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THE DAWN.

During the last two weeks there has been undoubtedly a considerable revival of confidence on the part of Canadian business men. This change in disposition has been seen in several directions, of which, perhaps, the most noticeable has been the rise in stocks on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges. The Stock Exchange is a vehicle through which optimism may easily be overdone, and it is wise, perhaps, not to attach too great importance to what has taken place there. Apart, however, from events on the Stock Exchange, there is a considerable improvement in feeling. The causes for this are not far to seek. First in importance is the magnificent grain crop now being safely garnered in the West. It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of this crop to Canada at the present time. It means new wealth, according to thoroughly conservative estimates, of about \$170,000,000, an immense sum in itself and relatively more so when consideration is given to the comparatively small number of people among whom it is to be divided. The distribution of this new wealth throughout the country means the continuance of a general activity through all the varied machinery of manufacturing and distribution by which the commerce and trade of the country is carried on. With that in prospect, there is no further reason for a lack of confidence regarding the course of events in the immediate future.

In regard to the supply of capital for the development of new enterprises, the extension of existing undertakings and the carrying on of the multitudinous works, public and private, which are of pressing necessity in this country, the outlook is considerably better than it was. Apart from the proceeds of the western crops, some portion of which at least should be available for purposes of new development, it has again become clear that we can continue to rely upon a large flow of British and other capital for all purposes into this country. No one well acquainted with circumstances on both sides of the Atlantic ever doubted, as some people seem to have doubted, the willingness of British and other capitalists to continue freely to supply our legitimate needs, but the circumstances of recent months had tended somewhat to obscure the fact. For one thing there was a good deal of ignorant criticism regarding the borrowings of this country by those who were unacquainted with it, which had a certain amount of effect until the real circumstances were known, and

another. the political outlook in Europe was uncertain and investors held their hand until the horizon had cleared. That horizon is now fast clearing, and with the exercise of a little common-sense on our part, the securing of very large amounts of new capital for our use should not be a matter of difficulty. It is perhaps too much to hope that in the future there will be no more swindling of the foreign investor by real estate wild-catting and so forth. While there are fools, there will always be knaves to minister to their folly, and while there are English people willing to buy at fabulous prices patches of prairie, which they have never seen and which they are never likely to get within 5,000 miles of seeing, on the bare word of the man who is selling them, the supply of people selling these lots is not likely to fail. However, the fact that such incidents are unavoidable in a period of a country's great expansion is pretty well understood, and Canada as a whole is not likely to suffer through the swindling propensities of half-a-dozen of its people and the folly of their victims.

At home the eclipse of the real estate speculator and his sky-line subdivisions is one of the most cheering facts of the situation, and it is to be hoped that he will remain in a condition of eclipse for a prolonged period. Our requirements for legitimate purposes in the future will be such that it is highly undesirable that capital should be dissipated in this direction. As was admirably pointed out by Mr. H. V. Meredith in a recent interview, in order that our credit may not be strained abroad, it will be advisable to go slow for a period. Mr. Meredith says that he is not at all surprised that any one who has not been brought into personal contact with the development of the Canadian West should be apprehensive as to the future, but this fear vanishes the moment one looks in upon that country at close range. Perhaps a few municipalities have to some extent discounted the future, but so great and pressing have their wants become that the alleged excessive borrowings have been from necessity, as requirements have been and will be very great in this new country. Mr. Meredith finds, in fact, that the optimism of the West as seen in the faces of its people is amply justified, and that it would be exceedingly difficult to speak with a certainty as to the future product of the country, so great are the opportunities. These observations by an experienced banker whose opinion carries weight, should have a very favorable effect.

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FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT, to Shareholders of record on 15th September, 1913.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at its banking house, in this City, on MONDAY, the 20th of OCTOBER next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order of the Board,

JAMES ELLIOT, General Manager.

Montreal, 26th August, 1913.

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A REVIVAL OF CONFIDENCE.

The revival of confidence in the securities markets has engaged the attention of Montreal and Toronto financial circles in the past week. Those who have been cheered by the action of the market are not so foolish as to expect that a grand bull demonstration is to ensue. It is recognized in all responsible quarters that conditions are not as yet favorable to a sustained campaign of expansion. In spite of the well defined hopes of easier money about the year end, the stringency is still to be reckoned with; and at present the banks have no funds to spare for purposes of agressive speculation. However, the sharp rise in quotations served as an intimation to buyers and prospective investors that the long period in which they have had everything to suit them might be drawing to a close. Probably the army of investors who have been waiting for further breaks or fresh low records in which to make purchases of stocks or bonds are not now so confident that the expected exceptional opportunities will materialize. And it is safe enough to presume that many of them will eventually buy at prices well above the low records of the past few months.

OUTSIDE CONFIDENCE.

The marked improvement in prices and sentiment at the great international centres naturally had some effect in brightening up our own markets. The sharp rise in Canadian Pacific at New York and London had an especially good effect on Montreal and Toronto. The willingness of outside investors and speculators to buy this security at advancing prices clearly indicated confidence in the Canadian situation. If the financial experts in London were not fairly well convinced that Canada had passed through the worst of her troubles it would not have been an easy matter to push up the quotations for C.P.R. stock as was done. Again, there is no doubt that the crop situation in Western Canada proved a potent factor in improving the prices quoted for C.P.R. and in strengthening confidence as to Canada's immediate future.

The money markets were not greatly affected by the increased activity in stock dealings. Call loans are quoted at 5½ to 6 per cent., and the rates applying to commercial lines of credit range from 6 to 7 p.c.

EUROPEAN MONEY SITUATION.

The African gold available in London at the beginning of the week amounted to \$4,800,000. Most of it—about \$3,800,000—was taken by Germany; and India secured the remaining \$1,000,000. In the London market rates for money and discounts were firmly held. Call money is 2 to 2½ p.c.; short bills are 3% p.c.; and three months' bills, 3¾ p.c. Bank rate is maintained at 4½.

At Paris the Bank of France quotes 4 and the private rate is 3½ p.c. And at Berlin the Imperial Bank of Germany quotes 6, while the private rate is 4½.

IMPROVED SENTIMENT.

Improved sentiment has been in evidence at all of the European centres. The diplomatic questions following the conclusion of the fighting in the Balkans are receiving the most careful attention, and presumably arrangements will be made in due time by which the belligerants will have to abide—for a decade or two at any rate. The general opinion now is that the financial operations arising out of the war and arising out of the development of comparatively new countries can be carried through without extraordinary strain. And there is a growing probability that Canada will be able to place a moderate amount of new securities in London during the fall.

NEW YORK POSITION.

At New York call loans are quoted 234 to 3 p.c. Time money is in stronger demand—rates being: Sixty days, 41/4 to 41/2 p.c.; ninety days, 41/2 to 43/4; and six months, 5 p.c. In their weekly statement on Saturday the clearing house institutions, banks and

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The Dividend will be payable at the rate of exchange current on the 6th day of October next, to be fixed by the Managers.

No transfer can be made between the 22nd inst., inclusive and the 4th prox. inclusive, as the books must be closed during that period.

By order of the Court,

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trust companies, reported loan contraction of \$303,-000, cash increase of \$361,000, and increase of \$800,000 in surplus, bringing it up to \$5,430,850. The banks alone had loan expansion of \$3,576,000, cash gain of \$2,200,000, and increase of \$2,943,500 in surplus.

WALL STREET HOPES.

The Wall Street market has shared fully in the international revival above referred to. New York participated with London in buying Canadian Pacific and in advancing the quotations for American rails. Wall Street is indulging in hopes of a substantial cash bonus on Union Pacific Railroad stock. Such hopes are based on the fact that the company had from 60 to 70 million dollars cash available before the sale of Southern Pacific stock was completed. That sale placed an additional amount, over \$70,000,000, of cash in the hands of the Union Pacific executive. Some of the money has been put into short date investments. And there are persistent reports that a cash dividend of anywhere from 10 to 20 per cent. will be declared. On the other side of the question it is said that the directors are likely to hesitate long before dissipating any large proportion of the Company's ready cash in this manner. Also it is argued that if there is a cash distribution it will perhaps be used to cover, or to sugar-coat a reduction of the regular dividend. General business conditions in the United States are somewhat livelier because of anticipation that the new tariff will go into effect in about a week or ten days. The shortage of the corn crop has operated as a check to the business revival, However, the Northwestern states have a very satisfactory crop of spring wheat.

Wholesale prices moved upward again during August according to the Department of Labour's record, though only to a slight degree. The index number for 270 articles was 136.2 compared with 135.9 in July. In August a year ago it was only 133.3. The advance was due to higher prices in grains and fodders, eggs, potatoes, wool, jute, calfskins, lead and anthracite coal. At the same time there were somewhat lower prices for cattle, beef, butter, trout, whitefish, coffee, spelter, benzine, rubber and a few other articles. Comparing the month with a year ago, the chief increases are among animals and meats and the chief decreases among grains and fodders. In retail prices there was a general advance in eggs and butter and in certain meats. Rents were down somewhat sharply at several western cities, but were firm to upward in the East.

Apropos of the *Imperator* fire, the *Insurance Press* says that marine architects have not profited by the lessons of many fires nor learned to use incombustible materials of construction and certain time-tried and fires-tested devices for fire control in the same way as have architects ashore. The adoption of automatic sprinklers on big ships is advocated.

ESTIMATE OF WESTERN GRAIN YIELD.

The following is the estimate of the Western grain crop made by the Winnipeg Free Press: -

	cres Total Bushels.
Manitoba 3,13	0.747 56.064,975
Saskatchewan 5,68	8,113
Alberta	4,400 24,739,200
Total	3,260 188,878,319
Oats 5,20	208,308,000
Barley 1,10	07,250 55,452,000
Flax 1,25	17,500,000

MANITOBA.

In Manitoba, the provincial government estimated acreage in wheat for the present year was 3,141,218. One-third of one per cent. of this, or 10,471 acres, has been allowed as a total loss, leaving 3,130,747 acres to be cut. A portion of this territory, especially in the southwest, suffered very severely from drought, as well as part being a stubbled crop, so the acreage in those districts, amounting to 1,210,080 acres, has been estimated at 13 bushels to the acre. This, of course, includes the Mennonite reserve, which was originally estimated at an average of 12 bushels, and which is threshing out just about that amount, over 50 per cent, being now threshed. From this territory the return is estimated at 15.731,157 bushels. The remaining wheat territory of Manitoba, 1,920,658 acres, is estimated at an average of 21 bushels to the acre, or 40,333,818-a total for the whole province of Manitoba of 56,064,975 bushels.

Saskatchewan.

The provincial acreage in Saskatchewan was 5.707,137; one-third of one per cent. of this, or 19,024 acres, has been allowed as a total loss from hail and gophers, leaving 5,688,113 acres to be reaped. One-third of this has been reckoned as crop put in on stubble, without plowing—that is 1,896,038 acres. This has been estimated at 13 bushels to the acre, or 24,648,494 bushels. The remaining 3,792,075 acres are estimated at 22 bushels per acre, or 83,425,650—a grand total for the province of Saskatchewan of 108,074,144 bushels of wheat.

ALBERTA.

The total wheat acreage estimated on for Alberta was 1,374,400, and the average of yield allowing for extremely light crops south of the Crow's Nest Pass on the Canadian Pacific railway, as well as the magnificent heavy crops in the centre and north has been put at 18 bushels, or a total for the province of Alberta of 24,739,200, or, as previously stated, a grand total for the three provinces of 188,878,319 bushels of wheat.

Mr. James Reid Wilson has been appointed a director of the Montreal Trust Company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. F. W. Thompson.

Canada Locomotive reports for the year ended June 30, profits of \$377.043 which with special income of \$19.843 means a total income of \$396,886, against \$326.830 for 1912. After payment of bond interest, depreciation and replacement, reserve, and sundry expenditure, there is available for preferred dividend \$219,262. Surplus is \$114,262, equal to 53/4 p.c. on the common stock.

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PROSPECTS OF WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

What probably constitutes a new record for so carly in the year was the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg one day this week. The total was 1,445 cars, which means over 1,500,000 bushels. Of this 21 cars were graded No. 1 hard, while 954 cars, or three-quarters of the total, graded No. 1 northern, 232 No. 2 northern, and 51 No. 3 northern. With 173 cars of "no grade," most of which will later find a place in the contract grades, added to the above, only 24 cars are left as coarse wheat. On Saturday last, 410 cars were inspected, and this date a year ago only 229 cars came to Winnipeg.

Once more these figures indicate two important things. The wheat is being marketed in abundance a month earlier this season than usual, and it continues to show remarkably high quality.

An Adverse Feature.

Unfortunately the foreign market is not taking our futures, because they are being held too high. Practically nothing has as yet been booked for Europe for October, November and December shipment, or even for May. So early is the crop coming forward that it is figured that something like 25,000,000 bushels more could readily be carried beyond the great lakes than last autumn before the close of navigation, and yet if there are no great export deliveries to be made during the fall months, it will be held back, because there is little room at Montreal elevators. Then no money will be forthcoming.

MAY BE OVERCOME.

This is not a pessimistic prophecy, but rather indicates that near futures in Winnipeg will have to come down several cents. The fact that millions of bushels are about to accumulate at primary points now should bring the desired result. The reason prices have been so well maintained is chiefly that stocks of old stuff got very low and the first shipments of new wheat are therefore being readily absorbed. The foreign market is some three or four cents out now. When our prices come down to an export basis, booking for Europe should begin in earnest. This will add to returning confidence in regard to money. Returns for shipments in October would begin to be felt by the end of that month, and similarly with regard to other months. Exporters will draw on the European buyer, and pass it on to the banks, and it will soon get into circulation from the producer to the retailer, from the retailer to the wholesaler, and so on throughout the whole community.

AUDITORS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE NEW BANK ACT.

The list of auditors eligible for employment for the purposes of the audit of the banks' accounts under the provisions of the new Bank Act has now been published. It will be in recollection that under the terms of the Act, a list of eligible auditors not less than forty in number is chosen by the general managers of the banks. This list is submitted to the Minister of Finance for approval, the Minister having the power to disapprove either wholly the inclusion of any person in the auditors' list or his eligibility as an auditor of a particular bank. Under the last named provision, the Minister has now disapproved the eligibility of Mr. J. B. Robertson as

auditor of the Dominion Bank, and Mr. W. E. Stavert as auditor of the Bank of Montreal. These gentleman are, of course, eligible to be auditors of any of the other banks if chosen. From this list of auditors, the shareholders will at the annual general meetings now approaching appoint an auditor or auditors to hold office until the next annual general meeting.

The list of auditors chosen is as follows:-

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NEW CENTRAL GOLD RESERVE: ITS EFFECT ON NEW YORK.

The provision of the new Bank Act which appears to be creating the greatest interest outside the Dominion, is the one that by the deposit of gold or Dominion notes in a central reserve the Canadian banks should be allowed to increase their note issues to any amount they may desire.

This, says the London Banker's Magazine, seems a rather curious decision, but the limitation of the issue of notes up to the extent of their capital is often a matter of inconvenience to the leading banks in Canada, as they are compelled to limit their accommodation to the public from incapacity to issue notes, which form the practical circulation of the country. There is, of course, in the months from September to March power to issue emergency currency in excess of their capital, but this is only done on payment of a tax of 5 per cent.

The ability to deposit gold or Dominion notes and issue ordinary notes against them will, therefore, be of considerable service at times, and New York is wondering what effect it may have on the gold position in that centre. As is well known, the Canadian banks hold a large proportion of their reserves in New York, depositing gold and loaning it in the market, thus obtaining interest upon what is considered a reserve. If they wish to issue a larger amount of notes there is the possibility that gold may be withdrawn in order to be deposited in the central reserves in Canada. Such a demand is almost certain to arise in the fall of the year, and this is the

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time when, of course, the New York money market is likely to be stringent. At the present juncture such a demand would not be of much importance, but given a period of great activity in the States, to meet demands of this kind might prove inconvenient, and there is no wonder that the matter is being discussed to some extent in New York.

THE LO.F.'S OLD, OLD STORY.

The LO.F. has been telling again an old, old story. Its theme is the financial soundness of the Order. As already noted in The Chronicle, proposals were passed at the recent Supreme Court to allow various plans for making the Order financially sound. Here are some facts connected therewith:—

In 1898 the LO.F.'s mortuary assessment was \$1.60 per \$1,000 at age 47, equal to \$19.20 per annum.

In October, 1908, this assessment was increased to \$2.81, equal to \$33.72 per annum—an advance of 57 per cent. At that time the members were informed that this advance was all that would be required—and so forth.

What has happened now is that a lien of \$260 has been placed against the certificate with interest at 4 per cent. per annum, making thus an annual payment of \$44.12 for a certificate of \$740, on the plea that the members who joined before the 1st January, 1899, have not been paying a sufficient amount.

Somehow it seems to have taken the rulers of the Order a very long time to find out what was patent to the competent outside observer years ago.

At age 47, the Canada Life's rate without profits is \$35.35. At the same age the member of the LO.F. has been paying \$33.72 or \$1.63 less than the regular old-line Company's rate. But there can be no comparison between the advantages given by the Company's policy to which cash loan and surrender, paid-up policy, extended insurance and automatic nonforfeiture privileges are attached, and a fraternal certificate that gives nothing of the kind—not even a guarantee that the rate will not be again increased.

Even at his present age a member who, as noted above, was 47 in 1898 could get the same amount of insurance as that to which his certificate has now been reduced, with an old-line company for very little more than the \$44.12 he is now compelled to pay, apart altogether from the additional advantages, already cited, which he would secure by an old-line policy.

No wonder that the Company's officials have felt compelled to turn on the sentimental tap strong through the channel of the Toronto newspapers' advertising columns.

The Molsons Bank has opened a new branch at Delhi, Ont.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at Jarvis Bay, Victoria, B.C.

INSURANCE COMPANIES INVESTMENTS IN SASKATCHEWAN.

The subjoined compilation of the investments of the insurance companies in the province of Saskatchewan is by Canadian Finance (Winnipeg) by whose courtesy we have been favored with advance proofs. It will be observed that the life insurance companies largely increased their investments in Saskatchewan last year, their net gain during 1912 being some \$5,300,000. On the other hand the fire companies did not largely advance their figures in this connection, the net gain of about \$450,000 being mainly accounted for by the increased investments of the Law Union & Rock.

INVESTMENTS BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

	1911.	1912.
Canada	\$ 2,145,911	\$ 3,363,304
Capital		39,466
Confederation		2,515,423
Continental		67,614
Crown	56,331	66,798
Dominion	583,154	780,347
Excelsior	664,012	890,195
Federal	37,862	47,194
Great West	3,353,284	3,995,155
Home	180,416	118,711
Imperial	849,054	1,196,764
London & Lancashire Life	4,500	4,500
London Life		361,616
Mutual of Canada	2,293,239	2,915,744
Manufacturers'	3,333,555	3,719,319
Monarch		227,154
Metropolitan		515,023
National of Canada	101,011	129,017
North American		756,453
New York Life	145,000	145,000
Prudential of America		36,925
Prudential of Winnipeg	31,329	29,676
Royal		1,061
Standard		376,849
Sun of Canada		296,514
Sovereign Life of Canada		164,561
Western Empire		12,678
	\$17,478,756	\$22,773,060

INVESTMENTS BY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

	1911.	1912.
Alberta-Canadian		\$ 15,967
British America	4,200	4,200
Caledonian		4,050
Canada National	87,300	142,740
Central Canada		35,220
Colonial	11,000	-
Commercial Union	534	
Continental Fire (Winnipeg)	4,743	5,568
General Accident	81,388	102,639
Law Union & Rock	1,781,500	2,123,656
London Mutual	6,605	4,764
Miniota Farmers' Mutual	3,155	5,700
North British	33,000	33,000
North Empire	64,937	33,447
Royal Exchange		12,600
Saskatchewan	10,000	11,567
Security National	23,400	23,200
Winnipeg Fire	2,200	2,148
8	2,113,962	\$ 2,560,465

INVESTMENTS BY GUARANTEE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANIES.

	1911.		1912.
Canadian Railway Accident \$		8	5,000
General Accident of Canada			26,596
Sask. Guarantee & Fidelity .			10,300
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BRITISH FIRE COMPANIES' BUSINESS IN U.S.

How fruitful a field for a number of the foreign fire insurance companies the United States has proven to be, is well known. This refers particularly to the actual premium receipts, although the losses have often been so heavy on account of conflagrations and bad building, and the expense ratios have been so severe by reason of taxes and obnoxious legislation of various kinds, that the actual profit can by no means be determined by the percentage of receipts. A number of the great companies which do a worldwide business obtain only a comparatively small percentage of their premiums in the United States. Others, as is pointed out by the Insurance Age, derive from 50 to nearly 80 per cent, of the premium income from that country. In the case of the Commercial Union, for example, which has a fire premium income of over 16 million dollars, its percentage of premium receipts from the United States amounts to but a trifle over 20 per cent. Another big premium taker, viz., the Liverpool & London & Globe, has been in that country so long and has made so much of a specialty of its United States business, that nearly 60 per cent. of its premiums come from that country. Other companies having large percentages of United States receipts are the London Assurance, the Caledonian, and the Scottish Union & National, the rest all dropping below 50 per cent. The two showing the smallest ratio are the State, which does a very small direct business, and the Yorkshire, which entered the United States for fire premiums only two or three years ago.

,	World's	U. S.	Per.
Company	Premiums.	Premiums.	Cent.
Atlas	\$ 5,412,200	\$1,715,912	31.70
Caledonian		1,420,864	63.83
Century		178,236	48.81
Com. Union	16,193,520	4.581,745	28.29
Law. Un. & Rock .	1,207,075	511,403	42.36
L. & L. & Globe .		8,886,107	59.16
London Assurance	. 3,405,570	2,711,287	79.61
London & Lanc	8,226,275	2,661,548	32.35
N. B. & Merc	17,179,970	4,907,132	28.56
Northern	6,222,320	2,833,785	45.54
Norwich Un	5,775,320	1,737,842	30.09
Phoenix	7,029,285	2,332,902	33.18
Royalt	20,028,904	8,562,256	42.75
Royal Exchange	4,198,035	1,916,660	45.65
Scot. Un. & Nat	3,005,420	2,136,945	71.13
State	1,015,875	111,630	10.98
Sun	7,629,895	2,822,596	36.99
Yorkshire	2,005,815	374,533	18.67
*World's premiums	include Orient	, of Hartford.	
†World's premiums	include Queen	Insurance Co.	

The British companies which have been in the United States for any great length of time, observes the Age, have had an uphill road to travel, and especially in their early years, encountered many obstructions in the way of domestic hostility and the tendency to frown upon the advent of foreign institutions in the country. Of late the condition has improved and the direct attacks which were formerly made upon foreign companies are no longer prevalent, and in many cases have disappeared altogether, leaving them to do business on terms about equal with the companies of the United States.

The Bank of Toronto has opened a branch at Richdale, Alberta.

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ARE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ESSENTIAL IN LIFE INSURANCE?

(William Alexander, Secretary Equitable of N.Y.)

It has often been said that if all the people who pass along the street in front of the office of a life insurance company should be insured, the death rate would be lower than among the policyholders who have been subjected to a rigid examination and have been pronounced satisfactory risks by the physicians representing the company.

This is probably true, for the majority of those who hurry along the street are vigorous and young: few invalids and no bedridden people are among them.

Sometimes action which is eminently conservative and safe startles the public by its novelty, and is at once characterized as radical and dangerous.

Such misapprehension is common when the action taken is contrary to some custom with which the people have long been familiar.

The offer of life insurance without medical examination is an instance of this.

To most Americans the idea of granting insurance without medical examination will seem reckless. For generations they have been led to believe that the safety of the whole life insurance fabric has depended on the protection resulting from medical selection.

And yet it can be readily demonstrated that, subject to certain reasonable conditions, the life insurance business can be conducted as safely without medical examinations as with them, for the following reasons:

All life insurance is based on the Law of Mortality, which is simply the Law of Average as applied to the duration of human life.

Life insurance charges are based on an expected death rate indicated by a reliable table of mortality, and if all the people of the United States should be compelled to insure, medical examinations would obviously be superfluous. This would be true also if all the people insured voluntarily. In either case the law of mortality would work with precision.

But the companies cannot force people to insure. They can only insure those who apply, and if they offered to insure without examination all those who saw fit to apply, most of the healthy people would stay away, and the invalids, including those with one foot in the grave, would flock to them. The result would be what is called "adverse selection;" and the death rate, instead of corresponding with the mortality table, would be excessive.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION A MAKESHIFT.

From all this it will be seen that the medical examination is simply a makeshift, to counteract by medical selection the adverse selection which would result if undesirable risks should be invited to come unchecked under the protection of the companies.

But the company with which I am identified, the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, issues no insurance on the lives of separate individuals except subject to an examination. The only insurance written without examination by the Equitable is what is known as "group insurance." And whatever difference of opinion there may be as to the safety of insuring individuals without examination, no intelligent person cognizant of all the facts need question the safety or expediency of issuing group insurance without examination if proper pre-

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addition to the salary paid for services rendered.

The essential aim of the plan is to give this protection to all the employes of the organization. At times the blanket policy covering the whole transaction is drawn to include officers or partners as well as those occupying subordinate positions, but this is not essential

MEDICAL EXAMINATION WOULD DEFEAT OBJECT.

If in such a case a rigid medical examination should be required, and if only those pronounced absolutely first-class risks should be accepted, the object aimed at would be defeated. But happily in such a case examinations can be dispensed with. In the first place, the company will not consider a transaction of this kind unless the employes are sufficient in number to permit the law of average to work smoothly. In the second place, no corporation or business firm employing a large number of workers could carry on their affairs successfully if the mass of their employes were not in fit condition to do their work. In fact, vacancies are as a rule filled by selecting those who are young, vigorous, healthy and efficient.

Thus every large group, consisting in the beginning chiefly of those who are young and vigorous, does not remain a fixed group, consisting of the same individuals who are constantly growing older, but of an active group constantly changing. In every such group there will of course be many who will die while in the service of the organization; a few old and faithful employes will be retained permanently as a reward for faithful service; a few of those who are young and vigorous may drop out; but the vast majority of such employes will be better risks than those who come one by one to the insurance companies for individual protection.

There is no adverse selection. An individual insured in any particular group has not applied for insurance because he fears death, but is automatically included as one of a large group, every member of which is necessarily included.

Care in transacting business of this kind must be exercised by the Company, but the chief care must be in selecting the group as distinguished from the health of this or that individual in the group.

THINGS TO CONSIDER.

Other things being equal, a large group is better than one that is small.

The character and responsibility of the corporation or firm to whom the insurance is issued must be carefully scrutinized.

The character of the work done by the employes must neither be dangerous nor unwholesome, and the place where they work must be healthy and safe.

Every carefully managed company in selecting individual risks finds it expedient to do a great deal of work that takes time and costs money. In addition to the medical examination, each case must be inspected, to determine whether the applicant is financially responsible, whether his environment is healthful or not, and whether his habits of life are regular or otherwise. In the case of one thousand individual applicants there must be one thousand investigations. But suppose a manufacturing corporation, or a department store, or a large business firm, should apply for insurance on the lives of a group consisting of one thousand employes. Then the Company will be able to make a far more thorough and minute investigation of the group than it could make in each one of a thousand applications from that number of individuals scattered in all directions; for instead of one thousand investigations, a single investigation would suffice.

When an individual applies to a company for insurance, the insurance must be granted unless there are good business reasons for declining the application. In group insurance, on the other hand, the Company can pick and choose. It need not consider any group that does not obviously come up to its standard.

This branch of the insurance business has been conducted by the Equitable for several years. Many group policies have been issued, and thus far the experience has been exceptionally favorable. As time goes on and as this branch of the business increases, and as statistics for longer periods are gathered, it is believed that the Society's Group Insurance will be proved to be its safest and best business, provided the same care and discrimination is exercised in the selection of the groups accepted hereafter that have been exercised thus far.

THE MAD RACE FOR PREMIUMS.

A great deal is being said these days in regard to the "mad race for premiums." Why worry about a matter of this kind? It is merely a problem which solves itself. The course, if persistently pursued, can but end in disaster. The result will be the ruin of the Company, no matter what branch of business is conducted. Take, for example, the casualty business. Some of the companies organized in recent years that have bent energy towards the securing of volume, find the road difficult to travel. Several, so we are informed, find a need for more money, with the stockholders chary about putting it up. At least one company that has been a "thorn in the flesh" has been seeking to unload, but there appear to be none ready or willing to take over the burden. One only needs to go back for a year or two to find examples of complete disaster following the mad race for fire insurance premiums. Even assuming the business to be up to the standard, as regards quality, there is a possibility of its proving too much for the "digestive apparatus," in which case corporate death is brought on by "acute indigestion." If one were to scan the list of life insurance companies formed during the past five or six years, a surprisingly large number would be found where the attempt to grow big has only made noticeable impression in the "Expenditure" column—the result: reinsurance or liquidation. No, the "mad race" campaign will take care of itself.—Insurance World.

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HOW LONG WILL THE YOUNG MAN DO IT!

The exhortation in fraternal orders has been to "Let the young man do it," which has resulted in a rule in all readjustments of rates to give him an undue share of the burden. But how long will he continue to carry it, asks Insurance Commissioner Hardison, of Massachusetts. When he clearly per-ceives that he is assessed a larger amount than is necessary to pay for his own insurance in order that his older neighbor, who perhaps is better off than he is, may pay less than his share, as determined by the actual cost of his protection, is it reasonable to suppose the young man will continue to bear that burden? Will he not conclude that there is no more reason for his paying for the old man's insurance than there is for his paying for the old man's groceries? When he does reach that conclusion, as a rule it means that the old men will be left in the societies, which place an undue burden on the young, to carry the insurance of old men. The result will be still higher rates, which if not paid will end in the closing up of such societies as have not seen and heeded the handwriting on the wall.

SOME EXAMPLES.

In one of the Massachusetts societies, and that one whose financial standing is far from the worst, the members under fifty years of age contributed in assessments during 1911 \$348,509.08, and incurred death losses of \$191,000, while the members fifty and over contributed \$597,864.37, and incurred death losses of \$763,000. The expected death losses for ages under fifty on the National Fraternal Congress Table amounted to \$209,669.23, the actual, \$191,000; and the expected death losses for ages fifty and over amounted to \$728,092.39, while the actual was \$763,-000. That is to say, the experience of 1911 shows that the members under fifty years of age not only paid a sufficient amount to cover the death losses of their own number, but contributed an additional amount of \$157,000, all of which was required, and more, to meet the losses of members fifty years of age and over in excess of their contributions.

Take the case of another society, and that the largest of the Massachusetts fraternal societies. The total mortuary assessments received from members below age sixty for the period 1906 to 1912, both inclusive, was \$41,057,196.15. The death losses incurred for some ages in same period amounted to \$30,689,758.11. The excess of assessments over payments was \$10,367,438.04. That is, only threefourths of the amount paid by these members was required to pay the losses of those years. For ages sixty and over during the same period the mortuary assessments amounted to \$16,968,928.62. The death losses incurred amounted to \$24,644,902.81. In other words, the members sixty and over did not contribute in that period enough to pay their losses by \$7,675,-974.19, which is a larger sum than all the excess contributions of all the members on hand at the end of the year 1912, indicating that these older members had at no time contributed an excess sufficient to make up for this deficiency.

RIGHTS OF YOUNGER MEMBER.S

The members who each year are contributing more than the current cost of their insurance have a right to demand that their excess payments be conserved for them, and not diverted to make good the admitted

deficiencies of others. They should not be expected to face the uncertainty concerning the proposition that in future years, when their own assessments are not sufficient to pay their proportion of the death costs, other younger members will be found to take care, not of their deficiency in contributions, but of the society's deficiency on account of its failure to conserve what they paid during the earlier years of their policies in excess of current cost for their protection. Experience has demonstrated the unsoundness of this principle, and a better understanding of life-insurance theories and mathenatics will eventually result, as should have been the case long ago. in each member being given full credit for his contributions and charged with his share only of the losses, and thus prevent confiscation of the excess payments of the younger member for the benefits of the older.

THE AUGUST FIRE LOSS.

The fire losses of the United States and Canada for August as compiled from the carefully kept records of the New York Journal of Commerce show a total of \$21,180,700. The following table gives a comparison of the losses by fire during the first eight months of 1913, together with the same time in 1912 and 1911, also the losses by months for the balance of those years:

	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	\$21,922,450	\$35,653,150	\$20,193,250
February		28,691,650	22,084,600
March		16,650,850	17,511,000
April	17,670,550	16,349,400	16,738,250
May	21,422,000	21,013,950	17,225,850
June	20,691,950	16,103,450	24,942,700
July	25,301,150	15,219,100	20,660,900
August	12,662,650	14,158,800	21,180,700
Total 8 mos. \$	167,655,550	\$163,750,350	\$160,537,250
September	11,333,250	13,779,300	
October	13,945,000	13,651,650	
November	18,680,600	16,172,300	
December	22 722 850	17.967.000	

Total for year \$234,337,250 \$225,320,600

During August there were some 310 fires throughout the country, each causing an estimated property damage of \$10,000 or over.

The August, 1913, loss was about 50 per cent, more than the sum chargeable against August, 1912, and it will be seen from the comparative table that the 1913 losses to the end of August are within about \$3,000,000 as much as the losses for the first nine months of 1912, which was a very expensive year. Apparently 1913 is likely to prove unprofitable to the fire underwriters.

The Imperial Underwriters Corporation of Canada have been licensed to transact fire insurance by the Dominion department. Mr. H. M. Blackburn, of Toronto is chief agent.

Of the 24,000 shares of Laurentide stock offered to shareholders, 23,771 were applied for, which called for a payment of \$237.710. \$498,040 was, however, paid in, which would seem to demonstrate that the shareholders in Laurentide have not been crippled by the serious decline in the stock, and furthermore that there is always money available for investment when the terms offered are satisfactory.

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Capital Paid Up	1,475,000
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Funds,	68,056,830
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Total Funds exceed	118,000,000
Total Fire Losses Paid	155,780,550
Deposit with Dominion Govern-	
ment . ,	1,284,327

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Fire Premiums 1912, Net .	\$2,421,745
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OBJECTS OF THE WORLD'S INSURANCE CONGRESS.

The objects of the world's insurance congress which it is proposed to hold at San Francisco in October, 1915, in connection with the Panama-Pacific International Exposition were described by Mr. W. L. Hathaway, commissioner of insurance for the exposition, in an address to the annual convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

"I am constantly being asked," Mr. Hathaway said, "what we propose to accomplish at this Congress, and I have always answered that the subject and the possibilities were entirely too great for any one man to do any definite predicting as to what would be accomplished, but that I believed that every man engaged in insurance activities believed and understood that mutual co-operation from its most rudimentary to its most advanced stages was beneficial to the interests or individuals co-operating, and that the history of insurance pointed to the fact that the time had arrived, in fact seems past due, when a closer drawing together of these various influences was absolutely necessary to the best interests of insurance in this country, and I do not attempt to go into detail as to what will be the outcome, for I do not believe that any man to-day could predict what the outcome will be through such an organization once that the benefits of getting together are beginning to be realized. I do not believe that it could be predicted to-day any more than the organizers and promoters of one of our big insurance companies over half a century ago could have predicted the extent of the benefits of the organizations which they were just bringing into existence.

"So the objects, as far as we care to predict them, are mutual co-operation, getting together for such benefits as time to time may point the way of accomplishing, making a start, in fact, just as the first insurers made a start when they banded themselves together and laid the foundation of one of these great insurance companies. I can but say that I believe the undertaking comes into life under favorable auspices with an example before it of what insurance has accomplished in the re-created San Francisco, the place where the first great Congress is to convene, that will be inspiring to every man who attends, for besides what the eye will see in the reconstructed city there will be encountered a spirit among San Francisco insurance men of almost reverence for the institution of insurance, which was created in the day of their adversity, and so deeply set in their hearts that it will be felt and understood by the visitors, no matter from what part of the world they may come.

FIRE PROTECTION.

"Tentatively speaking, however, and based upon the interest that has been evinced through wide correspondence that I have had with leading insurance influence, I can state that three of the big subjects that will occupy much of the attention of the Congress will be first, Fire Protection, for which a Committee has already been started on a national basis, with Mr. Garner Curran, of the Insurance and Investment News, of Los Angeles, who is an expert upon this subject, as chairman. Then an extensive correspondence has been had with those interested in Accident Prevention, which develops the fact that they

are already organized on a broad national basis upon this subject, and the interest which the experts in this domain have evinced in the Congress, warrants me in predicting that it will also occupy a position of great importance in the activities of the Congress.

"Then in the domain of life insurance, we come to a subject which is already claiming the attention of all of us who think of the future of the business, and that is the subject of Health Conservation, which I find is receiving deep attention, not only on behalf of many of the leading officials connected with life insurance, but on behalf of educators who evince a willingness to join with life insurance men in any activities or research that will educate the public upon this subject. That Health Conservation will be one of the big subjects, there can be no question.

"So broadly speaking, these three subjects may be considered as already having become a part of the Congress movement, and as they are subjects in which the public as a whole is interested, and through them those engaged in insurance are performing a public service in promoting, they will prove from a broad public standpoint most attractive features, to which I hope we will be able to add something to the big work already being accomplished in those directions.

SUGGESTIONS WANTED.

"There are, of course, other subjects which we as insurance men see the deep practical significance of, which will doubtless claim serious attention, and through them the insurance interests as a whole will find the most practical reasons for this Congress, and I hope future co-operation, and while I have had extensive correspondence regarding many of them, they could only be spoken of here in a tentative way, as all such matters will be proper subjects for the national council to determine the extent of their consideration and there readily occur to every one of us present subjects in connection with the agency end of the business which could profitably command the attention of such a Congress. That these subjects will be considered I do not doubt, but it is well to understand that these and all kindred subjects will be considered just to the extent that active members of this and similar organizations exert their claims for consideration through the national council, and all subjects of this or kindred natures addressed to me as Commissioner will be referred to the proper Committees of that body for full consideration of such claims as they may have, and as we will soon have an executive secretary installed handling the details of this work, I hope that every man who feels an interest in any particular subject connected with the business which he thinks merits consideration at such a Congress will bring it before us with all the influences which the subject has behind it."

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The National Life Assurance Company of Canada report that applications for new assurance received as from January 1st last, to September 2nd, totalled \$7,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the same period of 1912. Mr. A. J. Ralston, vice-president and managing director of the National Life, has an organization of very active agents, among whom his frequent visits are always productive of new business.



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FIRE INSURANCE AND INCENDIARISM.

(Frank Lock, U. S. Manager, Atlas of London, to International Association of Fire Engineers.)

My topic is narrowed to "The Relation of Fire Insurance to Incendiarism," but an intelligent understanding of this subject can not be had unless we consider the motives which cause fires so as to see the specific influence which fire insurance may have upon such motives. There are three great factors which apparently enter into the occurrence of all fires connected with human agency and into the extent of loss resulting therefrom, which are here defined as:

1. Physical Hazard; 2. Moral Hazard; 3. Temperamental Hazard.

By the term "Physical Hazard" is understood those causes which are inherent to inflammable property and its use, such as construction, chemical hazards, hazards of machinery, heating, lighting and all other causes which in their origin are not easily preventable or discerned.

By "Moral Hazard" is understood the production or increase of loss from intentional causes, among which must be included fires induced from motives of revenge, insanity, to conceal crime or to secure unlawful gain.

By "Temperamental Hazard" is meant that state of mind which condones carelessness as to the causes which produce fire, which is indifferent as to the effects which follow or as to their remedy. Every fire is not (as has often been claimed) "a crime," so we may define that between those fires which notwithstanding reasonable care can scarcely be avoided and those which are intentionally caused come in that immense volume of fires, not purposely caused, but which could be prevented. It is these fires which are classified as coming under the "Temperamental Hazard."

Still further reaching into the heart of the topic assigned, we see that "The Relation of Fire Insurance to Incendiarism" is mainly found in connection with the second of the causes above referred to, namely, "Moral Hazard;" that is the influence which fire insurance exercises upon the production of fires for unlawful gain. It therefore becomes again important to analyze more closely those fires which are intentionally caused since the scope of incendiarism is confined to such losses. If we reflect we shall satisfy ourselves that all intentionally produced fires spring from one of four causes, namely:

(1) Motives of revenge or spite.

(2) Insanity, weak mindedness, drunkenness or mania for excitement.

(3) To cover up evidence of crime such as theft or murder.

(4) For unlawful gain to procure insurance money. The one cause out of the four which has to do with our topic is put last. We have seen that incendiarism is localized to what in the insurance business is called "Moral Hazard." Pursuing our investigation further, we have proved that out of the four causes of incendiarism there is only one which has any possible relation to fire insurance. This is most essential to bear in mind as almost all popular discussions assume as a matter of course that insurance is the underlying cause of everything classified as incendiarism, a very unfair assumption.

Could we determine out of all fires caused, how many are properly chargeable to "Physical Hazard, how many to the recklessness and indifference of the Totals. 43,906 1,946

public as a whole, and, finally how many are intentionally produced, we should soon reach conclusions of value; but we are at once confronted with the fact that not only are there no positive figures in evidence in relation to any one of these three causes, but also that there never can be such figures. Most things can be statistically demonstrated, such as disease, theft, murder, the birth and death rate, and many other things vital to the body polite, but no effort will ever be successful to demonstrate accurately the causes of fire for the reason that in the majority of instances, whether produced accidentally or intentionally, fire destroys the history of its own origin, and it must ever be so.

THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN IMPRESSED

through the press and in other ways with high estimates of the proportion of incendiary fires. While we can not prove any estimate, it is easy to disprove the extravagant estimates which have been made. No one can be connected for a long term of years, as you gentlemen, with the business of extinguishing fires, or with that of fire insurance, without accumulating enough knowledge to know that estimates thrown out broadcast over the land in sensational publications of from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. of incendiary fires are ridiculous. Let us grope for a little light from what material is actually available.

Information is drawn from such States as publish details of the total number of fires, the number reported as Cause Unknown" and as "Incendiary," which last we must bear in mind divides into four motives, only one of which has any reference to insurance. Statistics for consecutive years were not available to the speaker; therefore, what has been used is the following fragmentary material:

used is the rollown	Total	Suspicious or Incendiary.		Unknown.	
	Number of Fires.	No.	Ratio of Total.	No.	Ratio of Total
Mass. 1908-12	32,535	726	2.23	3,332	10.24
W. Virginia,1911-12	1,521	117	7.70	451	29.60
Michigan, 1911	2,831	47	1.67	519	18.30
Ohio, 1908-11	.19,520	477	2.45	1,811	$\frac{9.28}{22.20}$
Kentucky, 1907-08.	. 3,597	211	5.87	806	16.12
Wisconsin, 1910-11.	. 4,660		1.85	$\frac{751}{302}$	15.00
Louisiana, 1912	. 2,007	98	4.87	2.304	
Illinois, 1912.	. 9,092	448	$\frac{4.92}{5.92}$	191	15.50
Nebraska, 1912	. 1,234	73	5.92	131	10.00
Totals	.76,997	2,283	2.97	10,467	13.59

(N. B.—All fires tabulated as "suspicious" are classed with "incendiary.")

A cursory examination of the above figures probably indicates the relative efficiency of those States in their investigations, as in the State of Ohio the "causes unknown" amount to 9.28 per cent. only, while other States range nearly up to 30 per cent.

The figures for the State of New York are not available, but those for the last three years in Greater New York are added. It must be borne in mind here, as with the State figures, that losses reported as "suspicious" are put in the incendiary class, which undoubtedly loads must class with a number of losses which do not belong there.

GREATER NEW YORK FIRES

			Total Number.	Suspicious o Incendiary	, of Total.	Unknown.	of Total.
1910.			14,405		3.70	3,586	24.90 33.40
1911.	,		.13,868		4.38 5.14	$\frac{4,633}{3,801}$	24.31
1912.		í	.15,633	805	0.14	3,301	
m-1-1-			12 906	1.946	4.42	12.020	27.37

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Combining figures of the several States with those of Greater New York, we have the following interesting exhibit:

Total fires, 120,908. Suspicious or incendiary, 4,229. Ratio, 3,49. Causes unknown, 22,487. Ratio, 18,59.

From the foregoing figures, we are justified in assuming as a fair estimate based upon all available data, that the number of suspicious or known incendiary fires of all kinds does not exceed a percentage of 3.50 of the total number of fires.

But it will be rightly argued that hidden in the mass of fires "cause unknown" lies a further heavy percentage of incendiary fires. This is surely so. It may even be allowed for the sake of argument that one-half of all the "cause unknown" fires are incendiary, and should therefore be added to those reported as incendiary. As out of the 120,903 fires with which we are dealing, 18.59 per cent. are reported as "cause unknown," we add, one-half or 9.29 per cent, to the ratio of incendiary fires of 3.50, so making 12.79 or say 13 per cent., estimated as the total proportion of all fires in the country due to incendiarism. This must be deemed a very liberal estimate. Taking the best known estimated figures of the total United States and Canada fires, those compiled by the Journal of Commerce, we find for 1912 they amounted to \$225,321,000. Assuming 13 per cent, of this amount to be due to incendiarism as a whole the figure reached is \$29,291,430.

But this is the figure of incendiarism due to all four motives of revenge, insanity, crime and insurance. Eliminating the three which have no bearing upon insurance, and keeping to our topic, "The Relation of Fire Insurance to Incendiarism," we now reach the question: What proportion of the 13 per cent. of the total fire loss

OWES ITS ORIGIN TO FIRE INSURANCE?

The available statistics are meagre, but three States give the motives of incendiary losses so far as known, viz.: Massachusetts, West Virginia, Ohio. The figures for 1,320 incendiary fires recorded in these States are: For revenge, 351; crime or drink, 36; insanity, 167; for insurance, 258; unknown, 508; this item of "unknown" being about 38.5 per cent. of all incendiary fires. From these figures it would appear that 19.5 per cent. of the known incendiary fires had insurance imputed as the motive by the State officials; if to this we add one-half of the "motive unknown" incendiary fires we reach 19 per cent. more, or 38.5 per cent, in all as a proper estimate of the incendiary fires which have fire insurance as the exciting cause. As we have before demonstrated the volume of all the fires caused by incendiarism to be approximately \$29,291,430, we now take 38.5 per cent, of that amount, showing an amount of \$7,705,978 as the probable fire loss in the United States and Canada, which can fairly be imputed to fire insurance in its relation to incendiarism, or a ratio of 3.42 per cent. of the total estimates for all losses for the year 1912.

This figure of 3.42 per cent. compares with widely promulgated estimates of from 25 to 50 per cent. of our total fire loss based upon nothing but guess work. The figure is doubtless not far from the truth, and justifies what is said before, that while we cannot prove exactly any estimate it is easy to disprove those which have hitherto been extant. Facts are very disturbing, they upset theories, guesses and sensations

which are dearly prized by those who beget them. Doubtless the reason why the popular conception is so much higher than the reality is due to the fact that fires suspected to be due to incendiarism attract notice and are talked about, while the fires having only careless, but not criminal, origin pass without comment. Furthermore, it is a fact that

THE CRIME OF ARSON IS LARGELY LOCALIZED

to a few cities and to a few sections in such cities, because of exceptional opportunities due to the presence of a certain type of broker and public adjuster not found generally elsewhere, combined with a seething mass of mixed population gathered from all nationalities. Incendiarism can not get a foothold on a large scale apart from such conditions, but the public impression is as though such local conditions were general. It is as though there exist a few spots where smallpox is epidemic, and we should estimate the whole population of the United States to be afflicted with the scourge in the same proportion, which would be foolish. Incendiarism is apt to be sporadic and occasional rather than universally epidemic although popular opinion has been impressed to the contrary. Certain limited areas in New York and Chicago unquestionably are more subject to the crime than any other sections in the United States. This contention is borne out by the statistics of convictions obtained by the fire marshals department of Greater New York from January, 1910, to August, 1913, which show 47 per cent. of the total convictions obtained as being suspicious or for insurance gain and 53 per cent. as for all the other causes numerated. This compares with the average of incendiarism for insurance for the rest of the country as given above of 38.5 per cent. of all incendiary fires.

As to the great volume of loss, we must not forget that large city conflagrations like those of Chicago, Boston, Baltimore and San Francisco are not the products of incendiarism. Likewise, in the case of large individual losses where high values are concerned, such as large factories, storage warehouses, stocks of merchandise, expensive dwellings, churches, schools, public buildings, the element of incendiarism has rarely anything to do with them. Thus if every incendiary in the country were locked up in prison it would not seriously reduce the great bulk of the property loss by fire.

Our analysis must be carried still further to the subject of

OVERINSURANCE.

The dread of this evil is evident with legislator, magistrate and newspaper, so that the popular mind is profoundly impressed with the idea that overinsurance is an evil of colossal proportion underlying a large proportion of the great fire waste. Careful investigation does not support this view. To begin with, the great bulk of policyholders in the community are honest people who do not pay premiums upon more than a fair valuation of their property. Thus the vast proportion of property in the country is not overinsured.

(To be continued.)

Arrangements are in progress for the absorption by the Phœnix of Hartford, of the Connecticut Fire, also of Hartford.

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CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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TRENTON, ONT .- Mrs. J. H. Stewart's barn de stroyed, September 7.

GLADSTONE, MAN .-- Four stacks property of W Mekiwin burned, September 11.

INGERSOLL, ONT .- J. D. Buchanan's residence damaged, September 7. Origin, spark from chimney.

Boncaygeon, Ont.—Bank of British North America destroyed, September 15. Insured.

MONTREAL. - Home of V. Altarosen, 1072 St. Zotique Street, damaged, September 15. Origin, firebug. Building at corner of Sherbrooke and St. Dominique Streets, used by Ekers' Brewery for storing stock

damaged, Sepjtember 11. Loss, \$5,000.

J. W. Adair's furniture store, 1499 Notre Dame Street West, damaged, September 11. Origin, lamp explosion.

V. Lambert's house in course of construction, corner of Mary Ann and Messier Streets damaged, Sept-

ember 4. Supposed origin, vagrant.
PERTH, N.B.—J. D. McLaughlin's saw mill at Three Brooks damaged, September 14. Loss, \$10,-

TORONTO, ONT .- Toronto Ferry Company offices, at foot of Bay Street, damaged \$2,000, September 13. Defective wiring.

Belleville, Ont.-Victoria hotel stables owned by T. S. Carman damaged, September 4. Insured.

Origin, incendiarism.

St. VINCENT DE PAUL, QUE.-Chapel and refectory of Convent of Sisters of Providence, damaged, September 7. Origin, unknown.

SHELBOURNE, N.S.-County institution for poor and harmlessly insane destroyed, September 12. Loss,

\$7,000; insurance, \$4,500. Defective flue.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT .- Sims Lumber Company's mill, Bay Street damaged, September 11. Loss, \$15,000. Origin, dropping of lighted match. Partly insured.

Brantford, Ont.—Farm buildings of Dr. Baugh, of Hamilton, just east of St. George, destroyed, September 8. Loss, \$8,000, partly covered by insurance.

CAMPBELLTON, N.B.-Fire in McLennan Foundry and Machine Works, Ltd., September 8, damaged blacksmith shop and store. An automobile in store also destroyed. Loss will be heavy, covered by insurance.

JARVIS, ONT .- Box car attached to a Pere Marquette trainengine No. 33, at Townsend station, totally destroyed. Car loaded with excelsior, consisting of bedding mattresses, etc., September 7.

Caused by spontaneous combustion.

LIVERPOOL, N.S.-McClearn building, on Mc-Clearn's wharf, damaged, September 12. Loss, \$10,-000. McClearn building was occupied by Cleveland Motor Company and Robert Harnish. There was \$3,000 insurance on motor company's plant, \$1,000 on building and \$240 on miscellaneous effects in it.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Insurance on Duford, Ltd., wall paper factory, damaged on September 2, as follows: Phenix of Hartford, \$5,000; Phenix of London, \$3.400; Caledonia, \$2,000; Fidelity-Phœnix, \$2,000; Canadian, \$2,500; Guardian, \$2,000; German-American, \$2,000; London Mutual, \$1,800; British Dominion, \$2,000; Northwest National, \$3,500; total, \$26,-200. Loss, 75 p.c.

CHAUDIERE FALLS, OTTAWA, ONT.-J. R. Booth's timber mill destroyed, September 7. Insurance as follows:-Atlas, \$2,500; Commercial Union, \$2,500; Continental, \$3,500; General, \$2,500; Guardian, \$10,000; Hartford, \$1,500; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$10,-500; London & Lancashire, \$5,000; Manitoba, \$1,500; Northern, \$6,000; Phænix of Hartford, \$1,500; Phoenix of London, \$2,500; Queen, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,500; America office, \$7,500. Total, \$60,500. Loss.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—Following is insurance concerned in recent loss of James Paton & Co.:—

STOCK IN GENERAL STORE-Union, \$5,000; North British, \$5,000; Queen, \$5,000; Sun, \$5,000; Nova Scotia, \$4,000; Royal, \$3,00; Yorkshire, \$3,000; Western, \$2,500; Norwich Union, \$2,500; British America, \$2,000; Scottish Union, \$2,000; Springfield, \$1,000. Total, \$40,000. Loss, 59 p.c.

STOCK IN ANNEX-Union, \$2,000; Fidelity-Phenix, \$2,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Anglo-American, \$1,000; Guardian, \$1,000. Total, \$7,000. Loss, 21

ON MAIN BUILDING-Phænix, \$5,000; Nova Scotia, \$6,000; St. Paul, \$5,000; Yorkshire, \$4,000; Caledonia, \$3,000; Law Union and Rock, \$3,000. Total, \$26,000. Loss, 8 p.c.

On Annex-Guardian, \$2,000; London & Liver-

pol & Globe, \$1,000. Loss trifling.

SHOP FURNITURE AND FACTORIES-Nova Scotia, \$1,000. Loss, 54 p.c.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA INCREASES PROFITS.

The report of the Bank of British North America states that the profits for the half-year to May 31, including £19,201 brought forward, amounted to £93.088.

The directors, as announced the other day, recommended an interim dividend of 40s per share, payable, less tax, on October 6, leaving £47,807 to be carried forward. Warrants will be remitted to the

proprietors on October 4 next.

The following appropriations from the profit and loss account have been made for the benefit of the staff, viz.:-To the officers' widows' and orphans' fund, £769; life insurance fund, £200; pension fund £4,312.

For the corresponding period the profits, including £19,319 brought in, amounted to £79,031. The divi-

dend was at the same rate.

Mr. Allan C. Fraser, manager of the Jasper Avenue branch of the Merchants' Bank of Canada since 1902, has been promoted to the managership of the main office in Victoria, B.C. His successor is Mr. Arthuh Belcher, manager of the branch at Lacombe, who was formerly accountant of the Calgary branch. Mr. M. Shields, of Carstairs, will have charge at Lacombe.

The following new insurance licenses have been issued by the Dominion Department of Insurance:-Marine Insurance Company for fire insurance, chief agent, Mr. W. J. G. Thompson, Halifax, N.S.; Niagara Fire, for automobile insurance, including insurance against loss occasioned by collision or derailment on a train, chief agent, Mr. J. V. Nutter, Winnipeg.

Traffic Returns.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Aug. 31	\$66,451,000	\$82,869,000	\$86,940,000	\$4,071,000
Week ending	g 1911.	1912.		Increase
Sept. 7				Dec 153,009 205,000
" 14	2,325,000	2,667,900	2,462,000	200,000

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913	Increase
Aug. 31	\$31,261,079	\$33,493,694	\$37,334,509	\$3,840,815
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Sept. 7	1,033,652	1,082,457	1,099,259	16,802
" 14	1,026,449	1,110,514	1,144,356	34,342

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Aug. 31	\$10,049,100	\$12,779,400	\$14,493,500	\$1,714,100
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Sept. 7	\$336,500	376,400	382,400	6,000
		378,300	398,000	19,700

TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY.

Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Aug. 31	\$5,098,916	\$5,291,550	\$5,725,007	\$433,457
Week ending.	1911.	1912.	1913	Increase
Sept. 7	175,203	208,093	218,422	10,329

HAVANA ELECTRIC RAILWAY Co.

Week ending		1912.	1913.	Increase
Sept. 7		\$53,100	\$54,537	\$1,4379
" 14		51,213	56,655	5,442
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	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Sept. 7	\$22,235	\$24,033	\$25,934	\$1,901
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Week ending 1911. 1912. 1913. Increase Aug. 7...... \$208,433 **\$229,356 \$260,982** \$\$31,626 14 210,692 229,928 258,536 28,608 " 21.... 216,459 246,466 231,430 15,036

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

	Sept. 18, 1913	Sep. 11, 1913	Sep. 19, 1912	Sep. 21, 1911	
Montreal		\$55,091,935	\$59,618,171	\$12,136,909	
Toronto		42,187,684	36,767,485	29,940,535	
Ottawa		23,337,533	4,212,513	3,363,179	

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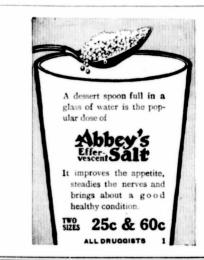
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"	**	in Toronto	6-61%	6-61%	54%
"	••	in New York	3 %	23%	5 7.
"	**	in London	21-21%	21-21%	13-2%
Ban	k of F	ingland rate	41 %	41%	4 %

DOMINION CIRCULATION AND SPECIE.

June 30, 1913\$116,363,538	December 31, 1912	\$115,836,488
	Nov. 30	118,958,620
April 30 114 296,017	October 31	115,748,414
March 31 112,101,886	Sept. 30	115,995,602
	August 31	116,210,579
January 31, 113,602,030	July 31	113,794,845

Specie held by Receiver-General and his assistants:-

100,437,5941	December 31, 1912	\$104,076,547
100,481,562	Nov. 30	106,699,599
100,706,287	Oct. 31	103,054,008
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British North America Anadian Bank of Commerce, Jounnton. X k familion	205	Bid. 151 2047	\$ 50 100	Per Cent. 5 29 5 36	Per cent 8 10+1 12+2	4,866,667 15,000,000 5,465,700	4,866,667 15,000,000 5,375,757	2,920,000 12,500,000 6,375,757	60.0 0 83.33 118.60	April, October. March, June, Sept., Dec. Jan., April, July, Oct.
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The Appellate Court at Toronto has just decided that a second wife is entitled to receive the insurance monies due on the death of her husband, when the first wife had been specifically mentioned as the beneficiary at the time that the policy was issued. In the case in question the daughter of the first wife claimed the whole of the insurance as her mother was dead and had made a will. At the first trial judgment was given in favor of the daughter, but the Appellate Court reversed this decision.

For some time, Mr. George H. Allen, general manager of the Travellers' Life Assurance Company of Canada, has been asking to be relieved from the duties of that position, so as to leave him free to devote his energies to the outside interests of the Company. At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday, his request was finally complied with, the resignation to become effective October 1st. 1913. Mr. Allen will continue to be associated with the Company in the field.

STOCK AND BOND LIST, Continued

BONDS	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	ations	Rate p.c. of Int- erest per an-	Amount outstanding.	When Interest	Where Interest payable	Date of Maturity.	REMARKS
		ī	num	-				
Bell Telephone Co Can. Car & Fdy		99 104	5 6	\$3,649,000 3,500,000	lst Oct. 1st Apl. lst June 1st Dec.	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	April 1st, 1925 Dec. 1st, 1939	Red.at 110 aft. Nov. '19
Can. Converters			6					
Can. Cement Co	98		64		1st Apl. 1st Oct.			
Dominion Coal Co	99	971	5	6,300,000	lst May 1st Nov.		Oct. 21st, 1929 April 1st, 1940	Redeemable at 110 Red. at 105 and
Dom. Iron & Steel Co	90	891	54	7.332.000	lst Jan 1st lule	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl		Int.after May 1st, 1910
Dom. Tex. Sers, "A"			6	758,500	1 March 1 Sept.	Royal Trust Co. Mtl.	July 1st, 1929 March 1st, 192	5 Redeemable at 110
" "В"			6	1,000,000		" "	"	and Interest. Redeemable at par
" " c "	991		6	1,000,000	"		••	after 5 years Red. at 105 and
" "D"				450,000			"	Interest
Havana Electric Railway			5	7,824,731	1st Feb. 1st Aug.	52 Broadway V V		Padamabla at 105
Halifax Tram			5					
Reewatin Mili Co			6	750,000	1st March Sept.	Royal Trust Co., Mtl.	Sept. 1st. 1916	Redeemable at 110
Lake of the Woods Mill Co		101	6			Merchants Bank of		nedectival of the control of the con
Laurentide Paper Co	110	105	6	947,305		Canada, Montreal Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	June 1st, 1932 Jan. 2nd, 1920	
Mexican Electric L. Co	81		5	5.778 600	lst Jan. 1st July			
Mex. L't & Power Co			5	11.72 - 500	lst Feb. 1st Aug.		Ju'y 1st, 1935	
Montreal L. & Pow. Co	971	96%	4 1	6,787,000	lst Jan. lst. July		Feb. 1st, 1933 Jan. 1st, 1932	Red. at 105 and
Montreal Street Ry. Co		100	44	1.500.000	lst May 1st Nov.			Int. after 1912
Ogilvie Flour Mills Co			6	1,750,000	lst June 1st Dec.	Bk. of Montreal, Mtl.	May . 1932 July 1st, 1932	Redeemable at 105 and
Penmans	92	90	5	2,000,000	lst May 1st Nov.	Bk. of M., Mtl. & Ln. !	Nov. 1st, 1926	Interest Redeemable at 110
Price Bros			6	833.000	lst June let Dec			after Nov. 1,1911
Quebec Ry. L & P. Co		471	ò	4,866,666	lst June 1st Dec.		June 1st, 1925	
Rio Janeiro		••	5	25,000,000	I Jan. I July	0.0	une 1st, 1929	
Sao Paulo						C. B. of C. London.	Jan. 1st, 1935	
Sao Paulo Forento & York Radial	••	••	5	6,000,000			June 1st. 1999	
			5	1,620,000	July 1st Jan	B. of M., Tor. & N.Y.	reb. 1st. 1919	
Winnipeg Electric	104		5	4,000,000	2 Jan. 2nd July	ok. of Montreal, Mtl.	an. I-t. 1927	
West India Electric		::					Jan. 1st. 1935	
				550,000	et Jan. 1st July		1929	
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20 7,10 p.m.to 12,00 noon 20 7,10 p.m.to 12,00 mid. From Lachine-

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10 6.00 8.00 4.00 p.m. Cart to St. Vincent 11.30 p.m.
10 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 Cart to St. Vincent 11.20 p.m.
20 7.00 p.m. to 7.00 Cart to St. Vincent 12.40 midnight

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