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By order of the Board.

J. MACKINNON,

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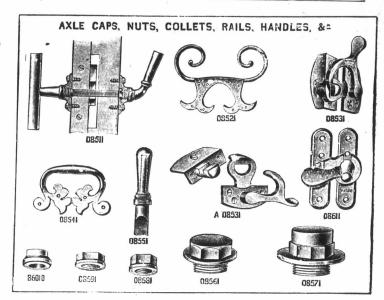
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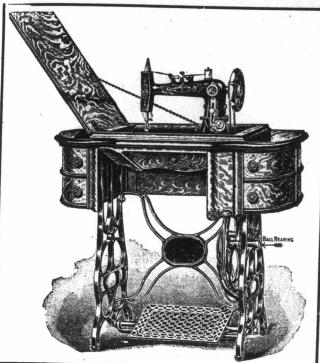
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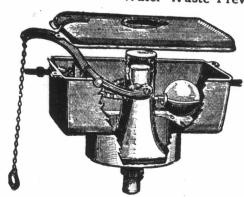
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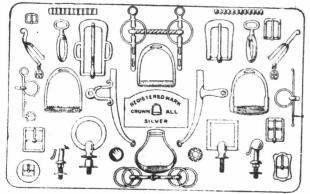
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-The U.S. Court of Appeals has decided that a stock broker must give a cu-tomer formal notice of the time and place of the sale of sock held on margn for such client, or he cannot recover any loss which he may sustain in the transaction. The decision is one of great importance, as it establishes a new rule of law in stock transactions. It is rendered in an action commenced by Harry Content and Walter Content of New York against Peter Banner, appellant. In April, 1900, the plaintiffs purchased stocks for the defendant, as pellant. his brokers, without requiring the advance of any margin by him, carry ng it for several months. They gave him notice of the day they would sell it, but not the place. The stock was sold on that day on "the curb" in Broad street at a loss to the brokers, for which they subsequently sued the defendant and recovered at trial. The Appellate Division sustained the verdict, but the Court of Appeals reverses it, declaring notice of the place of the sale was a necessity.

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- London Clearing House total for week ending March 1, 1906, \$900,960.
- The Royal Bank have established another branch in Vancouver, B.C., on  ${\tt Granville}$  Street.
- Fire destroyed the Public Schoo', Markham, Ont., last we k. The loss is \$5.000 with insurance of \$3,600 in the Royal.
- —The drillers engaged in sinking a test well for waterworks purposes at the end of Speed Park. Preston, Ont., have struck a gusher at the depth of 140 feet.
- -London Clearing House total for month of February, \$4,044,435. Ottawa Clearing House total for week ending March 1, 1906, \$1,824,177; corresponding week last year \$1.829,599.

Fire last week did \$40,000 damage to a four story building at 481 St. Paul Street, occupied by the Dominion Dry Goods Co., the Merchants' Clothing Co., and Suckling and Co., trade auctioneers. The loss is covered by insurance.

- —The store and post-office kept by Mr. Tarbot, at East Farnham, Que.. was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. All the letters were burned, and it is believed that some of them contained money. The loss will be about \$500.
- The will of the late John A. McCall, who was for many years President of the New York Life Insurance Company, was filed for probate March 2nd. The estate is valued at "over \$20,000." The entire estate was given to his wife, Mary L. McCall, as so'e executrix. The document was very brief and was dated February 17 last.

- —A suggestion has been received from the United States Government to change the hunting period for seals in Behring Sea from August and September to May and June. As August and September are the two months in which profitable sealing is done, the offer has been refused.
- The present price of lead in the British market, according to the last advices to the Department of Trade and Commerce, is £16.78 6d. The suspension of the Canadan bounty is, therefore, continued, as under the Act no bounty is to be paid when the price of lead exceeds £16.
- At the annual meeting of the Quebec and New Brunswick Raiway (o., held March 1st, at Quebec, the following directors were elected; Hon. John Cost gan, Victoria, N.B.; T. J. Cochrane, Edmundston, N.B.; Geo. A. Murchie, Calais, Me.; Leon D. Bernier and Thos. Clair, St. Claire, N.B.
- Canadian Pacific land sales for the month of February amounted to 68.653 acres. This land was sold for \$378,807, an average of \$5.52 per acre. In the same period the Canadian North-West Land Company sold 8,476 acres for the sum of \$66,890, an average of \$7.90 an acre.
- Grain dealers of the Dominion have in process of incubation a scheme for forming an insurance syndicate to insure all elevators and their contents. In a circular issued it is shown that while grain elevators have paid to insurance companies something like \$446,000 in the past four years, losses by fire on this class of risks have been but \$40,000, leaving profits to the companies of about \$400,000. In the scheme outlined each elevator will be called upon to contribute a certain amount as capital towards the formation of the company. The manager of the new company is to be a gentleman who is at present manager of one of Winnipeg's banks.

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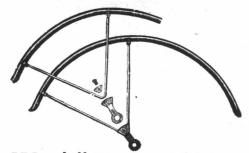
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-The departmental commission to investigate into the affairs of the permanent force will not only sit at Kingston, about which the chief complaints were made, but will extend its investigations to the Cavalry Schools at Toronto and Winnipeg, the Artillery School at Quebec, Infantry Schools at London, Toronto, St. John, Que., Quebec, and Halfax.

-Assurance has been received at Brantford that the Toronto and Niagara Power Company intend to run their power line through that city. Options are being secured in the district between Brantford and Caledonia, which was surveyed last Fall by the Toron to and Niagara Company. It is possible that a rad al road will be built over the same course.

-A large steel rolling plant for Port Arthur is the latest Mackenzie and Mann scheme. After the erection of one smelter at Port Arthur the company will construct an extensive rolling mill plant. The company has discovered that the quality of ore secured there is especially adapted for the manutacture of high-grade steel.

It is estimated that over one million dollars will be spent in building operations at Welland, Ont., this year. This includes the Plymouth cordage works, M. Beatty and Son's dredge building plant, and other manufacturing concerns, also several hundred dwellings, as there is a house famine here now. Property is rap dly rising in value, and a very busy season is expected.

-John R. Walsh, president of the defunct Chicago National Pank, which clos d its doors Dec. 18, 1905, was taken into custody on a Federal warrant charging violation of the national banking laws in making false returns to the Comptroller of the Currency, and asserting that he converted to his own use, without proper au hority, bank funds amounting to \$3,000,000. He was released in \$50,000 bends.

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As a result of the surveys that have been in progress upon the portion of the National Transcontinental Railway's proposed line between Moncton and Quebec since last summer, it is understood that the superiority of what is commonly known as the "Central Route," across New Brunswick, as opposed to the "St. John Valley Route," has been demonstrated by changes in location that cut some 30 miles off the distance as first calculated.

-Ruin for the Irish farmer if the embargo on Canadian cattle is removed is predicted by the Freeman's Journal, of Dublin, which says disaster would be caused by a great slump in prices sure to follow the entrance of Canadian stores. It wou'd, says the Journal, mean ruin to a multitude already struggling under heavy burdens. For this reason, in addition to the question of disease, the Ir sh members will exhaust all weapons of procedure in opposing the bill.

-The House Committee on U.S. Foreign Affairs decided to make a favourable report on the bill framed by Secretary of State Root for the re-organization of the U.S. Consular service practically as it passed the Senate, but these twelve Canad an Consulates are abolished by the House Committee:-Ontario-Amherstburg, Brockville, Chatham, Gu.lph. London, Peterboro, Stratford, Wallaceburg, St. Thomas. Quebec-Standbridge and Greenville.

-Customs collections on imports at the port of Montreal during the month of February amounted to \$1,015,811, being the largest amount on record for the second month of the calendar year, and an increase of \$136,640 over the same



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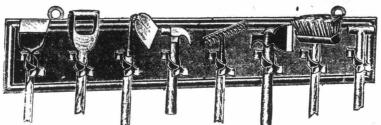
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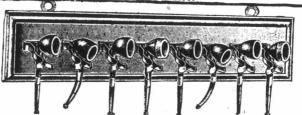
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menth last year. It is estimated that at the rate at which Customs collections have been incr asing in this port the close of the fiscal year, June 30, will show a total for the year of \$13,500,000.

The latest crusade undertaken by Crown Attorney Curry is against the "bucket-shops" of Toronto. Papers are now being prepared under Mr. Curry's instructions against those individuals who are "gaming in stocks and merchand se." The accused will be brought before Cel. Denison, and prosecuted singly under section 201 of the Criminal Code. The proceedings cannot be taken against any person who is a member of the New York, Montreal, or Toronto Stock Exchanges, bu they will be dire ted against brokers who have "a wire" and do business without making bona fide transfers of stocks.

Senator DemyWe cables that he has secured the necessary capital to build the Canada Central Railway. The charter was granted by Parliament last session, and was promoted by Col. Domville, with whom are associated Senator Owens, Mr. Ethier, M.P., Mr. Monk, M.P., and several other mombers through whose counties the road would run were associated. The scheme has all along been for an electric road. it was understood that if the road were built it would derive ts power from the Long Sault Rapids on the Ottawa River below Grenville.

The output of the Cobalt camp for the year 1905 amounted in all to 2.144 tons of all kinds of minerals. The detail d eugut was as follows: Slver, 2,441,421 ounces, valued at \$1,7 355,306; cobalt, 118 tons, valued at \$100 000; nickel, 75 tons valued at \$10.525; arsenic 549 tons, \$2,693. There were 17 sh pping mines in operation in the district during 1905. The ggregate output was reduced by the fact that during the latter part of the year nothing was received by the sellers of ores for the cobalt included in the arsenc. It is expected

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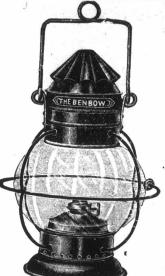
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country was the second in point of gross mileage, with a total of 31,956 miles. France was third with 28,440 miles, the United Kingdom fourth with 25,554 miles and Austria-Hungary fifth with 24,338 miles.

—An important ruling was made by the Department of Customs recently. Molasses under the tariff comes in duty free, sugar testing 75 degrees or over pays a duty equivalent to forty cents per hundred pounds, less a preference of one-third when imported from the British West Indies. It appears, however, that certain planters have adopted a new mrthod by which the sugar is converted into liquid form in order to secure admission into Canada duty free. Collectors have therefore been advised that all liquids adapted for sweetening purposes and testing by polaroscope over 52 degrees cane sugar, whether imported as syrups or fancy molasses are dutiable the same as sugar.

Last Sunday nght the Chesterfield apartment house, corner Chesterfield and Victoria avenues, Westmount, was badly damaged by fire, and several families were turned out of doors. The following were affected by the fire: C. M. Ruddell, manager of the Fairbanks Company; William H. Wardell, manager of the Continental Heat and Light Co.; J. H. Evans, representative of Evans and Saunders, of Toronto; Norman J. Holden, of N. J. Holden and Co.; H. P. Livingston, manager of the Dominion Linseed Oil Co.; Mr. Shibley, assistant treasurer of the town of Westmount; Henry O'Brien, caretaker of the building. The building, which is owned by Ludger Hemel n and J. H. Metayer, was insured for \$8,000 in the Scottish Union and National Insurance Co., and \$4,000 in the North British and Mer. Insurance Co. It is a brick three storey structure containing seven suites or about 35 rooms.

- A Blue Eook giving the canal state tes for the year 1904 was issued last week by the Department of Radwiys and Canals. During that season the Welland Canal was used during nav gation by 299 Canadian vessels, of 435,049 tons, and by 634 United States vessels, of 416,934 tons. The St. Lawrence canals were used by 8,674 vessels of 2,137,249 tons. of which 7,532 vessels, of 1,858.385 tons were Canadian, and 1,146 vessels of 278,864 tons were American. The total amount of freight transported on Canadian canals in 1904 was 8,256,236 tons, a decrease of 947,581 tons as compared with 1903. Of the total freight transported in 1904 no less than 3.478,687 tons was in transit between United States ports. This was about half a million tons less than the quantity transported from one United States port to another through the Canadian canals in 1903. Fifty-six Canadian and sixteen American vessels took cargoes of 11,085 tons of freight through the canals to Montreal intact in 1904. For the season

of navigation of 1903 and 1904 all the Canadian canals were declared tree, consequently no tolls were collected. Had she t 1s previously in force been levied in 1904 the revenue would have been \$291,676, which is some \$54,000 more than was collected in 1902.

The Merchants Eank of France Edward Island (head-quarters at Charlottetown) has doubtless performed a good stroke of business for the shareholders in disposing of the institution to one off the largest banks in the Dominion, and likewise placed its customers in a position to obtain banking facilities commensurate with the progress of enterprise there. The Eank of Commerce has thereby secured the control of a well-established banking connection, one conducted with business acumen and success by the management and such directors and business men as W. A. Weeks (the President), L. L. Beer (vice-president); Arthur Peters, Frank R. Heartz and J. S. Hinton. Branches of the bank are Summers de, Sydney, N.S.; Sour's, Alberton and Montague Bridge.—The statement of the bank will be found in our table of Monthly Bank returns to Ottawa.

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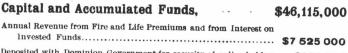
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### THE IMMIGRANTS REQUIRED IN CANADA.

It has been well said that Emigration is a question upon which more well-meant nonsense has been talked and written than upon any subject under the sun. The love of country is so ingrained in the hearts of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom, rich and poor, industrious or unthrifty, that it requires no little inducement to persuade them to venture across the seas and begin life anew in strange surroundings. Our reputation for cold climate, which, for generations, until lately, has deterred many an enterprising emigrant from our shores or plains, diverting them to other colonies or

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countries where climatic conditions are not so favourable to crops, to health and longevity, and where storms, droughts and fierce suns prevail, is too well known. Many people have wended their way to the United States, the most prosperous portions of which are practically in the same zone as Canada, but are-in the western plains-subject to cyclones which destructive wind-storms are totally unknown in this country. It is a remarkable fact that during the last few years hundreds of U.S. farmers have every season migrated into the Canadian North-West, led by the greater fertility of the soil and the rapidly improving facilities for marketing their produce.

The question is often put, "Who should emigrate?" and here is where the principal difficulty lies. Certainly not the weaklimbed or weakchested adults from the East end of London, or the rural workman, whose labour is so unprofitable that he is among the first to be

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put off when employment is slack, or he whose occupation has been chiefly sedentary or in a confined atmosphere. Such immigrants as Canada wants should be in the vigour of life, hardy, with a good stock of health and animal spirits, and above all they should be proof against that temptation to indulge in alcoholic drinks which in the case of some natures, solitude and the absence of social restraints make well nigh irresistible. Young couples usually do well, but a large family of young children is a difficulty. Families with lads and lasses in their early teens, if at all healthy, generally turn out well.

People who can turn their hand to anything get on best. Woe be to the youth who comes out to Canada or any other comparatively new country in the hope of "living like a gentleman," or of obtaining a situation in a bank or shop (store), or employment as a lawyer—or with the notion, prevalent enough in provincial England, that all the people on this continent are rogues with a moderate admixture of fools.

There is a degree of energy and "push" exercised by most of the people of Canada—those ambitious to get on in the world—to which our kin across the sea are but little accustomed. Even our amusements are too strenuously pursued. The air does it.

Among those who should not leave "home," unless they have some capital to bring strong workers with them, are the young men who, though they expend as much energy in one day with the hounds, or in the cricket or football field as the most untiring agriculturist does in two, will not turn to more useful and profitable employment because they never heard or applied the couplet—

"When Adam delved and Eve span Who was then the gentleman?"

There is another class which appear to abound in the British Islands and must often tend to swell the ranks of the unemployed, we mean the half-skilled mechanics of the smaller cities and towns. watchmakers, or rather repairers, are much in demand in Canada. One successful dealer in Winnipeg wrote not long since to his old employer in Montreal that he had employment for several. Two workmen, who recently arrived out from Bristol, they said, sought employment as watchmakers, were engaged without delay on the representation that they understood the work. On enquiry, the citizen who directed them where to go was informed that they did not know their trade well enough to suit the dealer. Unskilled mechanics will find it up-hill work in our

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Of all those who come to Canada to seek their "fortune" the least useful, the least welcome is the "remittance" man, as he is called. Many of these are young men, more or less educated and often of respectable connections, but who are the "black sheep" of the flock—sent out to Canada simply to get rid of them, in despair of their accomplishing any good at home—the despair of their relatives. There is scarcely one in twenty of these young men who ever turns out well, or does litte beyond swelling the ranks of the unsteady while the money lasts. In a country like Canada, where every man works, where it is a disgrace to be idle, there is no manner of good to be derived from such immigants.

#### THE LIFE INSURANCE COMMISSION.

The scope of the commissioners appointed to investigate the methods and conditions of the life insurance companies doing business in Canada will cover chiefly their investments and relations with other enterprises, the expenses of management and allied features. This inquiry is to be extended also, as far as deemed necessary, to companies not chartered in Canada. Authority is given to employ expert assistance, to summon before them witnesses and require them to give evidence, on eath, orally or in writing, or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and to produce such documents and things as such commissioners deem requisite to the full investigation of matters hereinbefore referred to, and generally to exercise all the powers conferred.

It is not believed that the commissioners, while proceeding with less desire to be hypercritical, will altogether ignore the lessons obtained from New York, to which Canada is chiefly indebted for the present movement.

It is to be hoped that due consideration will be had to some matters which do not concern the public, but which every company wishes to keep to itself. Insurance managers and directors will probably all be frank enough. They all have long since learned the wisdom of the lines in Burns "Advice to a young friend"—

"Aye free, aff-hand, your story tell
When with a bosom crony,
But still keep something to yoursel'
Ye scarcely tell to onie."

There should be some inquiry into the official practice of writing editorial reviews of companies annual statements for certain publications. This editing of newspapers is doubtless well-meant, but it is apt to lead to abuses. Such editorials are not the independent opinions of the editor, but of the company itself, and everyone knows what that may be.

#### CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

59th Annual Statement.

The Canada Life, though the oldest, is one of the most vigorous of the life companies of this Dominion. Last year it wrote more new business than in any previous year in its history.

This experience is remarkable for last year the revelations made before the New York State Investigation Committee, and the venemous attacks, made on life insurance companies in general, were highly calculated to restrict this class of business.

It is probable, however, that Canadians were not disposed to accept these disparaging criticisms as applicable to the companies organized and established in Canada. Hence there was an unusually large accession of business by native companies, of which the Canada Life takes the lead.

The policies issued amounted to \$13,325,579 against \$13,043,503 in 1904. Those actually paid for were for \$12,215,262 which exceeds the amount in 1904 by \$1,003,541. The total business in force at the close of 1905 was \$107,681,883.

The net premium and annuity income was \$3,299,-973, the receipts of interest were \$1,294,593, making together an income of \$4,594,566, in addition to which there were profits realized on the sale of securities to amount of \$70,380. The interest receipts and profits on securities came quite near to the amount of death claims including bonuses. The company also received \$804.621 from dividends applied to the purchase of paid up additions, which raised the total receipts to \$5,469,568.

Besides the death claims there were paid, endowments \$102.730, cash dividends to policyholders \$390,067, dividends to purchase bonus additions to policies \$466,294, dividends to meet anticipated bonuses on minimum policies \$338.327, surrender values of policies \$144.292, cash values of matured Tontine policies \$114,625, and to annuities \$26.691. The preceding make a total of \$3.272,081 paid to policyholders or their beneficiaries last year.

The excess of receipts over payments was \$1,110,701.

The re-insurance Reserve, Hm.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. and 3 per cent. is given as \$28,505,936, and the total surplus on policyholders' account \$1,393,403.

Strength is written all over the statement of the Canada Life Assurance Company.

### SMELTING BY ELECTRICITY.

To those who witnessed or read about, or heard of, the successful efforts at the World's Fair, Chicago, in 1898 to smelt iron or steel by electricity it has been surprising that so little has been heard of the process meantime. To many people in Canada, especially to those personally interested in the conversion of the magnetite iron ores along the lower St. Lawrence, it will be interesting to hear that some special experiments going on for two years past at Sault Ste. Marie have at length proved successful, such as to warrant the belief that the abundant ores down the river may be rendered as manageable as the early promoters had hoped for in vain.

Hematite ore has been successfully treated in France by electric heat, but the difference in economy is not remarkable as compared with coal and fluxes, but France has not a superabundance of good quality coal. Our contemporary, the Witness, to whom we are indebted for an interesting article on the subject, says that "the process offers great possibilities in the manufacturing of steel in Canada, as no other country can boast the huge deposits of both iron and nickel ores, contiguous to great water powers that may be utilized for the development of electricity."

It is possible that the desulphurizing process thus successfully applied to the hitherto refractory iron ores of the lower St. Lawrence may be found effective also with the abundant pyrrhotite ores of the Sudbury district. And thus Canada, east and west—to say nothing of our fertile plains—is developing riches, which require but the hand of industry guided by modern science to make her the envy of nations instead of the hyperborean region described by academic geographers and some modern writers.

Some of our readers may recall the efforts made some thirty years ago by an English company to smelt and convert the sand ore at St. Urbain, Charlevoix County, Que. Relying on the partial success with similar and mixed ores of the Norway Iron Company at Norton, England, and on the estimate given in the prospectus of 140 bushels of charcoal (the fuel used) per ton for smelting, the sum of \$400,000 was expended on furnaces and other plant with a track to Baie St. Paul on the riverside. But on the furnaces going into blast, it was discovered from the refractory nature of the ore and other causes, chiefly the large proportion of titanium in it—some 40 per cent.—that not less than 400 bushels per ton were required, thus increasing the cost beyond the then market value. The enterprise had consequently to be abandoned. The whole trouble was described in the Journal of Commerce at the time, under date of October 22nd, 1875. Modern scientific research cannot be more profitably employed than in treating successfully by means of electric heat the illimitable deposit

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By the Government returns recently issued it is shown that the mineral production of Canada for last year is valued at \$63,575,000. Of this gold contributed 14½ millions, of which 8 1-3 millions were from the Yukon. Pig iron from Canadian ore yielded \$1,050,000; nickel 7½ millions; silver \$3,600,000; coal, 8,776,000 short thons, valued at \$17,660,000; petroleum \$850,000; cement nearly 2 millions. The total is some 14 per cent. over that of the previous year.

#### BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Those who organized this pioneer native fire insurance company must have had great faith in Canada's future, for when it was founded, 72 or 73 years ago, the opportunities of underwriting were very restricted.

It opened in Toronto, which, in those days, was a smaller town than many now in Ontario that were then not in existence. Shut in by the absence of railways and steamers, Toronto however was a lively place for its size and many of its citizens were full of hope and confidence, as was evidenced by their founding a fire insurance company.

Since it was launched this vessel has made many voyages, some without any reward for the risks involved, but in no single case have those who trusted to its staumchness been disappointed.

The British America has a high reputation all over this continent for the liberality and promptness of its settlements. It is eminently worthy of being implicitedly trusted for it has ample resources to meet all contingencies, the reserve fund now being \$1.101,607. The liability for unearned premiums is estimated at \$909,820, which leaves a surplus over the capital and all liabilities of \$191,787.

The fire premiums in 1905 were \$2,065,828 and losses \$1,139,583, showing a loss ratio of 55.3 per cent. The interest and rents yielded \$56,341 which more than provided enough for the dividends. The total assets amount to \$2,119,347. Marine business last year was a failure.

The active management of the British America is conducted by Mr. P. H. Sims, Secretary, under the supervision of Mr. J. J. Kenny, vice-president and managing director. The company therefore is in the hands of very safe and capable and honourable officers.

#### "PAY, PAY, PAY!"

"To tax and to please, as to love and to be wise," as Lord Overstone once remarked, "is given unto no man." How our legislattors in Quebec can ever hope to justify some of the taxes which they are imposing upon the corporations operating in the Province, the great majority of which are in Montreal—that time-honoured and over-burthened Milch cow of the population—will doubtless be something for their successors to determine. The people of to-day can scarcely be adequately

represented to allow such burthens to be imposed upon them. A single instance forces itself upon our notice: One of the life insurance companies whose annual premiums are now about \$40,000, is obliged to pay about \$7,000 a year in taxes to the Provincial Government. Do the many thousands of the population who constitute the policyholders ever consider that these taxes come out of their own pockets? And there are yell more burthens to follow. Other impositions upon our joint stock and chartered companies are equally lacking in wisdom. Taxing the savings of the people may be justified on occasion; but who will contend that it now exists? It were, perhaps, premature to further pursue the subject this week.

#### WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The Western Assurance Company has a very strong claim upon the public of Canada. It is a native institution which has been for 55 years a source of strength to this country as is every corporation that conducts its business on such honourable principles as have ever distinguished this company.

To the Western thousands of our citizens owe their protection from the disastrous consequences of fire where no insurance exists, or the insurance has been placed where its obligations could not be met.

Last year its experience was so favourable as to be some compensation for earlier years when conflagrations carried away the income relied upon to pay losses, expenses and dividends on the company's capital. In those years the Western paid all losses promptly and liberally.

In 1905 the premiums were \$2,888,596 and losses \$1,547.906, the loss ratio being 53.5 per cent. which left a fair margin for expenses and dividend, and \$133,-254 to augment the reserve fund.

The total reserve fund amounts to \$1,742,020 which provides \$1.322,183 to cover liability for unearned premiums on unexpired risks, and leaves a surplus over capital and all Labilities of \$419.836.

The marine premiums for the year under review were \$705,764, and the marine losses \$665,157. This department, therefore, was not prosperous last year owing to the unprecedented losses by storms on the great lakes last autumn, and which there appears to be some desire on the part of the Government to provide against.

The Western is conducting a business in the United States of some magnitude as it is very popular with our neighbours, to whom the straightforward methods and liberal and prompt settlements appeal. A business is also being built up in England, which is quite promising under the management of Mr. Meikle.

It is satisfactory to find that the investments of the company last year yielded more than enough interest to pay the dividends.

The management of the Western devolves upon the Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Kenny, whose knowledge of fire insurance business and fire insurance men is universally acknowledged to be exceptionally wide and intimate.

#### HARBOUR MATTERS.

The season of open navigation is drawing nigh and the shipping interests are preparing for it in Monureal, as elsewhere in the nation. Notwithstanding the announcement that two large and fine ships built a year or two in advance of the channel deepening of the river will, for the present, come up the St. Lawrence no further than Quebec, the prospect for an increased business in the port of Montreal is assured, despite some adverse interests and circumstances.

Montreal is naturally the chief because the most central port at which inland freight seeking an outlet to the ocean can be economically transhipped; the most convenient for travellers to embark and obtain the longest stretch of the magnificent scenery of the St. Lawrence River, and the shortest ocean voyage to Europe. These are considerations that must always be present to ensure the pre-eminence of Montreal as the chief scaport of the Dominion during the open season.

The Government has for many years and under all administrations been actively engaged in improving the channel to meet the requirements of the larger vessels of modern times, and also to provide aid to navigation for further safety from the great lakes to the ocean. In late years there has been commendable energy devoted to these ends so that now but a short time must clapse before the largest vessels likely to be built for years, to come to the St. Lawrence, will reach Montreal without fear, or having to wait for the tide.

The late Minister of Marine and Fisheries devoted himself during his term of office—so lamentably cut short—with marked success toward this object. His successor in that important position—the Hon Mr Bredeur—has publicly pledged himself to continue the good work on his predecessor's lines with no less energy, and all who know that gentleman will agree that he can be relied upon to faithfully redeem the pledges he has given.

The only 'fly in the ointment' to detract from the otherwise bright outlook are the spasmodic and erratic actions of some of the peculiarly constituted Board of Harbour Commissioners for this port of Montreal. The trade of the port is increasing, but not by any encouragement from that organization: on the contrary their vacillating and uncertain actions tend to neutralize the enterprise and progress of the men who are endeavouring to make Montreal rank still higher in the commercial world as a great shipping poss.

It would be difficult to point out anything that the present Board has done to benefit the trade and give modern facilities for handling it. It is true that they spent very large amounts of money, but with the present disjointed and encumbered wharves there are actually fewer berths available for vessels than there were ten years ago, and with the present position of the everlasting disputes about the permanent sheds question, there is little hope for more in the near future.

People have become tired of hearing about the socalled permanent sheds and the obstinacy that has retarded their construction. It is over two years since the plans were adopted and shewn publicly. At once they were opposed by the varied interests who would have to do business in them. They were shewn to be unsuitable in so many and various ways, that ordinary business men would have paused before going further.

Not so the Harbour Board and their leaders. They gave out the contract for the whole batch of fourteen sheds, to cost some millions of dollars. What followed it would take too long to detail. The work had scarcely been commenced before semething was found that would not work, or was found unsuitable; changes were made, and, as a matter of course, these involved extras to be paid for. According to the Board of Trade's representative on the Commission, those extras on the seven sheds under contraction up to January last, amounted to \$150,000. Since then other changes have been made, and no one can say when they may end.

Such turned out to be the perfect plans of the Harbour Board against which it was rank heresy and ignorance to raise a voice. The Commissioners have adhered to the plans prepared for them, and the advice of the men who made them, with a pertinacity worthy of a better cause—until of late, when they seem to have realized their false position.

Not so much as a month ago, when the shipping interests were urging the Board to make certain further changes, the majority of the Board, to shut off all further suggestions of that character, gave peremptory orders to carry out the original plans without taking notice of suggestions from anybedy.

There was some show of consistency in that, and, still further, to be consistent with itself in most of its actions, at the next meeting of the Board that peremptory order was re-considered and annulled! There the matter rested until the meeting of last Friday, when a motice of motion was given by some of the members who have strenuously opposed any change from the first, that would lead up to the cancelling of the whole of the contract for the sheds and obtaining suitable plans, begin afresh.

The reason given for this proposed radical proposition, as we find in the daily press, is that the whole project is hopelessly botched, they are antiquated and not up to date, that the sheds would not be suitable if completed upon the present designs! and that, therefore, the Government be asked to authorize the cancelling of the contract for the second group of seven sheds.

This is a sudden change of heart, but perhaps better late than never. Will the change last, however, or will the usual consistency of the members continue, followed by another change of view? It looks as if it might be steadfast this time, for at the last meeting another sweeping motion was adopted, giving notice to all the employees, from bottom to top, that their services shall not be required after the 1st May next. It appears to be understood that this was intended to aim at certain officials who have had much to do with the innumerable troubles facing the Commissioners, in other directions, as well as the sheds.

That sweep will not probably be acted upon; it may be re-considered in the usual way, and other means found for relieving the Board from the awkward position in which they are placed by having followed the advice given from imperfect knowledge, instead of taking adva

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What would be the next best plan to follow would be for the Government to abolish the Board and make the harbour a departmental work like the canals. That would surely be a change in the public interests.

### BANKING RELATIONS TO THE BUTTER AND CHEESE TRADE.

The later general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, in his contribution to the "Bankers' Magazine" for January, deals with some features of the butter and cheese trade, in which that bank can claim to have had some experience, as partaking in a goodly share of this "amongst the largest accounts carried on by Canadian bankers." Having dealt with the grain trade in a preceding portion of the contribution, he points out that the butter and cheese trade is not so easy to enter upon, as it requires more special knowledge of the article and more intimate acquaintance with markets and merchants abroad. Grain does not require cold storage treatment: it is fit for use almost immediately it is threshed and winnowed out. Cheese needs great care, and butter still more, during the intervals between storage and shipment or delivery; but we cannot do better than transcribe the subdivision of Mr. Hague's article:

There is no speculative centre like Chicago, for this trade, and comparatively little of that buying and selling in which the article is never handled at all. And though the prices fluctuate, they seldom fluctuate from anything but natural causes, such as the abundance or scarc ty of grass and fodder. or the conditions of the market of Great Britain. The trade is not in many hands; and most of those who carry it on are men of knowledge, experience and good connections abroad. Moreover, the small dealers in country places are seldom merchants on their own account, but act as agents for large dealers in cities. The transactions of banks through their country branches, with this class of men, are numerous, and involve little risk, owing to the fact that they are almost always in the shape of drafts from city dealers duly author-A large part of the cheese and butter exported from Canada is purchased at first hand from farmers, creameries and cheese factories by this useful class of men. But their dealings with a banker, though numerous, and large in the aggregate, are matters which practically involve no risk. The real rsk begins with advances to the cheese merchant of a city. These advances, as in the case of grain, and other analogous trades, are almost invariably arranged beforehand for a whole season. In considering them a banker has to give unusual weight to the character of the borrower for honesty and reliability seeing that it has come about, by force of circumstances, that cheese and butter are almost invariably stored n warehouses belonging to, or leased by, the merchant.

The ordinary warehouse, or elevator, has not the appliances necessary in this climate for the safe-keeping of cheese and butter, as they are specially liable to deterioration under changes of temperature; from all which it follows that much more of the security tendered in this trade is in the shape of a merchant's own recepts. When, therefore, an application is made for advances to carry on a season's trade in these articles, the banker needs, above all things, to be sure of the men he is dealing with. If the applicants be a firm, with one or more partners, the character of every partner is a matter for weighty consideration. If during the currency of advances an additional partner is taken in, that also should be a matter for consideration, lest an unsound element be allowed to creep in, and damage the stability of the firm. Bankers are often taught, by severe experience, how dangerous are the risks involved in the change of the personne! of firms. A father may build up, by years of prudence and honesty, a lucrative and prosperous business: sons grow up who, being

taken into partnership, may destroy the work of a lifetime by a few years of incapacity and, possibly, dishonesty. Yet the name of the firm may be the same as before, and the traditions of honorable dealing will survive, although the foundation for it has disappeared.

The matter of knowledge and experience in the trade no banker will lose sight of in considering an application; but the men who propose to obtain advances from a bank to buy cheese and butter are seldom deficient in this respect, either as to the article or the markets. But a banker will require to be particularly well satisfied as to the applicant's capital; for it may be taken as a rule, in this line of business, that the capital, in proportion to the advances asked, should be large. The fluctuations in prices are sometimes rapid and very considerable. These fluctuations are apt to appear less than they are, owing to the quotations for cheese and butter, even in the wholesale trade, being at so much per pound. The rise or fall of a cent per pound sounds like a very small affair, yet it may amount to as much as ten to fifteen per cent., according to the price of the article. Thus, if a merchant is carrying a heavy winter's stock (and such stocks are sometimes carried of a value of two or three hundred thousand dollars), this seemingly trifling change of a cent per pound may make a difference of twenty or thirty thousand dollars in its value. The changes in values in this trade are, in truth, heavier than in the grain trade, and need more constant watching. The article is required at times to be held in large quantities and for long periods, at the risk of the market, and there are not many facil ties for rapid selling in a falling market, whereby men may escape loss. are, too, more dangers from the fluctuations of the seasons, and the suitableness, or otherwise, of the article to the market it is bound for.

All these considerations naturally lead up, not only to the requirement of a large capital in the borrower, but that his capital should be in some available shape, in case of a bad season, unfavorable markets and loss to the buyers.

This trade is one giving rise to large amounts of exports, especially to Great Britain. The consumption of cheese is much larger in the agricultural districts of both England and Scotland than in Canada.

The cheese trade in Great Britain is in many respects as different from the grain trade as it is on this side the Atlantic. It is not so rapid, so changeable or so speculative. The article, moreover, is itself a finished product, not requiring a manufacturing process to make it available. It is, therefore, commonly held longer in stock, and as it cannot be held in ordinary warehouses, it comes about that merchants in Great Britain must more commonly ask for bills of lading to be given up on acceptance, in order to remove the stock to their own To this, of course, the banker must consent if it is to be done at all; but bankers on this side are usually ready to meet te views of their customers in this matter, as the persons in the trade on both sides the Atlantic are usready to meet the views of their customers in this matter, as presumably good names on it, even when the bill of lading has been given up. So great is the confidence between one merchant and another in this trade, that it has not been uncommon for parties in England to accept the bills drawn against goods warehoused on this side. Experience, however, has proved this practice to be exposed to pecular risks, which may render it dangerous for the foreign merchant, and unsatisfactory for the Canadian banker.

The Australian wheat season ended December 15 with a record of 25,020,343 bus, wheat and 1,518 529 sks, of flour, (or 32,309,281 bus, in all) exported. For the preceding season the exports of wheat were nearly 10 million bushels greater and of flour about 500,000 sks, greater. Victoria supplied half the wheat and about three-sevenths of the flour exported last season. Europe took 543,120 sks., South Africa 457,623 sks., and 517,786 were scattering.

#### FRENCH BRANDIES.

After referring to the diminished shipments of brandy to the United Kingdom during the closing months of 1905, the "Moniteur de Cognae" goes on to say that any perceptible improvement can only come with time. It will appear in fact only when a general state of well-being shall have returned, such as existed before the South African war, which imposed pecuniary sacrifices the effects of which, says the Moniteur, are still felt.

It will moreover be a necessary condition for such an improvement that the public confidence should not be shaken by the legal prosecutions now taking place over almost the whole of the United Kingdom in consequence of the analyses of the different drinks. These prosecutions were commenced with respect to brandy. They are now being carried on concerning whiskey, port wine and beer, and they are likely to alienate many consumers from the consumption of some of the ord many beverages.

Still it may reasonably be hoped that the discredit into which brandy has falien will cease when the effort made by the great tograc firms selling in bottles, combined with that made by the mijorters and shippers of brandy in casks who continue to endeavour to improve the quality of brandy sold by the retailer for daily consumition, shall have produced its legical effect. Taste and fash on do not change in a day. The main thing in this affair is to see clearly the object to be attained, and to get the whole of the import and export trade on both sides of the Channel to adopt a common programme the realization of which would cause a revival of sa'es.

The Moniteur believes that in order to carry out this work and bring prosperity to all engaged in this branch of the trade, there must be union, an under-tanding and a community of opinions rationally thought out, instead of the confusion and rivalry which exists, and which generally destroy the effects of the individual efforts, since one undoes what the other has done, and one says white when the other says black.

Some firms in Cognae are offering their customers certificates of origin that their brands are made from wine under supervision of the French exeise. This is a hint which some dealers in Canada should not be itate to employ in making purchases.

### WHY THE MUTUAL RESERVE LIFE RETIRED FROM MISSOURL.

In the latter part of 1905 Hon. W. D. Vardiver, Superintendent of Insurance, not fied the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company of his purpose to undertake an examination, the same to begin about the middle of February, 1906. The company made no objection, although in its opinion the examination and the expense incident thereto were unnecessary.

In February he notified the company that he was prepared to begin the examination and that five persons would be employed thereon, at a daily charge to the company of \$81, together with the living expenses in New York of one of the examiners, who was to come from St. Louis. Among the five was included "stenographer or clerk, per day \$6." The State statute provides that "the fees for an examination of the assets or the liabilities of a company shall not exceed \$10 per day for any one examiner, together with all necessary expenses incurred and actually paid and reported under oath The company objected to these fees as of the examiner." illegal and, in many cases, unnecessary. It claims that, whatever compensation the State of Missouri might pay for the examination, the limit that can be charged the company is fixed by the statute, and even this does not warrant such unreasonable charges as a clerk or stenographer at \$6 per day. It has the advice of the best insurance counsel in Missouri that "the Insurance Sup:rintendent cannot law uFy

demand that you submit to an examination at any such exorbitant cost as the Superintendent has indicated."

The company's estimate of the minimum cost of the examination is \$8 000, while the Superintendent admits that it would probably reach \$5,000. While the company is advised that the Missouri courts would restrain the Superintendent from interfering with the business of the company, such action would involve a large expense, and the superintendent could nullify the effects of it by future host lity to the company, in revenge for its compelling him to recede from his illegal position. The company, therefore, was face to face with the alternative of spending the money to compel the Superin endent to observe the law, or else submit to an illegal examination or withdraw from the State. As the course least burdensome to the policy-holders, it has decided to submit to the injustice involved in the latter alternative.

#### BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

The following have assigned: Preston and Reid, grocers, Midland; E. W. Laffeur, wood, Ottawa: Bazaar Pharmacy; Magog; Jos. Le peran e, furnature, ety; Eugene Fortier, general tore, Windsor Mills: Angus McLean, general store, Ballycroft, Ont.; Thos. Coulter. grocer, froquis; G. J. Beith, jeweller, Wallac burg: D. C. S. Simpson and A. C. Simpson, traders, Wawanosh Town hips, Ont.; T. Lyons, tailor, Woodstock; Wallace McKenzie, general store, Larose Station, Que.; Jas. Rouston, butcher, St. Thomas: D. A. Steele, of Steele and Todd grocers, bakers, etc., Vansleek II II; Joseph Boudreault, general store, Les Eboulements: Lefebyre and Lariviere, merchants, Valleyfield; H. Bailey, produce, Winmiger.

J. A. A. Razenne general store, Ste. Eugene and James Kane, grocer, Caughnawaga are offering a settlement.—Pierre Leblane, bakir, I aveluyu'lle, Que., has effected a compromise. E. A. Loucet, coal, Fraserville, Que., is offering 40c on the dollar.—The stock of has, etc., of R. L. Cunningham, St. John, is advertised for sale under execution.—Jos. Nantel, shoes, city, is said to be offering a compromise.—ment has been made on L. Bastien and C., contractors, city. Mackay Bros. and Co., dry goods, Sault Ste. Mar.e are offering to compromise.—The Howe Woodworking Co., L'd., St. John, N.B., has made application for voluntary I quidation.

Long and Company, confectioners, of Wood tock, have assigned to H. Dickenson of Toronto. A meeting of creditors has been called for the 12th inst. at Woods ock. The l'abilities are in the neighbourhood of \$3,000.

Judicial abandonment has been made by Dame E ther Brunet, separated wife of L. Bastien, and carrying on bus ness alone under the style of L. Bastien and Co., city, con ractors. Abandonment was made at the demand of Carriere et Fere, who are creditors for \$421. Other creditors are L. Villencuve \$519; D. Lalonde \$475; Dominion Bridge Company \$250. The total liabilities amount to about \$3,000. The assets consist of rolling stock and book debts.

A dividend of 24½ cents on the dollar has been declared for the creditors of O. R. Davis, gents' furnishings, Toronto, by the assignee, Mr. N. L. Martin

G. J. Breith of Toron o, who went to Walkaceburg last summer and opened up a jewellery store, has assigned. His liab lities amount to \$1,030. Toronto wholesalers are among his creditors.

Assets of the Toronto Cream and Butter Company, Toronto, except the Luiding, have been sold by the liquidator, Mr. Osler Wad, for \$1200. When the Luiding is disposed of a dividend will be declared.

Creditors of the Sovereign Manufacturing Company. Toronto, at a meeting held in the office of the Equiditor, Mr. Osler Wade, appointed inspectors to handle the estate. The liabilities are \$31,000 and the assets nominally \$32,000. A settlement is expected.

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Upon a petition of Isaac A. Solomon, a winding-up order was made and granted before Judge Mathieu on Wednesday last against B. Cohen, Limited, 92 McGill Street, wholesale manufacturers of waterproof clothing. Messrs. Wilks and Michaud, accountants, were as pointed provisional liquidators by order of the court.

A voluntary assignment was made March 7th by E. Ciements and Co., of Knowston, Que., to Messrs. Wilks and Michaud. accountants. They show assets of \$7,500, and l'abilitées practically the same.

#### OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG.

There is the true ring about the following extract from a circular letter sent us by the Charman and Sceretary of the "Vettrans of 1866 iss classon" in Apronto, being a resolution possed at their recent annual meeting:

"The flag of our country being the emblem of Britain's might and glory, it ought, whenever and wherever displayed to evoke feelings of patriotic pride in every British subject, but this Association views with regret the prevalent and increasing custom of making it the medium of calling attention to auction sales and otherwise using it for advertising purposes demeaning the flag and taking from it the respect with which it eight to be viewed. Re olved, therefore, that the President appoint a committee to act with kindred Associations or otherwise in endeavouring to secure a discontinuance of the practice of using the British or Canadian flags for such purposes."

#### HEIMWEH.

A N.Y. exchange is answerable for the statement that Andrew Hamilton, the former legislative agent of the New York Life Insurance Co., returned to New York from Europe on the ss. Deutschland last Monday, registered on the passenger l'st as "H. A. Milton." a corruption of h's last name. With Hamilton were two officers of the New York Life Insurance Company. Hamilton gave as his reason for returning under the name of H. A. Milton that he wished to avoid notoriety upon landing. He conferred with the officers of the New York Life on Tuesday, it is understood, and may appear at Albany before the hearing on insurance matters to be he'd there to-day. It was shown by test mony adduced at the Armstrong committee hearing that Hamilton had hundled between the years 1892 and 1904 the sum of \$1,347 382. Of this he accounted for all but \$283,383. Of the latter amount no reckoning was given.

#### BRAZILIAN EXCHANGE.

For week ending March 7th 1906;—Mch 2, 17 21-32d.; 3, 16 19-32; 5, 16 9-32; 6, 16½; 7, 16 1-32d.

The Government returns show at the close of the fiscal year there were 793 m les of electric railway completed in Canada, of which 768 miles were laid with steel rails, 186 miles being double trackel. The cur maleage was 45.959,101 an increase of 3,892,977 miles. The accident returns show a total of 56 persons killed during the year, 30 being passengers, 3 employees and 23 others. In addition 1,269 persons were

mjured. The conjoined statistics of steam and electric roads (moluding street railways) show the following results:—There were 21,394 m.les of railway completed, 21,280 miles being in operation; the paid-up capital amounted to \$1,309,699,735; the gross earnings were \$115,824,325, and the total working expenses \$85,895,769, making the net earnings \$29,928,556; 228,756,050 passengers and 51,404,307 tons of freight were carried; 65 passengers were killed.

The Tradesmen's Life Insurance Co., doing business in New York on the assessment plan, filed a pet too in the Supreme Court asking that the company be dissolved. The company was organized in 1886 as the Jewellers' and Tradesmen's Co. On April 10, 1900, the name was changed to the Tradesmen's Life Insurance Co. Ephriam S. Johnson, the secretary of the company, admitted that the persons to whim the unpaid death claims were due would not receive a cent. He said that with assessments that had been received and which would come in the assets would reach about \$4,000.

The Hudson's Pay Company have decided on a change in the land policy under which in future only half of any land will be disposed of. Where the company own a section, half will be reserved for increment consequent upon settlement. The price has been advanced 50 per cent., making the average quotation \$9 per acre, with all tracts within ten miles of the railway running at \$10 per acre.

The Brandon Woollen Mills, including property and machinery, have been sold by Mr. B. N. Fraser to Messrs. Robert Serr and R. Sword of that city. It is understood the purchase was made for speculation purposes, and the mills will not be operated until resold. The price paid was \$13.000. The mills employed fifteen hands when in operation.

-Navigation between Detroit and Cleveland opened March 5th, when the Detroit and Cleveland steamer City of Detroit, with a large load of freight, left Detroit for the Lake Erie port. This is, with one exception, the earliest opening of navigation across Lake Erie in 26 years.

—As no tenders were submitted for the purchase of the assets of the Dominion Linen Mills, Bracebridge, the official liquidator, Mr. J. P. Langley, has undertaken a private sale of the property.

—Canadian bank clearings in February aggregated \$282,000 000, a gain over last year of 26.4 per cent. For two months the aggregate is \$610,000,000, a gain over 1905 of 28.1 per cent.

—Damage to the extent of \$1,000 was caused by fire in the premises of G. W. Wilson and Son, picture dealers, 7 Phillips square, last Tuesday; covered by insurance.

—A special meeting of shareholders of the Traders Bank has been called for April 17 to consider an increase in capital, changing the annual meeting from June to January, and paying dividends quarterly.

### Meetings, Reports, &c.

### Western Assurance Co.

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held at the Company's offices, Toron o. on Thursday, 22nd February, 1906. The Presiden', the Hon. George A. Cox, occupied the cha'r. The following Annual Report of the Directors, with accompanying Financial Statement, was read by the Secretary:

### FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The direc ors have pleasure in presenting to the Shareholders their Report on the business of the year ending 31st December fast.

The following is a summary of the results of the year's transactions as shown in the accounts submitted herewith.

The underwrting profit, together with the in- terest received on investments, amounts to Out of this two half-yearly divi-	\$219,594.81
dends have been provided for at the rate of s x per cent, per annum, amounting to \$86,340,12	
And the Reserve Fund has been increased by	
	219.594.57

#### RESERVE FUND.

The liability for Unearned Premiums on unex-	\$1,742,020,42
pired risks is estimated at Deducting this from the Reserve Fund there	1.322.183.46
remains a surplus over capital and all liabilities of	410.000.00
	419,836,96

The Directors take this opportunity of acknowledging the faithful and efficient services rendered by the Officers and Agents of the Company during the past year.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1905.

Fire Losses	. \$1,547,906.2
Mar ne Losses	007 177 -
Commessions, Taxes and Other Charges	1 400 500 7
Dividend No. 88	10 040 0
Dividend No. 89	10.00= =
Reserve, December 31, 1905	1.742.020.49
	\$5,291.021.03
Reserve, December 31, 1904	\$1,608 765.73
Fire Premains	0 000 700 0
Marine Premiums	705 704 00
Interest	87,894.98
ASSETS.	\$5.291,021,05
United States and State Bonds	
Domin'on of Canada Stock	\$ 157,118,00
Bank Loan Company and Ott. G.	$65\ 350.00$
Bank, Lean Company and Other Stocks	425,698.05
Company's Buildings	110.000.00
Mun'c'pal Bonds and Debentures	1.128.949.32
Railroad Bonds	403,533.64
Cash on Hand and on Deposit	329,379,92
Bills Receivable	98,480.89
Mortgages	20,100.00
Due from Other Compan'es (Re-assurances)	150840.38
Interest Due and Accrued	21,786.95
Office Furniture, Maps, Plans, etc.	34,125,47
Agents' Balances and Sundry Accounts	515.714.66
	\$3,461,077.28

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock		\$1 500,000,00
Losses under Adjustment Dividend Payable January 5, 193		175 950 90
Reserve Fund	b	43,697,50
	*** ** ** **	1.742.020,42

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GEO, A. COX.

President.

J. J. KENNY.

Vice-President and Managing Director.

Western Assurance Company's Offices. Toronto, February 14, 1906.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Company:

Gentlemen—We hereby certify that we have audited the books of the Company for the year ending December 31, 1905, and have examined the vouchers and securities relating thereto, and find the same carefully kept, correct and properly set forth in the above statement.

(Signed) GEO. EDWARDS, F.C.A., R. M. WALTON,

Auditors.

Toronto, February 14, 1906.

The President, in moving the adoption of the Report, said: In the Report which has just been read by the Secretary, the Directors have, I think, presented very clearly the transactions of the Company during the past year and its financial condition at the close of 1905, so that I feel that it is unnecessary for me to enter upon any extended remarks with reference to it.

The adverse experience of 1904, which was common to all Companies doing business on this Continent, has had the effeet that we antic pated of increasing rates and improving conditions generally, and the Directors cannot but feel that the present outlook for Fre Insurance business is such as to warrant the expectation of a fair return to shareholders. We are continuing to work upon conservative lines, making volume of bus ness a secondary consideration. If we had desired to do so, there would have been no difficulty in showing a large increase in our premium income, but we have deemed it wiser to devote our efforts to securing as large a proportion as possible of the classes of risks which our experience has shown to yie'd a profit and at the same time to carry on the business with as moderate an ourlay for expenses as is compatible with a proper selection and efficient supervision of our risks. In spite of an increase in the burden of taxes and fees imposed by a number of the jurisdictions in which the Company opera es, the expense ratio has been kept about the same figure as for 1904.

As you will note from the figures which has been read, the net profit on the year's transactions is \$219,594, out of which two half-yearly dividends have been pad at the rate 6 oer cen . p:r annum, and the balance, namely, \$133.254, carried to the Reserve Fund. In other words, the Company has earned nearly 15 per cent. (or, to be exact, 14.62 per cent.) upon the capital invested, a result which must I am sure, be eartisfactory to the Shareholders—particularly when it is borne in mind that this has been accomplished in the face of exceptionally heavy inland marine losses. As you will doubtless remember, in the fall of 1935 a period of unseasonably warm weather was followed by a succession of very severe gales which entailed lesses of life and property never before equal'ed on these waters. The storm of November 28 alone caused losses to marine property estimated at nearly \$2.0%,000. The season closed with a record of 79 vessels totally destroyed, and fosess on hulls and cargoes estimated at nearly \$5,000,000, as against \$2.660,000 in 1904. The Lake Marine,

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as was to be expected under these conditions showed an adverse balance for the year for the companies engaged in it, and it is probably that a general increase in rates will be adopted for the forthcoming season. Unless this expectation is realized, the policy of the Company will be to materially curtail its operations in this department, at least so far as relates to the acceptance of Inland Hull risks.

Shareholders will, no doubt, be especially interested to learn the progress that is being made through its British and Foreign Branch, conducted through the office in London, Eng. It is now six years since we opened this Branch for the transaction of Fre business, and I am glad to say that the results which have been secured under the efficient management of Mr. W. B. Me'kle (whom we are pleased to have with us today) have justified this extension of the Company's operations. Although the expenses of opening agencies throughout a new field have necessarily been heavy, as compared with those of conducting business in places where we have been long established, this Branch has been successful in earning a fair margin of profit after providing for these exceptional While the growth of the business there must naturally be show, our experience in the matter of losses has been so favorable—especially upon business in Great Britain as to make us feel reasonably assured of a steady return in the way of profits from this field herealter. When the Fire Branch had been running two years it was decided to conduct Marine Insurance in connection with it, and although the business to date has been comparatively small, the uniformly profitable results it has shown tend to confirm the opinion we entertained, that with the addition of an experienced marine underwriter to our Staff there, our Marine business could be successfully extended to our London Branch.

It is also satisfactory to note that interest earned on investments during the past year was more than sufficient to pay the dividends, and while the profits realized on the underwriting might have justified a larger dividend being declared, I feel sure that the Shareho'ders will concur in the view held by the Directors that the wiser course was to apply the excess of profits over the amount required for the dividends to making a substantial addition to the Reserve Fund.

The Vice-President seconded the adoption of the Report. which was carried unanimously, The election of Directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen, namely:—Hon. George A. Cox, Hon. S. C. Wood. Messrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, George McMurrich, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, James Kerr Osborne, E. R. Wood and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held subsequently, the Hon. George A. Cox was re-elected President and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vee-President for the ensuing year.

## British America Assurance Company.

The seventy-second annual meeting of the Shareholders was held at the Company's offices, Teronto, on Wednesday. 21st February, 1966.

The President, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, occupied the chair. The Secretary read the following:

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors leg to present their report on the transactions of the Company for the past year, with a statement of assets and liabilities at 31st December last.

Leaving a Profit Balance of ..... \$139,216.91

Balance added to Reserve Fund . 77,564.91

#### RESERVE FUND.

The Directors desire to express their appreciation of the services of the Officers and Agents of the Company during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. A. COX.
President.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1905.

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Fire Losses	\$1,139,583.03
Marine Losses	374,940.81
Commissions, taxes, and other charges	872,941.74
Dividend No. 123	25,143.02
Dividend No. 124	25,274.88
Profit and Loss Account	11,234.10
Reserve Fund at December 31, 1905	1.101,607.86
	\$3,550,725.44
Reserve Fund at December 31, 1904	\$1,024,042.95
Fire Premiums	2,065,828.34
Marine Premiums	404,512.22
Interest and Rent Accounts	56,341.93
	\$3,550,725.44
ASSETS.	
United States Government and State Bonds	\$140.893.00
Mun cipal Bonds	744,039.34
Loan and Savings Company Bonds and Stocks	201,593.20
Railway Bonds	181,000.20
Toronto Electric Light Co.'s Bonds	20.460.00
Other Stocks and Bonds	120.904.00
Real Estate—Company's Building	140,000.00
Office Furniture	24.762.81
Agents' Palances	345,582.68
Cash on hand and on deposit	176,769.87
Bil's Receivable	5,402.52
Interest Due and Accrued	18,000.27
	\$2,119.347.89
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock Subscribed \$850,000.00	•

Capital Stock Subscribed \$850,000	.00
Less Calls in course of payment 1,773	.46
I am a la della de	\$ 848.226.54
Loss's under Adjus'ment	144.238.61
Dividend No. 124, payable January 5, 1906	25,274.88
Reserve Fund	1,101,607.86
	40.4
	\$2.1 9 347.89

#### J. J. KENNY,

Vice-President and Managing Director.

P. H. SIMS, Secretary.

We hereby certify that the books of the Company have been audited, and the vouchers and securities relating thereto have been examined for the year ending 31st December, 1905. and the same are carefully kept, correct and properly set forth in the above statements.

> GEO. EDWARDS, F.C.A., R. M. WALTON.

Auditors.

Toronto, Feb. 14, 1906.

In moving the adoption of the Report, which was econded by the Vice-President, the President said:

At the last shareholders' Annual Meeting I ventured the prediction that higher rates and improved conditions resulting from the adverse experience of the year then under review would lead to Fire Insurance on this continent being placed on a more satisfactory footing than it had been for some years past. I am pleased to be able to say that during 1905 these expectations have been fulfilled, and the figures in the Report before you demonstrate that we have shared in the profits which have been realized by Companies engaged in th's branch of business

The total Fire Premium Income of the Company was \$2,-065,828.34, and the Fire Losses Incurred amounted to \$1.139,-583.03. making a loss ratio of 55 per cent. In 1904 this ratio was 77 per cent., the losses being \$1,665.504.82, including some \$430,000 involved in the Baltimore and Toronto conflagrations, so that Fire Losses in 1905 were \$525,921.79 less than 1904, or \$95,921.79 less, leaving the losses by these two exceptional disasters out of consideration.

In the Marine Branch the premiums are \$40.091 less than those of the preceding year, this reduction being due to our having cut off some unprofitable Branches, and to the fact that we refrained from entering into the keen competition for bus ness via St. Lawrence, much of which was written at absurdly low rates, and proved, I believe, generally un rofitable to those engaged in it although on the comparatively small amount of this business which we transacted we succeeded in realizing a profit. The Marine Loss account, however, on the whole shows an increase of \$57,534 over last year, this adverse experience being mainly due to the disastrous siorms which prevailed on the Great Lakes during the closing months of last season's navigation.

It will be gratifying to Shareholders to note the material increase in the earnings from Interest and Rent, which amounted f r the year to \$56,314,93, and was more than sufficent to provide for the dividends declared during the year.

Taken as a whole, the Report must, I think, be regarded as eminently satisfactory, showing as it does not earnings of upwards of 15 per cent, on the Capita', an increase in the Reserve Fund of \$77.564, and a gain in new Surplus of \$106.600 over all liabilities, after making provision for running off the Hability on unexpired risks.

The following gentlemen were re-elected to serve as Direct tors during the ensuing year:-Hon. Geo. A. Cox, J. J. Kenny, Augustus Myers, Thomas Long, John Hoskin, K.C., LL.D., Hen. S. C. Wood, Robert Jaffray, Lieut. Col. Sir H. M. Pelart, E. W. Cox.

At a meeting of the Brand, held subsequently, the Hon. Cenge A. Cox was re-elected Fres'dent, and Mr. J. J. Kenny, Vice-President.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Montreal, Thursday, March 8th, 1906.

After a re-action for the advances made up to a week ago there has followed a return to higher prices, with buoyant feeling n the nanket as further nereases in prices are anticipated when money is easier. The New York situation has dominated this market and matters seem easier in that quarter. The Morego aftar, which never just fied the anxiety which some morbally nervous persons manifested, seems to be

ending happily, notwithstanding the defeat and resignation of the French Ministry on the clerical question. Germany has been playing a game of bluff, and having failed to scare France and England, is now accepting the stuation quietly.

The tax situation at Quebec is of more real importance. The Government has decided to tax insurance companies, banks, "trust" companies, loan and express companies, in fact every style of public company out of which money can be squeezed. At the same time that it is raising taxes all round and imposing new ones, the Quebec Government is proposing to grant a lot of subsidies to railways. In fact the extra taxes seem intended to be distributed in railway subsidies. There is an ep demic among the banks which is shown by the proposals to increase their capital. The Northern, W nnipeg is arranging to add \$500,000 to its subscribed cap tal. Meanwhile the banks are not proportionately to their resources enlarging their trade business; they are merely increasing their advances here and in New York on stock and bonds.

Banks: Ontario 138; Dominion 278; Standard 2341/2. Consols 901/8. Berlin, exc. on London, 20m. 48 pf.; Paris, 25f. 15c; sterling exchange, 60's, 482.55; demand 485.55. Call money in New York to-day 4% per cent.; in London, 3%. Load money, 5 to 51/2 per cent.

The following is a comparative table of stock prices for the week ending March 8th, 1906, as compled by Chas. Meredith and Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal.

				Last
Stocks.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Year.
Banks:				
Montreal	61	260	258	2563/4
British North America	4	143	143	
Molsons	61	228	228	229
Sovereign	10	1551/4	1551/4	
Merchants	19	1661/2	165	171
Royal	25	2243/4	2243/4	217
Commerce	60	180	1773/4	1621/2
Hochelaga	150	155	153	135
Union	1	148	148	
Miscellaneous:	3559	171	1681/4	1451/8
Montreal Street Railway	1455	2723/4	$\frac{136}{270}$	2181/2
Duluth	10	18	18	21072
Toronto Street Ry	3812	124	121	107
Twin City Electric Ry	225	117	116	110
Detroit Electric Ry	2938	100	971/2	81
Toledo Electric Ry	255	347/8	34	251/4
Halifax Electric Ry	132	102	102	106
Trinidad	45	85	85	
Rich. and Ont. Nav. Co	228	833/4	831/2	68
Mont. Light H. and Power	6486	951/4	923/4	89
Mackay, common	86	603/8	60	421/4
Do. Preferred	173	741/2	74	757/8
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Lake of Woods 1500	00 110	110	
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### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Montreal, Thursday, March 8, 1906.

It has been a somewhat uneventful week so far as prices changes are concerned, but large shipments are being made of spring merchandise and seasonable goods have been finding a satisfactory consumptive demand at steady values. Mercantile collections have been somewhat irregular, but are not a special cause of complaint and the few failures recorded show there has not been undue haste in enforcing remittances. In the United States, the manufacturing plans have been fully employed with the exception of the North-western flour mills, where the heavy recent output has caused dullness for a time. It is hoped the intervention of President Roosevelt will cause the contesting coal interests to seitle their

d fferences without resorting to a strike. The demand for structural seed, rails and builders' hardware continues unabated and increases are again shown in Savings bank deposits, ralway earnings, and bank clearings. In this country production of pig-iron from native and imported ores last year is stated to have reached a value of 61/2 million dollars. At the moment best brands of domestic are worth \$21, while Scotch is quoted at \$21.50 for spring delivery, or \$25 ex-store. The weather has been slightly more favorably for the fall wheat in the west and south-west, although the snew fall is still on the light side. Recent figures show that Fort William and Port Arthur have handled double the amount of grain to date as compared with last year. Pressure is being brought to bear on the Government, the elevator companies and the rallways to do even better in the future in expediting exports, as an early movement of the crop each year is a distinet benefit to western trade.

ASHES.—Market easy at \$5.10 to \$5.15 for firsts; second \$4.65; first pearls \$6.50.

BACON.- In London this week Canadian bacon No. 1. is quoted at 56s, 58s and 60s; heavy 54s to 56s; No. 2, 54s, 56s and 59s; heavy, 53s to 54s.

BUTTER.—A good business has been done helred by the cooler weather and the Lenten season. Finest to select Oct. 21½c to 22½c; winter makes 21c to 22c; daries 17c to 19c. A few shipments have been made.

CHEESE.—There is not much doing and 13c is probably high enough to quote, although some ask a fraction more. Buyers speak of 12c and 12½c but as supplies are light holders are indifferent. The Liverpool cable quoted white at 62s 6d and coloured at 65s.

DRY GOODS.—Buyers have visited the city from distant points east and west to attend the milinery opinius. This

### Stocks, Bonds and Securities dealt in on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

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BONDS.	Interest per annum.	Amount outst'ding.	Interest due.	Interest payable at:	Date of Redemption.	Quota Ma	r. 8	REMARKS
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Richelieu & Ont. Nav. Co  Royal Electric Co	5 41/2 5	£ 130,900 1	Mch. 1 Sep. Apl. 1 Oct.	Montreal and London	1 Mar., 1915 Oct., 1914			Redeemable at 110. after June, 1912 Redeemable at 110. Redeemable at 110.
Toronto St. Railway  Toronto St. Railway Windsor Hotel Winnipeg Elec. Street Ry	41/4 41/4 5	2,509,953 28 840,000 1	Feb. 31 Aug.	Bank of Scotland, London  Bank of Scotland, London  Windsor Hotel, Montreal	1 July, 1914 31 Aug. 1921		108	5 p.c. redeemable yearly after 1905.

is the annual trip with many would-be customers who find it a convenient time to leave their business, and at the same time make a break into the monotony of the winter. Fortunately the weather has been more seasonable and liveFer tone is apparent all round. Speaking of the New York cotton market a recent letter says: There was nothing about the decline of 7 to 13 points in the market to discourage expectations of an ultimate advance. Mills are well satisfied to pay present prices, which allow them to sell their product ahead at very remunerative profits.

EGGS. Supplies recently have not been heavy and the market was steady at 20c to 21c for fre h. Good held stock 14c to 15c. Larger receipts are expected after this week. The U.S. customs have ruled that eggs imported into the United States without their she is cannot be assessed a bulk but must pay the duty of 5c per dozen.

GRAIN.—The supply of oats in Montreal has increased to 181,000 bushels, being 92,000 more than a year ago. Pric s were maintained at  $37\frac{1}{2}$ e for No. 4,  $38\frac{1}{2}$ e for No. 3 and  $39V_{
m ge}$  for No. 2 store. Demand is small at the movement. Whea: in Winning 72% e March and 74% e May. United States prolonged dry weather in Kansas and Nebraska with high winds and dust storms in the former States have created fears of crop damage. No unfavorable effects have been expendenced, however, that early relief from drugh conditions would not fully repair. Special to egrathis in o mat on from Texas reports crop conditions in the panhandle perfect and the acreage increased 15 per cent. No change is reported from other sections. May wheat in Chicago about 781 c. A Wann peg hou e. in a special message, says that here are still 24,000,000 bushels of wheat west of Wann peg in tarmers' hands. Jones, of the Landon News Buseau, who is now in Argentina, makes the exportable surplus 112.000 coo bushels,

GROCERIES. Several of the leading jobbers speak of callections in favourable terms. A fair number of orders are coming in for the season. Valencia rasins are scarce and dearer, and it is said no good fruit is left in Spain; locally 4c to 51,c is quoted as to quality. There is a scarcely of tapicca; it costs \$5.25 per \$400 lbs. to import in large lots, and difficult to get at that; on spot it is worth 6c to 6½c. Canned tomatoes have gone to \$1.10 and the high price will improve the sale of the cheaper grades of canned peas. Molasses dull at 30c to 33½c in brls. and half brls., respectively.

Refined sugar has advanced 10° on the week, and there is a fair enquiry. New York raw steady; fair refining, 2 29.32 to 2 15-16c; centr fugal, 96 test, 3 13-32c to 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 13-35c to 2 11-16c. Refined quiet. London, raw sugar no ninal; centrifugal 9s 3d; muscovado, 8s. Beet sugar, March 8s 2d. Teas are quiet at the moment. Japan lost a proportion of her ea trade during the war, and Canada and the U.S. b ught largely of green Ceylons. Latterly the Indian growers have been putting up prices and the Japanese will make every effort to gain by this, and recapture the trade. It is stated that the representatives of leading Japan houses in Canada and the United States have been leaving recently for Japan, to enquire into the situation on the spot and promote greater entemprise. Right quality and low rces will be advocated. In New York, coffee closed at a net decline of 10 to 15 points under selling for long account. Sales included May at 7.00e to 7.05e and July at 7.20e.

LIVE STOCK.—Liverpool cables quoted Canadians at 10½ to 11c. Locally prices were firmer for choice cattle which sold at 5c to 5% cowing to scarcity of top grades. Hogs 7½ to 7½ c off cars. Sheep 4½ c and lambs 6c. Shipments from the ports of St. John, N.B., and Portland. Me., continue fairly Feral, those for the week ending March 3 being 4.624 cattle and 1.027 sheep, against 2.073 cattle and 955 sheep the previous week. During the month of February, the shipments from St. John, N.B., were 6.989 cattle, those from Portland, Me., being 6,176 cattle and 1,675 sheep.

MILLFEED.—Manitoba bran \$19 to \$19.50 per ton. and shorts \$20 to \$20.50, in bags. Ontario about the same price.

POTATOES AND TURNIPS.—Potatoes in car loads on track (Oc. o. 65c per 90 Ms.; 70c to 75c del vered into store in small lots. Quebec turnips 50c per bag.

PROVISIONS.—A good business reported. Fresh abattoir hogs fine, \$10.00 and country dressed \$8.50 to \$9.50. Hams, extra large, 25 hbs. and upwards 12½c: large 18 to 25 lbs., 13c; medium 12 to 18 lbs., 13½c; extra small size, 8 to 12 lbs., 14c: hams with bone out, rolled 14c to 14½c. Bacon: Long clear 11½c, Wiltshire, 50 lb. sides, 14c: spiced roll boneless 11½c; English breakfast boneless 15c: Windsor backs, 13½c.—Barrel Pork: Canada short cut backs, family, \$21 per bbl., heavy Canada short cut clear \$20; clear fat backs \$21.50 per bbl.—Lard: In 20 lb. wooden pails, choice refined lard, com-

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British North America	4,866,666	4,866,666	2,044,000	42.00	248	340.20	8	April	Oct.	142	140
Can. Bank of Commerce	10,000,000	10,000,000	4,500,000	45.00	50	90.00	31/2	June	Dec.		180
Dominion	3,000,000	8,000,000	8,500,000	116.66	50		21/6"	Feb. May-A			
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Hamilton	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	100.00	100		5	June	Dec.		
Hochelaga	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,450,000	72.50	100	154 75	31/4	June	Dec.		
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merchants of P.E.I.	350,400	350,400	301.061	86.00	82.4		4	Jan.	July.	112	108
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Montreal	14,400,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	100.00	100	228.00		April	Oct.	230	228
	500,000	14,400,000	10,000,000	69.44	100	257 00		June	Dec.	258	257
Nova Scotia	2,500,000	500,000	800,000	160.00	100	000.00		Jan.	July.		
	2,000.000	2,500,000	4,200,000	160.00	100	268 00		Feb.	Aug.	281	288
Ontario	1,500,000	1,500,000	650,000	48.83	100	275 (0		June	Dec.		
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Toronto		329,515	75,000	20.02	100	••••	2 1	Feb.			
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Union Bank	3,000,000	1,336,150	970,000	72.60	-			eb.	Dec.		
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Western	550,000	550,000	250,000	45.45 1	00				- MB	1401	149

pound; extra pure. 11c; fi ausages: Packed in baskets pound. lle; finest  $7\frac{1}{4}$ e per kettle 11%c. — Sausages: 25 or 50 lbs. each; port links, 7 to 8c per lb.; smoked Saveloy links and Frankfurts 8c; Oxford links, farmers' sausages. and 1-1b. packages, Cambridge sausage, Sc; bologna sausage and smoked Brunswicks, 6c; pork sausage meat, in 20-lb. pails, 8c.—Beef: Extra plate beef, per half bbl. of 100 lbs., \$6.25; per bbl. of 200 lbs., \$12; per tierce of 300 lbs., \$18.

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ROLLED OATS.—The market is quiet, with business in bags of 90 lbs. at \$2 to \$2.10.

SEED.—Prices are \$6.25 to \$7 bush. of 60 lbs., f.o.b., country points, for red clover, and \$4 to \$6.50 for alsike, timothy being now \$2.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs. There is very little doing in flax seed, prices being \$1.20 per bush., Mont-

 ${\bf TURPENTINE.-Market\ has\ kept\ firm\ at\ 94e\ per\ gal-}$ lon for 2 to 4 bbl. lots; 95c a gallon for pure spirits in barrell lots, 5-gal. lots being \$1, can extra.

WINES, SPIRITS, ETC.—Reports from Cognac deal at some length with the steady decrease in the consumption of

French brandies in Great Britain and Ireland. This is nothing new, for British brandies, although of home manufacture, appear to satisfy the trade to a large extent. business has been much affected by sophistication, as is happening to whickeys which in their turn will probably suffer n a similar manner unless there is a successful effort to put a stop to imitations and "doctoring". There is no change in our quotations for genuine goods, which are as follows:—English ale, per doz. quarts, \$2 to \$2.50; pints \$1.60 to \$1.65; Dublin stout about same figures; Canadian Club whiskey, quart cases, \$8.50 to \$9.00; white wheat \$7 to \$7.75; Corby's \$7.75 to \$8; ordinary Canada Rye, gall., \$2.20 to \$2.50; Niagara (native wine). qt. cases \$4.85, gals. \$1.25; French Clarets (St. J.) \$2.25 to \$2.75; Sherry (Lion) Amontillado, \$3.50 to \$4; Brandy, Otard. gal., \$4; Scotch whiskey (blends), Kilmarnock, cases, \$8.75 to \$10; Bullock Lade. Ext. E.S.G.L. \$10.25 to \$10.30; Irish whiskey (straight) Power's \$10.25 to \$10.50; Jameson's \$9.50 to 11; Belfast ginger ale, doz., \$1.30 to \$1.40; imported soda water \$1.30 to \$1.40; Apollinaris, 50 qts. \$7 to \$7.50; domestic ales 85c to \$1.50; Lager 80c to \$1.40.

### WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

#### DIVIDEND No. 47.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Dividend of Three and One-half per cent. has been declared upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of the Bank, being at the rate of Seven per cent. per annum, and that the same will be due and payable on and after MONDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1906, at the Offices of the Bank. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st of March.

Notice is also given that the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will he held on WEDNES-DAY, the 11th Day of APRIL next, at the Head Office of the Bank, Oshawa, Ont., at the hour of Two o'clock, p.m., for the election of Directors and such other business as may legally come before the Board.

By order of the Board.

T. H. McMILLAN,

#### THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

#### Incorporated by Royal Charter.

The Court of Directors hereby give notice that a dividend free of Income Tax of Thirty Shillings per share will be paid on the 5th of April next to the Proprietors of Shares registered in the Colonies, being at the rate of six per cent. per annum for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The Dividend will be paid at the rate of exchange current on the 5th day of April, 1906, to be fixed by the Managers.

No transfers can be made between the 22nd inst. and the 5th proximo, as the books must be closed during that period. By order of the Court,

A. G. WALLIS.

Secretary.

No. 5 Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 6th March, 1906.

Oshawa, February 21, 1906.

# CANADA LIFE

## Assurance Company

## 59th ANNUAL STATEMENT.

overnment, Municipal and other Bonds, Stocks	LIABILITIES.
and Debentures. \$17.726.831 fortgages on Real Estate 5.185.612 oans on Bonds, Stocks, Etc. 149.987 oans on Policies 3.629.593 cal Estate Owned (including Co.'s Buildings in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Winnipeg, St. John, N. B., London, Eng.) 1.834.307 cemiums in Transit and deferred (net) 601.314 terest and Rents accrued 386.700 her Assets 548,945 sh on hand and in Banks 266.072.	Re-insurance Reserve Fund (Hm. 3½ per cent. and 3 per cent.) \$28,505,936.0  Death Claims in course of Settlement and Instalment Fund 261,030.0  Dividends to Policyholders in Course of Payment 35,843.4  Reserve for Policies which may be revived 41,962.0  Other Liabilities 91,190.6  Total Surplus on Policyholders' Account (Hm. 3½ per cent. and 3 per cent.) after distributing surplus as below 1.393,403.20
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The new business paid for in 1905 was greater in amount than that of any previous year in the Company's history.

A full report of the annual meeting and a Detailed List of the Company's Securities will appear in the Company's paper, "Life Echoes."

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#### WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

WHOLESALE PRICES CO	RRENT.
Name of Article.	Wholesale.
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Antimony Tin: Block, L. & F. per lb. Tin, Block, Straits, per lb. Tin, Strip, per lb. Copper: Ingot, per lb.	0 00 0 16 0 37 0 38
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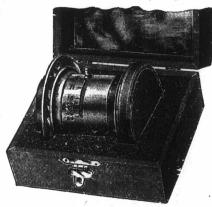
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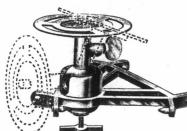
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The Ben Allen Portland Cement Company, Limited, Owen Sound, has a capital of \$500,000.

Charters were also granted to fhe Wainfleet Natural Gas Company, Limited, Port Colborne, \$100,000; Standard Envelope Company, Limited, Perth, \$100,000; E. J. Dignum and Company, Limited, Toronto, wholesale dry goods, \$100,000; the Silver Star Mining Company, Limited, New Liskeard, \$40,-000; the Photo Engravers, Limited, Toronto, \$40,000; Brampton Building and Improvement Company. Limited, \$40,-000; Crescent Coal and Coke Company. Limited, Toronto, \$20,000; the Aylmer Cigar Company, Limited, Aylmer, \$10,-000; the Nipissing Tribune Publishing Co., Limited, North Bay, \$10,000.

Provincial Leenses have been issued to the Sagnaw Oil and Gas Company, an Arizona concern, capital restricted to \$40,000, William Horne, Windsor, aftorney; V. J. Hadden and Sons Company, a New Jersey incorporation, capital restricted to \$40,000, with large powers as contractors; the Polson Iron Works, Ltd., a Dominion incorporation. A supplementary license increases the capital of the Amercan Chicle Company to \$120 000; the Kingston Yacht Club Associati n, Ltd., increases its capital to \$10,000; and the Oshawa Steam and Gas

The Grand Opera House Company of Hamilton has surrendered its charter.

#### DRESS GOODS.

The New York papers comment on the foreign dress-goods outlook. These are being sough, says our New York namesake, in such quantities as to cause scarc'ty on certain lines, particularly serges, which have been somewhat delayed in delivery by more or less pro-tracted strikes in France. These strikes were local, and certain importing houses felt the hold-up more than others, but the sold-up condition of some houses on cream serges is such that the goods were shipped as soon as landed for their ult mate destination. Printed challies are receiving their due attention at the hands of retailers, and, while stocks are of good size and many importers have anticipated a fine business, it is not thought there will be any surplus. Voiles and henriettas, particularly in blacks, are moving well. The new lines of foreign goods are being opened and tick ted this week by many houses and will be soon on exhibition for the early fall trade, which on certain lines has al. ready started to a certain extent. Orders for fall panamas and batistes have been received, which would indicate that these goods will be in good demand.

The demand for mohair continues good for spring. Automobile costumes of mohair are extremely popular because dust does not cling to them as to other cloths. Solid colors of cream, grays and navies are in principal demand for these goods, though some very attractive old rose is being taken as well. Sufficient orders have been taken on the new fall lines to form some opinion of what is going to be popular. Printed warp patterns in two and three colors, with large self color overchecks, stripes and plaids, are at present the leading fabric for fall suitings at 50c, 75c, and \$1. Checks are better than stripes. Many neat figures at all prices are being brought out in the I wer end and it is early as yet to know what are going to be taken, as thus far the better grades have been or-Gray mannish effects seem to dered. predominate in the samples, with heather mixtures well thought of for suitings. Swivel effects, principally in creams and white, are receiving some attention. A fabric which is comparatively new and is promising well is moreen skirtings. It is a silk warp with cotton filling, which gves the appearance of taffeta, and has quite a perceptible rustle. Black is the prominent color, but a few grays, navies and reds came in the line to run in with Another fabric which is being ordered to some extent for fall is black lorento, made of botany wool, which gives it the soft band of a silk warp henrictta with the weave of a mohair.

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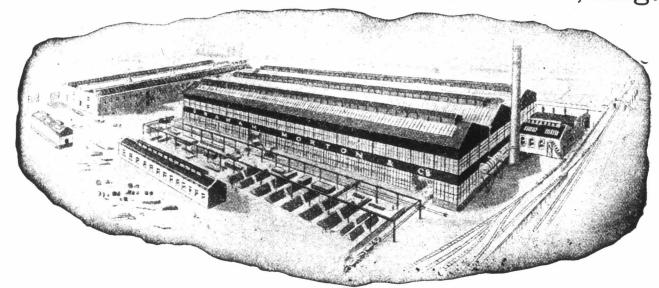
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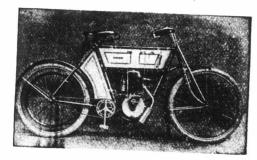
A geeral increase in in urance rates on hull and cargo risks will probably be made this coming season by the marine insurance companies carrying upper lake risks. The increased rates have been determined upon because of the heavy losses sustained by underwriters last season from storms on the upper lakes.

What the increase will be has not yet been dec ded upon, and is not likely to be it is said by the underwriters, until a meeting of representatives of the large underwriters of the United States and Canada is he'd in Buffalo shortly. Then the various phases of marine insurance will be considered and a general increase made.

A statement which strengthens this opinion has just been made by J. J. Kenny, vice-president and managing di-

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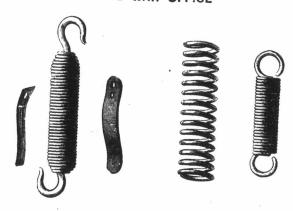
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rector of the British America Assurance Compuny. Exceptionally heavy inland lasses had been incurred last year, Mr. Kenny stated, and the losses of life and property in the fall of 1905 owing to severe gales had never before been equalled on the upper lake waters.

"The storm of November 28 'alone," said Mr. Kenny, "caused losses to marine property estimated at nearly \$2,000,-The season closed with a record of 79 vessels totally destroyed and losses on hulls and cargoes estimated at nearly \$5,000,000, as against \$2,600.000 in The lake marine, as was to be expected under these conditions, showed an adverse balance for the year for the companies engaged in it, and it is probable that a general increase in rates will be adopted for the forthcoming season."

Losses were not felt alone by Canad an companies, but also by large underwriting firms in the United States, and these losses were mostly on hull risks, the cargoes having been light on nearly all vessels that were wrecked or partly wreckrisks are to be assumed a higher rate present rating. must be asked to protect the interests of the insurance companies.

When the meeting is held in Buffalo the risks, losses, etc., will be thoroughly discussed, and while nothing definite can be learned until this meeting takes place, it is generally said that an increase on both hull and cargo risks will be made.

Another point which will likely be carefully considered is that of partitions or walls in grain carrying vessels, which prevent a cargo of grain from heav ng to one side of a vessel and then to the other when seas run high, thus often causing a vessel to turn turtle. It is maintained by some of the underwriters that vessels are much less subject to disaster if a cargo of grain is div ded into two or three lots, so that it cannot roll so easily. These matters will all be dealt with, and the rates are expect-

ed to be raised to meet what are reed. It is therefore held that if hull garded as unwar antabe risks under the

### U.S. EXPORTS OF LEATHER GOODS.

Expons of leather and leather manufactures from the United States during the calendar year 1905 were the largest on record, being valued at \$38,946.422, against \$35,824,492 in 1904, \$27,169,614 n 1900, and \$12,275,470 in 1890. The growth in this feature of the foreign commerce has occurred chiefly during the past decade, especially the last half of that period. As far back as 1885 the exports under this head had reached a total of practically \$10,0 0.000, and they ranged between that amount and \$19,-000,000 up to about 1897, since which da e they have more than doubled.

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There has been meantime, however, a noticeable change as to the destination of this class of export. In 1900 British Australasia led all other countries as a market for American boots and shoes. while the United Kingdom was the only other country to which we sent a value in excess of \$1.000.000. In 1905 four countries showed a total of more than \$1,000,000. To the West Indies and Bermuda the exports in 1905 were \$2,\_ 0:10.324 in value. against \$1,585 909 in 1904 and \$572,906 in 1900; to the United Kingdom, \$1,892,515, against \$1,094.672 in 1900; to Mexico, \$1434,902, against \$350,964 in 1900; to British North America, \$1.059,821, against \$400,021 in 1900; while to British Australasia, which led all other countries in 1900, with \$1,-338,416, the total exportation last year was but \$385,652. Other countries to which the U.S. exported boots and shoes to the value of \$100,000 or more in 1905 were France, \$100.357; Germany \$393,357; Central America \$318.859; Philippine Islands \$212,435, and British Africa, \$186.507. The total exportation of boots and shoes in 1905 was \$8 650,012 compared with \$7.319,775 in 1904 and \$4,-626,256 in 1900,

Sole leather exported from the United States goes principally to the United Kingdom and Japan, while Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark and Canada, are a so important markets. There has been a general decrease in exports of sole leather to Europe, but the gain in exports to Japan has been sufficient to bring the total shove that of any preceding year. In the calendar year 1905 Japan is credited with \$3,406,774, against 2 227,577 in 1904 and \$386,745 in 1900; the United Kingdom, with \$4,455,372, agains: \$5.522,475 in the preceding year and \$4,960,378 in 1900; and all other Furope with \$531,180 in 1905, compared with \$558,284 in 1904, and \$784,732 in

we exported \$142,961 worth of sole leather; to unspecified countries of Asia. \$68,879, and to British Africa, \$49,708.

While the United States is now exporting leather manufactures to the value of nearly \$40,000.000 annually, it is still importing leather and manufactures thereof in no considerable quantities. In the year which ended with December, 1905, our total imports under the above head aggregated \$12,952,519, against \$10.870,-214 in 1904, and \$13.297.796 in 1900. The principal articles under this class were gloves of various grades, \$5,424,437. about \$2,000,000 value each coming from France and Germany and a little over one million dollars from other Europe; skins for morocco, \$2,311,617; skins and u; per leather, dressed, \$2,982,823, and califskins and putent, enamelled, and japanned leather, \$391,345.

### NITRATES FROM THE AIR.

A contribution to the Thunderer from Sir Wm. Ramsay, scientist, reviewing the attempts made recently to put an artificial production of nitrates from the atmosphere on a commercial basis, shows the high value of this scientific work in relation to the enlarging of the world's supply of wheat. More than five years ago, he recalls, Sir William Cookes to have uttored a warning note that the population of the world was increasing so rapidly that the supply of wheat would shortly not be sufficient to feed it, but before we were in the grip of actual dearth the chemist would slip in and postpone the day of famine.

Sir William Ramsay proceeds to explain how the chemist has been doing as was prophesied, first showing that the a'r over each square mile of the earth's surface contains enough nitrogen in a 1900. To British North America in 1905 free state to afford plant food for over sixty years of the world's consumption if it were only combined, and its value would be about £5.00,000,000 (\$2,500,000,-000) if it were in the form of saltpetre.

One of the attempts to cause nitrogen and oxygen to combine and furnish nitrates is being made in Norway, where works are being erected which will produce large amounts of nitrate of calcium for direct use as manure. This nitrate of calcium may be brought to market in one of three forms-first, in a fused state, in which it contains 13.5 per cent. of nitrogen; second, in crystals, and third, as a basic salt, which forms a dry powder, not turning moist on exposure to the air.

The present sources of combined nitrogen are limited. It is doubtful if the deposits now obtainable from the eastern slopes of the Andes will last beyond 1950, and if wheat is to be grown in sufficient quantities to supply food for the western nations the artificial production of nitrates is an absolute necessity. Its achievement prevents the threatened suppression of the wheat eaters by the rice eaters and maintains the supremacy of western civilization.

After going to the expense of cabling the foregoing-what shall we call it?from London to New York the N.Y. Herald comments upon it in staccato paragraphs under the caption, "Is the final Trust in sight?"—"Don't," it says, "repeat that old joke about an air trust organized to corner the atmosphere; it's getting to be an unpleasant possibility. A special cable despatch from London to the Herald refers to Sir William Ramsay's review of recent attempts to make commercially profitable the extraction of n.trogen from the air for the production of nitrates. According to our special cable, works are being erected in Norway to thus produce nitrate for use as fertilizer. Nitrogen constitutes about three\_fourths of the atmosphere.

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#### COAL TRADE.

Conditions governing the coal mining industry are so very different in the various nations producing this fuel in large quantities that any comparison must be misleading, unless all the factors are taken into consideration. Nor is the matter of exports really significant, owing to the wide difference in cost of production, and the extent to which home

requirements call for a larger or smaller proportion of the yield. The length of time that deposits have been worked, the accessibility of the mineral, and the quality of the coal also figure in the discussion prominently. The London Iron and Coal Trades Review has issued the following statement showing the quantity of coal annually produced per worker based on official reports issued by the various countries:

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As might be expected, the United States is far in advance of its nearest competitor, while New Zealand and the Australian Commonwealth are far ahead of the United Kingdom, which stands fourth in the list. Yet these figures by

no means determine the market price, largely owing to the difference in wages, which are, as in the case of almost every in lustry, higher in the United States than elsewhere. Moreover, in the lest few years this nation's activity in the leading branches of manufacture has been so great that outside customers received scanty attention. In regard to the enormous quantity of fuel used by the ocean transporting lines, the supremacy of Great Britain on the seas and the close connection between its steamship lines and coal mining interests handleaps competition from other countries, coal being frequently transperted to other nations for the refilling of steamships for their return voyage.

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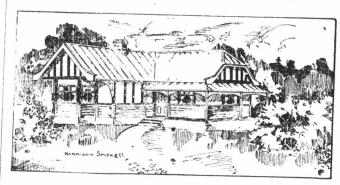


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The United States now holds third rank coal, exclusive of coke, from the United wealth the exports of coal in 1904 were among the nations as an exporter of Kingdom in 1904 were 46,0 0,000 tons, a little over 1,500,000 tons; from Canada, about 1,500.000 tous: from France, in the same year, 1,000,000 tons, and Kingdom and Germany are larger ex\_ about 18.000,000 tons, agains' approxim- from Austro-Hungary a little less than 1.000,000 tons. Many of these countries, however, while they export certain quantities of coal, are large importers of that article. Germany, for example, while exporting about 18,000,000 tons, mported in 1904 about 8,000.000 tons, while Belgium's imports of coal are over one half as great as her exports of that world except China, whose coal fields 3.000,000 tons in 1904, against 1,250,000 but small quantities, though her imports article. Japan in normal years imports

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of coal during recent years have been \$121,117. Other West Indian islands took a little over \$8:0,000 worth, almost exclusively bituminous. The shipments to Europe in 1905 were \$308.624 in value. distributed as follows: To Italy, \$187,-339; to France, \$12,700; to Germany, \$9,483; to Belgium, \$4,926; and to other Europe, \$94,176. Comparing conditions in 1905 with those of 1895, it may be said that the exports from the United States to British North America of bituminous and anthracite coal combined were, in 1895, but 3,000,000 tons, against nearly 7,000,000 in 1905; to Mexico, 104,-000 tons, against 927,170 in 1905; and to Cuba, in 1895, 348.000 tons, against 564,-385 tons in 1905. To Porto Rico the shipments in 1895 were 34,000 tons, and in 1905, 63.133 tons.

The comparatively limited area of distribution of American coal exported. confined as it is almost exclusively to the adjacent countries of Canada, Mexico and Cuba, suggests an inquiry as to the area of distribution of the large quantities of coal exported from the United Kingdom, a quantity about five times as great as that exported from the United States and valued at \$120,- $000,000\,.$  Of the 47,000,000 tons of coal

exported from the United Kingdom in 1905, as de from that furnished to steamers engaged in the foreign trade, 7,500,-0 0, speaking in round terms, went to Germany, 6,500,000 to France, about an equal quantity to Italy, a little over 3,-000,000 to Sweden, 2,500,000 to Russia, nearly 2,50%,000 to Spain, 2,250,000 to Egypt, a little less than 2,000,000 to Netherlands, 1,750,000 to Argentina, 1,-000.000 to Brazil, 500,000 to Chile, and 333,000 tons to Uruguay.

It is proper to add that the above figures relating to coal exports do not include coal supplied to vessels engaged in the foreign trade, which in the case of the United Kingdom amounted in 1905 to ever 17,000 000 tons, and in the case of the United States to about 5.000.000

The coal production in the principal ecal-producing countries of the world was in 1904, the latest available year as follows: United States, 314,563,000 tons; the United Kingdom, 232,428,000 tons; Germany, 118,907,000 tons; France, 33,-303,000 tons; Belgium, 23,135,000 tons, and Japan, 9,701,682 tons, the quantities in each case being long tons of 2,240 pounds each.

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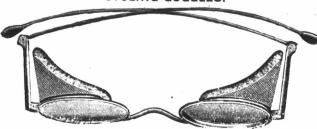
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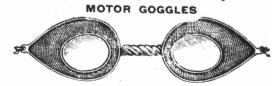
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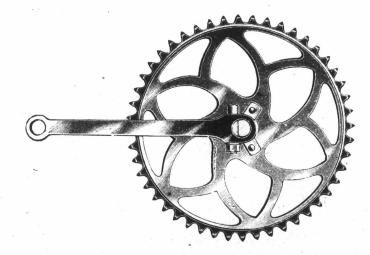
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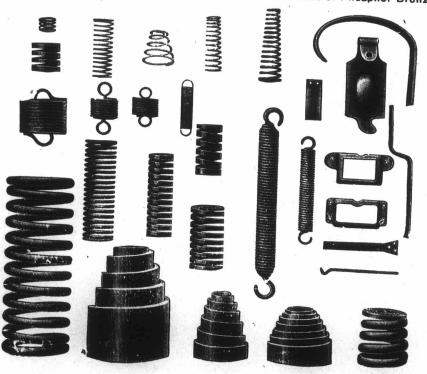


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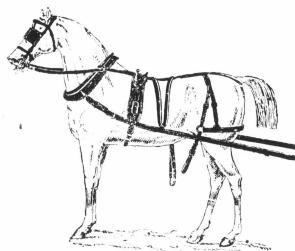
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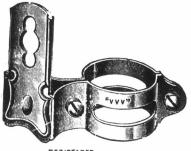
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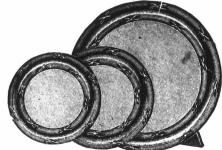
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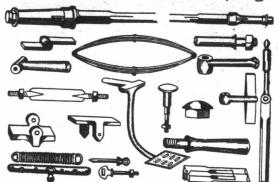


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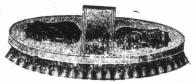
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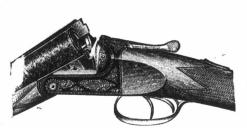


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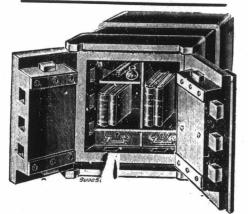
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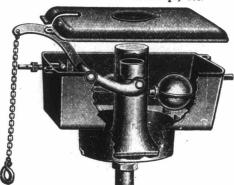
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