in water or sodla water makes a very refreshing and delicious drink, more palatable to many than lemonade. If grocers and fruit dealers were to try to popularize the lime there ought to be a large sale for the fruit, which would enlarge our fruit imports from the British West Indies and do just that much towards enlarging our exports thither.

A prominent fruit dealer in Baden is of opinion, says Commercial Intelligence, that a large demand for Canadian apples and apple products could be created in Germany. He says that the dried apples from the United States arrive in fair condition, but that the evaporated apples do not; nor can they be kept in the market for any length of time, for they soon become mouldy or decay. He suggests that the apples should be more thoroughly evaporated, and then properly packed for the export trade. He says there is a great demand for evaporated apples, and if they can be received in better condition there are prospects of a still further increase of trade. He also refers to the unsatisfactory condition in which raw apples are often received from America, and suggests that the same care should be taken in handling and packing apples as is used with oranges; if they were packed in paper or in layers of straw, they might arrive in sound condition.
-As an indication of the growth of United States manufacturing interests during the last decade, the following percentages of increase will be found interesting: Total number of establishments (increased from 1890 to 1900 ), 44.2 per cent.; capital, 50.7 ; salaried officials, I30; salaries, 3.3: nımber of wage earners, 25.0 ; total wages, 23.0 ; cost of material, 42.0; value of products, 38.9. The smallness of the increase in salaries would appear to indicate the growth of the principle of combination. Great as was the increase shown in the manufacturing industries of the United States during the last decade, it was by no means so large as what took place in the one previous. The increase in the value of products for the years between 1880 and 1890 was 745 , compared with only 38.9 during the last decade.


## ASSETS.

|  | BANK | Specie. | Dominion Notes. | Deposits with Gov, for security circulation. |  | Loans to other Banks in Canada secured | Demand deposits or at notice or on a fixed day with other Banks in Canada. | Balance agents of or from other etc., in Kingdom. | Balance agents of the $B^{\prime} k$ other Banks or agencies | Dominion Govern debentures or stocks. | Public and Munic. securi- ties not Cona- dian |  |  | Call and Loans elsewhere than in | Current |  |
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|  | ONTARIO <br> Bank of Toronto |  |  | 95,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 36,677 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{3}^{2}$ | C. Bk. of Commerce Dominion Bank... | - $1,04720,297$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,834,770 \\ & 1,226,277 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 300,000 \\ & 100,000 \end{aligned}$ | 2,499,262 |  | 199,771 | 138,809 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,435,968 \\ & 1,522,486 \end{aligned}$ | $1,528,756$ | 247,105 712,729 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,966,186 \\ & 5,964,962 \\ & 0,61,90 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,828,195 \\ & 4,+13,594 \end{aligned}$ | $2,216,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13,557,676 \\ & 35,409,704 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  | 99.299 | 502,660 | 70,000 | 341,392 |  | 71,930 |  | 195,308 | 50,000 |  | 2,642.672 | 3,871,384 |  | 15,314,024 |  |
| 5 | Standard Bank | $\begin{aligned} & 201,068 \\ & 632,585 \\ & 68 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 627,, 286 \\ 1,753,354 \end{array}$ | 50,000 105,00 | 270,649 |  | 193,398 426,649 | 273,50 | 78,432 | 580,288 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 875,720 \\ & 857,523 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{967,868}^{79,165}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9,032,587 \\ & 7,645,68 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Imperial Bank Can. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27,\% | 134,618 |  | 1,095,033 | 956,794 | 2,690,134 |  | 13,442,7¢3 |  |
|  | Traders Bk. of Can. Bank of Hamilton.. | $\begin{aligned} & 167,423 \\ & 262,844 \end{aligned}$ | 752,406 $1,108,580$ | $\begin{array}{r} 70,000 \\ 100,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 246,805 \\ & 344,998 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 230,733 \\ & 159,171 \end{aligned}$ |  | 590,079 | 533,454 130,151 |  | 1,208,542 | 1,848,233 |  | 6,947,023 |  |
|  | Bank of Ottawa...... | 460,402 | 806,463 | 95,000 | 299,553 |  | 257,061 |  | 405,535 | 464,262 | $1,644,079$ | $\begin{aligned} & 378,293 \\ & 200 \end{aligned}$ | 2,015,371 |  | 12,492,366 |  |
|  | Western Bk. Can ... | 26,191 | 21,566 | 20,412 | 50,476 |  | 522,708 |  | 24,871 | 157,639 | 533,648 |  |  |  | 11,839,800 |  |
| 11 | Sovereign Bk. Can. | 1,341 | 10,848 | 5,060 | 47,914 |  | 28,113 | 20.358 | 68,034 |  | 533,648 | 196,033 20,922 | 292, 180 | 400,000 | 1,859,047 | 10 |
|  | QuEBEC, | 2,499,836 | 4,031,824 |  | 1,661,160 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Bank of B. N. A...... | 886,609 | 1,157,021 | 130,078 | 427,480 |  | 14,220 | 110,354 | 215,571 | $\begin{aligned} & 777,120 \\ & 537,221 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 166,151 \\ 1,856,370 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,896,694 \\ 278,998 \end{array}$ | 4,965,177 | 24,758,011 | 55,015,672 | 12 |
| 14 | Provincial Bk of Can | 10,248 | 24,455 | 30,867 | 23,909 |  | 98,342 | 965 | 9,743 |  | 243,186 |  | 600,973 |  |  |  |
| 15 | Bk. de Hochelaga. | 147,079 | 868,419 |  | ,750 |  | (0,449 | 6,453 | 270,125 | 767,958 | 438,889 |  | 857,186 |  | 1,671,339 | 14 |
| 17 | Merchants Bk.Cain. | - 493,541 | 1,160,573 | 120,000 | 1,135783 | 257 | $\begin{array}{r} 239,451 \\ 2,085 \end{array}$ | 3,083 |  | 323,769 | 838,298 | 1,374,345 | 1,947,956 |  | 7,411,585 <br> $15,311,071$ | 15 |
|  | Bank Nationale. | 81,100 | 206.569 | 60,000 | 256,361 |  | 41,549 |  | 77,527 |  | 815,189 | 4,032,894 | 4,84 3,912 | 3,532,819 | 12,805,987 | 17 |
| 19 | Quebec Bank ..... | 271,914 | 545,238 | 230 | 306,582 | 263,939 | 9,892 |  | 157,730 | 201,060 | 223,267 | 562, | 227,757 |  | 6,635,335 | 18 |
|  | Bank de St Jean |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 587,9 |  | 10,274,027 | ${ }_{20}$ |
|  | B. de St. Hyacinthe | 14,232 | 15,422 | $\begin{array}{r} 3,725 \\ 15,327 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,873 \\ 23,800 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 25,755 \\ & 31,650 \end{aligned}$ |  | 8,585 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Eastern Tp. Bank... | 135,48: | 136,941 | 72,017 | 96,311 |  | 328,989 | 14,699 | 202,581 | 180,073 | 262,090 | 125,26 | $\begin{gathered} 15,9113 \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 000,000 \\ 1,603,586 \end{array}$ | 22 |
|  | NOVA SCOTLA. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Royal Bank of Can. | 1,669,301 | 1,402,402 | ${ }_{96,000}^{92,972}$ | 1, 51414,869 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 307,781 \\ & 120,886 \end{aligned}$ | 1,16 | 293,340 | 1,278,331 | 2,623,860 | 2,323,028 |  |  |  |
|  | People's Bk. of Hal. | 65,935 | 206,481 |  | 111,487 |  | 51,914 |  | 15,977 |  | 419,769 | 2,278,392 | 1,164,303 | 755,602 | 10,820,351 | 24 |
|  | Union Bk. of Hal'x. | 106,322 | 319,255 |  | 120,105 |  | 227,395 |  |  |  |  |  | 109.086 |  | 3,527,664 |  |
| 28 | Halifax Bank'g Co. | 72,520 | 266.510 | 30,000 | 143,063 |  | 34,225 |  | 93,339 | 619,860 |  | 180,000 | 357,410 |  | 4,160,737 |  |
|  | Bank of Yarmouth. | 26,389 | 18,706 | 1,307 | 19.161 |  | 25,759 |  | 15,982 | 39,400 |  |  |  |  | 3,798,276 | 28 |
|  | Exchange Bk. Yar... | 6,134 | 5,750 |  | 3,495 |  | 34.640 |  | 29,712 |  | 20,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Com, Bk, Windsor. | 30,143 | 41,530 | 11,807 | 19,907 |  | 61,673 | 6,988 | 13,936 |  |  | ${ }_{22,836}$ | 49.400 |  | 502,958 | 30 |
| 32 | N. BRUNSWICK. Bk, of N. Brunswick | 145,429 | 222,578 |  | 73,105 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,332,000 | 31 |
| 33 | People's Bank, N.B. | 5,288 | 631 | 7,500 | 9,835 |  |  |  |  | 6,120 | 87,062 | 193,601 | 208,099 | 150,000 | 2,209,362 | 32 |
| 34 | St. Stephen's Bank. | 11,862 | 11,770 | 7,182 | 6,148 |  | 22,265 | $\begin{array}{r} 9,928 \\ 159 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30,213 \\ & 17,650 \end{aligned}$ | 36,347 | 4,600 | 2,300 |  |  |  |  |
|  | P. E. ISLAND. ${ }_{\text {er }}$ |  |  | 9,620 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 34 |
|  | Summerside Bank... |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,003 | 14,596 |  |  |  |  |  | 1,492,608 | 35 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | .......... |  |  | 36 |
|  | Grand Total.. | 12,304,824 | 23,778,337 | 2,584,513 | 13,255,351 | 679,196 | 4,215,064 | 6,374,242 | 13,651,470 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10,169,429 | 14,674388 | 34,297,926 | 41,308,894 | 38,277,922 | 303,738,098 |  |

LIABILITIES

sum NOTE TO THE BANK STATEMENT.
384 Return of Canadian Bank of Commerce. Amount under heading "Other assets not included under foregoing heads" includes gold bullion. .-. .... Retiun of Bank of British North America, Amount under heading "Other assets not included under foregoing heads," includes bullion. The figures for the Atlin and Dawson Clity Branches are taken from the last returns received, $\begin{aligned} & \text { City } \\ & \text { noth }\end{aligned}$ Eastern Townshi in all to a dividend of 8 bank bonus of one per cent. equal all to a dividend of 8 per cent. per annum.
Bank of Toronto bonus of one per cent. equal in all
o a dividend of II per cent. per annum.

THis week the assets of the estate of George R. Blyth \& Sons, Ottawa, who recently assigned to J. P. Langley, were sold by the inspectors to Mr. Dennis Murphy, M.P.P., of Ottawa, at 75 cents on the dollar, cash. The value of the assets was placed at \$135,000, and the liabilities amount to $\$ 195,000$. The bidding for the stock was somewhat spirited.

An assignment has been made by W. E. Smiley \& Arthur E. Brock, trading under the style of the Standard Electric Co. in Toronto, after they had been in business just one year. - A still shorterlived concern is that of the Enterprise Specialty Company, limited, Toronto, which was incorporated only in February last, with an authorized capital of $\$ 40$,000 , of this $\$ 23,000$ was paid, but only $\$ 3,000$ of the amount was cash. Finding that they could not succeed they have gone into voluntary liquidation with Henry Barber as liquidator.

## MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada was held in Montreal on 18th June, 1902.
The proceedings were opened by $\mathrm{Mr} . \mathrm{H}$. Montagu Allan, the president, taking the chair, and requesting Mr. C. N. Read, secretary of the bank, to act as secretary of the meeting.
The president then submitted the following report of the directors:
REPORT.

The directors beg to present to the shareholders their annual statement of the bank's business as at May 3rst last.

The profits have been better than for some years back, and we are hopeful that they will continue so in the future
A further sum of $\$ 50,000$ has been written off bank premises account, \$15,000 transferred to officers' pension fund, and \$100,000 added to rest.

Since our last annual meeting we have had to deplore the death of our old president, Mr. Andrew Allan, and two vice-presidents, Mr. Hector Mackenzie and Mr. John Cassils, all old and devoted friends of the bank, who will be a great loss to us.
To fill the vacancies on the board we have elected Mr. C. F. Smith and Mr. Hugh A. Allan as directors.

All respectfully submitted.
:H. MONTAGU ALLAN,
President.
The statement of the result of the business of the bank for the year shows :-
The net profits of the year, after
payment of charges, rebate on
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and making full provision for bad
and doubtful debts, have amount-
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Making a total of. .............\$610,305 88
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rate of 7 per cent. per
Dividend No. 67 , at the
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## INSURANCE NOTES.

The following is an extract from a letter to the Editor of this journal from a banker in a Maritime province town: "By the bye, I notice that the Canadian Bankers' Association purpose having the services of a professor to lecture on banking and commerce for the benefit of associates of that society. This is a capital idea, and if associates act wisely they will be benefited thereby. By all means let us avail ourselves of that which is offered, which is still in the right direction."

It is rather too much to expect of imperfect human nature, that when a man sees an attractive idea well expressed which would be of advantage to him in his business, he will abstain from copying and seeking to make advantage out of it. As with a man, so with a firm or company-even with a life assurance company. When the Imperial Life chose for its motto, "First and paramount-Absolute Security to Policy-holders," it had, we consider, good grounds for doing so, having made special provisions in that direction. But attention has recently been called to the partial if not entire, appropriation of this motto by some of our Canadian life offices, other than the Imperial. The motto is undoubtedly a good one, but there are others which might be utilized in the place of this one by those companies that have infringed on what are claimed to be the rights of the Imperial.

## FOR DRY GOODS DEALERS.

The Waterloo, Que., knitting mills have been granted by the local council exemption from taxation for five years.

In the New York market cashmeres, zibelines, broadcloths, venetians, whipcords, meltons, cheviots, basket weaves and etamines have been in fair demand and forward orders continue to come in on these lines. Mohairs and zibelines have sold well and continue in good request. Skirtings and suitings in cloth effects are moving well.

Leading representatives of the British cotton industry met in Manchester the other day to discuss means to overcome their dependence upon the United States for their supply of raw cotton. They organized a body under the name of the British Cotton Association, which will have for its object the extension of cotton cultivation in the British possessions.

The W. \& D. Dineen Co., limited, Toronto, have purchased two lots on Temperance street, adjoining their present premises, and will build a four-story extension, for which plans have already been drawn up. It will be utilized mostly for the manufacture of fur garments, and the most modern machinery will be installed for this purpose.

## SHOE AND LEATHER NOTES.

The retail boot and shoe merchants of Kingston have formed an association with the following officers: President, A. Abernethy; vice-president, F. G. Lockett; secretarytreasurer, W. Sawyer. One of the first acts of the newly organized body was to decide that the approbation and credit systems should be absolutely done away with.

The annual session of the International Association of Boot and Shoe Workers was held in Detroit, June 16-17, over too delegates being present. Discussing the union's policy of arbitration in his annual report Mr. Tobin said: "Our experience seems to demonstrate that we can enjoy better wages and more freedom under our present system of arbitration than was possible under the old strike methods."

Some of the tanning companies have, owing to the high prices of hides, bark, stearine and other raw material, decided to increase the price of harness leather one cent per pound all round, and the various grades now are quoted at 28 to 3oc. per pound.
-Berlin board of trade has a proposition before it to hold a monster two days' celebration in October in honor of various events, namely, the opening of the sugar factory, the C.P.R. connection, and Waterloo county's semi-centennial.
-By a transposition of names of places we were made to say last week that Mr. Willmott had been made manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada at Brandon; it should have read Portage la Prairie. Mr. Machaffie returns from Portage la Prairie to Brandon.
-Dr. R. W. Ells, of the Dominion Geological Survey, is about to make an exhaustive investigation into the mineral resources of Prince Edward Island. The discovery of coal is one object which he has more especially in view, and if beds of this mineral should be found in any quantity, their development would, no doubt, speedily follow, for the islanders at present have to import their entire winter's supply during the navigation season. It would also be a boon to the people of Quebec and northern New Brunswick. Scientists believe that the coal formation of Pictou county, N.S., is very likely to be found to extend beneath the Northumberland Straits northwards.
-It is a mediaeval step which the city council of Quebec is taking, at the instance we are told of local merchants, to levy a tax of $\$ 300$ on any commercial traveller who may come from another place to offer his wares in Quebec. Does the council forget that a similar enactment was passed years ago, and rescinded? Where, or how, are Quebec retailers to buy their goods if they cannot buy them outside? Do Quebec wholesale houses propose to say to the retailers, "You must buy your wares from us, and not from Montreal, or Manchester, or Glasgow houses?" It is absurd. Suppose the retailers of the city say they will buy from samples sent by mail, what course does the Quebec city council propose to pursue in such case? No restrictive policy, which would confine Quebec retailers' purchases to Quebec wholesale houses can be made workable in these later days.
-The by-law to erect a cold storage warehouse in Trenton carried by a large majority. This was done by all sides dropping considerations of politics, creed, 'etc., and joining hand in hand for the interests of the place in which they are making their bread and butter. Only owners could vote; 477 were for the storage and 33 against. Eben James, the well known apple man, is the promoter of the warehouse backed by Woodall Bros., of Liverpool, and others. His undertaking is to erect a cold storage warehouse with capacity of 65,000 barrels of apples, four story stone building, latest and most approved cold storage methods, suitable for cheese, butter or anything else-to cost $\$ 30,000$ and employ 50 to 75 men. The work is now under way, and what the town is asked to give is free site, free taxes and $\$ 500$ per annum for five years towards assisting the promoters to pay for water power. It is said that this will be the largest warehouse of the kind between Montreal and Chicago. This is the first by-law that has been carried in Trenton for years; it will draw attention to the town, provide work and bring growers, etc., into it.

## CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures for Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, June 26, 1902, compared with those of the previous week.


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The president having invited remarks from the shareholders, Mr. John Morrison exprussed regret at the absence of familiar faces, removed by death; and Mr. Vasey e quired whether the charge for the cunstruction of the building at headquarters came uut of revenue, or was charged to capital.
The President- -" It was charged up to the bank premises' account, and a certain amount written off each year, and we propose to continue to do so."

In reply to Mr. Boas, Mr. Fyshe, general manager, said that the call loans in Canada represented $\$ 5,000,000$, or a little less, and $\$ 3,000$,000 in New York. The figures were varying every day, and they might sometimes run $\$ 5,000,000$ in New Yirk, and $\$ 4,000,000$ in Canada.
The report was ad pted.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

## Montreal, June 25, 1902.

Ashes.-There is practically no English enquiry at present, and no local trading of any consequence is noted. The market is easy at about $\$ 4.20$ for first pots, $\$ 3.70$ for second pots, and $\$ 6$ to $\$ 6$. Io for pearls.

Cements and Firebricks.-Receipts for the week are reported as follows: Belgian cement, 5,700 brls.; English ditto., 300 brls.; 25,000 firebricks. Prices are without change, and we quote: Belgian, $\$ 1.55$ to \$I.90; English, \$2.10 to \$2.20; German, \$2.20 to \$2.40; American, \$r.80 to $\$ 2$.10 for four bags, being equivalent to one barrel; Canadian, \$2.10 to \$2.25. Firebricks, \$16 to \$2i.

Dairy Products.-Nine steamships took out 80,715 boxes of cheese last week, being about 28,000 boxes more than for the same week of last year. Butter shipments were also fairly liberal, being reported at 24,593 pckgs., 3,500 pckgs. in excess of figures at date a year ago. The cheese market from $1 / 8$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. stronger than a week ago, fine Ontarios being quoted at $97 / 8$ to Ioc.; townships, $93 / 4$ to $97 / 8$ c., and Quebecs at from $91 / 2$ to $93 / 4$ c. Butter is barely steady at 20 to $201 / 4$ c. for fine creamery.
Dry Goods.-Nothing specially new is to be noted in this line. Wholesale houses have been actively putting fall stuffs to stock the past two or three weeks, and travellers are reporting very fair orders for the same. City retailers complain of the cool weather, which looks as if it might prevail all summer, and doubtless many light goods will have to be carried over, but payments are reported as being well kept up.

Furs.-Full cable reports regarding the London sales of last week give the following results, comparison being made with the prices of March last. Red, white and blue fox sold at same figures; silver and gray fox, to per cent higher; otter, io per cent higher; lynx, i5 per

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cent. higher; mink, marten and sable, same; fisher, io per cent. lower; wolf, io per cent. higher; black bear, io per cent. lower, and brown bear, 25 per cent. lower; raccoon, same; skunk, 15 per cent. lower; possum, 30 per cent. higher. Salted Cape Horn seal sold at to per cent. advance. Spring rats sold same as last January, and winter and fall ditto., is per cent. higher than January.

Groceries.-The movement in this line is well sustained. The sugar market continues pretty flat. Standard granulated is still generally quoted at \(\$ 3.65\), but in some cases this price is reported to have been cut for fair lots. Yellows continue to be quoted at figures ranging from \(\$ 3\) upwards. There is said to be a considerable amount of Austrian refined sugar held here on consignment, which has a depressing effect on prices. There is now said to be very little molasses available at the island, where the quotation is 8c. firm, first cost. Local quotations are from 23 to 24 c . for Barbadoes, the only kind here. Japan teas continue to be very firmly held, and there is rather more doing in them. China greens have opened very high, but China blacks are not so much affected. Ceylons are comparatively cheap, and some samples of new Indians, now being shown, are quoted at about same figures as last year. About one-third of the rice cargo, recently reported ashore in the Gulf, is damaged, but the milling company state they have ample stock, and prices will not be affected. Canned corn is now following the upward move which has been general in canned goods, and is quoted at \(80 c\)., firm, in a jobbing way. It is said canners are not distributing seed corn this year, and that the season's pack will be small, it being their apparent policy to allow present large stocks to become well reduced. Evaporated apples are up to 12 c . for good samples, and gallon apples are held at \$3.
Hides.-The position of affairs in this line is not greatly altered. The cutting between buyers is perhaps not quite so virulent, but \(9 c\). is still the general figure being paid for No. I hides, 12c. for No. 1 calfskins, 25 c . for lambskins and 70 c . for sheepskins.

Metals and Hardware-Little new is reported in these lines. Some of the railway companies are reported to have placed some pretty large orders for pig iron at pretty low figures, though the actual price and brand has not transpired. Bars, nails, wire, etc., are all steady at late quotations, also iron pipe. It is said there are some prospects of a third pipe mill being established here, but nothing definite has transpired in this direction yet. Sheets of all kinds are pretty firmly held, though some buyers profess to have made some purchases of Canada plates lately at rather easier prices, and some actual buisiness is reported in galvanized Canadas at \(\$ 4.20\) to \(\$ 4.25\) for round lots of 52 sheets. Lead, copper and tin do not show much change. Some large sized sales of ingot tin are

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\section*{TORONTO MARKETS.}

\section*{Toronto, June 26th, 1902.}

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.-Practically no change has taken place in the local drug situation since last week. Trade is fairly active for this time of the year, and prices for the most part are firm. Opium has nominally advanced a little, but the demand is but small. Quinine remains the same. Cod liver oil is still advancing, though the demand, owing to its dearness, is by no means brisk. Paris green also has gone up. Moth balls also are dearer. In New York some improvement is reported in the situation. From Manchester come reports that the British chemical export trade is picking up.

Flour and Grain.-The flotir and grain markets are both somewhat dull at present. Ninety per cent. patents are sold at \(\$ 2.92^{1 / 2}\) in buyers' bags, mođđle freights. Bran, shorts and oatmeal are all keeping steady at old pri^es. The only change in wheat prices is in oats which are dull at I to \(2 c\). lower. Scarcely any demand exists in the local market.


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Fruits and Vegetables.-Business in the local fruit trade is very active just now. The demand for such tropical fruits as pineapples seems to grow every year and the increasing supply brings about an increased demand. Pineapples have been in particular request, and they have sold at good prices, though they have been very plentiful. The first watermelons of the season came from Florida this week, selling at 40 to 50 c . each. Strawberries bave been plentiful. California cherries are beginning to come in. Tomatoes are easier. Prices are quoted as follows: Apples, per basket. 50c. to \(\$ \mathrm{I}\); bananas, per bunch, \(\$ 2\) to \(\$ 3\); oranges, \(\$ 7\); Florida pineapples, 30 's to \(42^{\prime}\) s, \(\$ 3.25\) to \(\$ 3.50\) per case; loose, according to size, 6 c. to I4c.; tomatoes, 4 -basket carrier, \(\$ 1.25\); strawberries, per quart, 5c. to 9 c .; cherries, per basket, \(\$\) I. 25 to \(\$ \mathrm{I} .50\); California cherries, \(\$ 2\) to \(\$ 2.25\) per box; California apricots, \(\$ 3\) per crate; watermelons, 45 c . to 50 c . each.
Hardware-- Uuotations remain the same as last week, with prices firm. Business remains as good as can be expected at this period of the year. Metals are in brisk demand, in sympathy with conditions across the line. Glasgow reports of a late date speak of the pig iron market being rather easier, with but a limited business passing, and that almost exclusively in Cleveland, in which it has become evident that there is a much larger oversold account than was thought. Considerable orders for all classes of pig iron and steel were still coming from the United States, and everything pointed to a continuance of this demand for the balance of the year. German orders, on the other hand, were becoming scarcer.
Live Stock-Good prices were again the order of the day at the Cattle Market this week. Good quality export cattle were in particularly good request. Butchers' cattle also were in demand. Prices for sheep fell off about to per cent., owing to largeness of offerings. Lambs on the other hand fetched 50 . over the prices realized last week.

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