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THE GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION ...

The report of the Parliamentary Committee on soldiers' re-establishment, published a few days ago, deserves a wider attention than it has seemingly secured. The report is well worth reading, not merely for the information it contains regarding the discharge of the national obligations to the returned soldier, but likewise for its admirable statements regarding the national finances and the policy which should control their direction. appears from the report that the total amount of gratuities paid to every returned man to tide him over from three to six months after his return is while the total approximately \$153,000,000, amount expended or to be hereafter expended for re-establishment work now carried on amounts to \$491,500,000, together with \$30,000,000 annually The committee makes various refor pensions. commendations involving a further estimated ex-The committee, in dependiture of \$50,000,000. clining to countenance, the hare-brained proposals put before them by certain sections of the returned men for further gratuities, points out that Canada has dealt as generously, and even more generously with the returned men, than any other of the The fact is one of likely belligerent countries. which Canadians are proud, but the way in which this generosity has been received in some quarters has been alike surprising and disappointing.

The statement referred to above that approximately \$153,000,000 has been and is being paid in gratuities to returned men is one very good reason why at the present time, while the moving-picture houses are jammed to the doors and the gramophone dealers are doing a roaring business, it is next door to impossible to get help for various kinds of work. That phenomen is likely to continue as long as the gratuity system remains. Doubtless, a very fair proportion of returned men are doing the right thing with their gratuities by putting them in the bank or investing them safely, or setting up a real home, but it is also certain that in a great number of cases, these gratuities are now in process of "blowing in," and their owners are having more or less of a good time while they The gratuity system was, no doubt, neces-

sary, but it is obvious that when applied on such a large scale, it results necessarily in a vast What sort of an orgy amount of sheer waste. of spending would have been inaugurated had the committee listened to any of the proposals put before them for further gratuities can be imagined. The absurd lengths to which the State dole system can be carried is illustrated in a recent statement of Mr. J. K. Clynes, M.P., a British He states that while the present labour leader. shortage of housing accommodation in Great Britain is notorious, 60,000 are unemployed in the building trade, and are receiving State pay for do-Could anything be more ludicrous ing nothing. -or economically tragic?

In that part of their report dealing with the national finances, the committee have an interesting reference to the German indemnity which is worth quoting in view of the fact that some business men still cherish the notion that the burden of Canadian taxation is likely to be lifted at no distant date by reason of receipts on this account. "It has been suggested," says the committee, "that the large sums of money proposed for re-establishment purposes should be charged up against Canada's share of the indemnity to be paid by The suggestion is not practicable for Germany. several reasons. . . . The amount of indemnity to be paid to Canada is unknown. months, probably years, will elapse, before it is The question of the ability of Gerascertained. many to pay and the time of payment are factors that must not be overlooked. From current reports, it would appear that the greater part of Germany's indemnities for some years to come will be paid in labour and commodities and not in cash. For these reasons your committee cannot see its way clear to recommend that the possible future payment of indemnities by Germany would warrant an attempt to raise immediately the hundreds of millions suggested for re-establishment pur-Neither obviously do prespects warrant any very rosy expectations regarding relief of taxation from this source.

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THE GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION

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extraordinary rise in the value of silver, which has resulted this week in an order by the British Government making it illegal to melt, break-up or to export British silver coins or to export silver bullion without a license, is of considerable interest to Canada in view of the important silver production of Northern Ontario and other Silver, which in Londistricts in the Dominion. don in 1913, was down to approximately 52 cents an ounce, sold this week at \$1.29 an ounce. rise is, of course, a result of the immense inflation of credit and the increase in value of all marketable commodities caused by the war. present indications, the situation is unlikely to The great absorbtive change for some time. capacity of Eastern countries for silver is well known, and with the Western countries clamouring for their products at least for several years to come, a vast amount of the precious metal will, no The outlook is doubt, disappear into the East. a favourable one for the Canadian producing mines, and suggests that a considerable impetus is likely to be given to further developments of the Dominion's resources in this, and the other precious metals.

While, at the time of writing, the outlook on the surface of things regarding the strikes among our neighbours to the South is not too rosy, there are some observers who are inclined to believe that if the miners can be soundly beaten, the industrial air in the States will be clarified considerably. They point to the fact that 'longshoremen are returning to work and claim that the steel strike is Against this optimism gradually fizzling out. may be set the fact that in New Orleans the 'longshoremen are returning to work at a wage of a dollar an hour, with a dollar and a half for overtime This, for practiand double-time on Sundays. There is no doubt, howcally unskilled labour! ever, as regards the steel strike, that the United States Steel Corporation, in taking the firm stand which it has taken, has not only acted wisely in its own interests, but has conferred a benefit on industry throughout the whole of this continent,

in leading the fight against the present outrageous demands of manual labour.

With regard to the continued speculation on the New York Stock Exchange, it is believed that one reason for the continued high prices of a number of industrial stocks is that many speculators are hesitating to turn their paper profits into cash because on doing so, they will be called upon to pay the Federal Income Tax on those profits. United States, the Income Tax Law is somewhat different from that in Canada, since income is reckoned to include all profits from whatsoever source derived, and the Stock Exchange speculator therefore comes within the provision of the Income In Canada, on the other hand, Tax authorities. gains in Stock Exchange speculations are not taxable income, except in the case of stockbrokers, but this gain to the taxpayer is offset by the fact that in Canada the permissible deductions from income are considerably less than in the United States. In other words, the Canadian income tax net is not so large as in the United States, but the mesh is It would seem better to realize profits smaller. and pay an income tax thereon than run the risk of losing them altogether as the result of a slump in the market—a not unlikely contingency, the ways of the Stock Exchange speculator, in such feverish markets as have been seen during the past few months, are beyond comprehension. At all events, the speculator in Canadian stocks is gaining nothing in this respect by hanging on to paper profits in preference to turning them into cash.

TRAFFIC RETURNS.

Canadian Pacific Railway

	Canadian	Pacine Kai	ıwe,	
Year to date Sept. 30 Week ending Oct. 7	1917 \$106,475,000 \$ 1917 2,842,000 3,335,000		1010	507,000 505,000 732, 0 00
" 21 " 31	3,429,000 4,989,000 Grand 7	5,023,000 Trunk Rails	5,878,000	\$55,000
Year to date Sept. 30 Week ending Oct. 7 " 14	1917 \$45,544,759	1918 \$40,754,680 1918 1,460,738 1,433,788 1,296,165	1919 \$48,317,156 1919 1,611,553 1,619,110 1,486,851	Increase \$7,562,506 Increase 150,815 185,322 190,686

" 21....

916,866

	Canadian	National Ra	ilways.	
Year to date	1917	1918	1919	\$8,076,284
Sep. 30 Week ending	********	1918 1,789,180	1919	Increase 313,310
Oct. 7		1 745 665	1,974,750	229,085
" 14		1 015 656	2,129,180	
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THE MOLSONS BANK REPORT.

The statement of the results of the business of the Molsons Bank for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1919, shows net profits of \$818,802., the largest profits recorded in the long history of this well managed bank, and more than \$100,000 in excess of those of any former period. Substantial increases are also shown in total assets and public deposits. The operating field of the bank was extended by the opening of nineteen new branches, as indicating the aggressive policy of the management.

The President, Mr. W. Molson Macpherson, in the course of his address to the shareholders, said:—

At the close of the war we find ourselves with an enormously increased national debt, but fortunately this is owed in a great measure to citizens of our own country. In view of the present very unsettled state of the exchange market, which places many difficulties in the way of exporters and importers, it is more than ever important that we should keep up and increase our exports and maintain the favorable balance of trade which so notably characterized the period of the war. It is very satisfactory to note the almost phenomenal increase in exports of paper, pulp and pulp-These for year 1912 were below \$15,000,-000, while for the past year they were nearly The war has demonstrated Can-\$100,000,000. ada's immense and, in some directions, unsuspected productive capacity and many troubles which may arise during the transition period through which we are passing can be met with increased In this connection should be noted production. the construction of ships, of which a large number, both wood and steel, have been built, giving employment to a great many men, and providing tonnage for our exports, the shortage of which has been seriousy felt.

The general business outlook is good. The signing of the Peace Treaty has brought within sight the abolition of many restrictions which have been hampering commerce and industry for so long. Commercial failures have been far less numerous thus far during 1919 compared with last year. There is doubtless a great deal of delayed construction work in Canada which must be attended to ere long and as it becomes apparent that the cost of materials is not likely in the near future to go down, we can reasonably look for greater activity in the building trades.

The assets of the Molsons Bank were increased last year from \$77,638,029 to \$94,513,102; a notabl growth of nearly \$17,000,000. Of last year's profits \$470,000 was distributed in dividends. Contribution to officers' pension fund \$21,396. Patri-

otic and Relief funds \$15,000. Provision for Dominion Government taxes \$85,000, transferred to Reserve fund \$200,000. These allocations having been met, a balance of profit and loss is carried Non-interest bearing deforward of \$275,435. posits at \$11,830,422, show a substantial growth as compared with the previous year, while interest hearing deposits amounts to the large total of \$51,689,483, an increase of well over \$9,000,00. On the assets side of the accounts holdings of specie and legals stand at \$5,855,108 and the deposit in the central gold reserve is reperied at \$2,500,000. Security holdings, which reflect especially the Bank's direct assistance in war financing, are again largely increased; Government securities total \$13,562,072, as compared with \$7,536,517 in 1918. Municipal securities amount to \$9,781,573, other securities \$1,054,532. Call loans have increased from \$4,148,35 to \$7,618,187. Other current loans and discounts in Canada now reported \$43,848,428, compared with \$36,185,566 in 1918.

The Molsons Bank is marked by a spirit of enterprise under the able administration of Mr. E. C Pratt, and it may be confidently expected that it will continue to go forward and as time goes on, occupy an increasingly important position among canadian banking institutions.

WHA'S LIKE US?

In connection with the visit of Mr. R. Hill Stewart, General Manager of the Caledonian of Edinburgh, to the United States, an esteemed contemporary has the following:

The Scottish lion, rampant on a field of yellow, pranced gaily alongside the Stars and Stripes last week at the corner of Kilby and Water Streets. The occasion was the first visit to Boston of General Manager R. Hill Stewart of the Caledonian of Edinburgh, Scotland, who was accompanied by United States Manager Charles H. Post. William A. Muller of the William A. Muller & Company corporation was host at a dinner at the Harvard Club while Mr. Post gave a dinner the next day to the New England agents of the company at the Exchange Club. It was a season of refreshing, Mr. Stewart fully justifying his nativity as a man o' pairts. He possesses the cultured speech of the educated Scot and we know he "has" the Shorter Catechism. He liked Boston and showed it. Certainly everybody here liked him.

We might add for the benefit of the non-elect, that the correct answer to the query expressed in the caption above this paragraph is "naebody."



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Mr. E. R. Wood, chairman of the Dominion executive of the Victory Loan to-night made the following comments on the success of the campaign to-day:

"The campaign is now practically half finished. The success due to date has been due in large measure to the fact that investors who have so far purchased bonds have bought more than they did in previous loans. The number of subscribers is as yet below the number who bought bonds up to the same time last year. The fact that experienced investors, large and small, have subscribed early and taken more bonds than they ever did before indicates that they recognize the attractiveness of the Victory Loan, 1919, as an investment as well as appreciating the patriotic necessity of cieaning up our war obligations and maintaining Canada's prosperity.

"The total subscriptions reported so far aggregate \$208,000,000, which is a satisfactory result for the time covered. It must be remembered, however, that this total includes a very large proportion of the big subscriptions available and in order to make a success of the loan it will be necessary, as in previous campaigns, that the medium and smaller subscribers shall come forward in very great numbers. It is only necessary for those who have not yet subscribed to the loan, and who are able to do so, to subscribe on the relative scale, as those who have already bought bonds, in order to insure success.

"The rate of interest carried by the banks, namely, five and a half per cent., is the same as on the loans issued in the dark days of the war, all of which loans are selling at substantial premiums. As a matter of fact, this new loan is particularly attractive from the standpoint of the small investors, and one of the gratifying features of the campaign has been the readiness with which the employees of industries have taken the loan, where they had the experience of buyir.g pre-For instance, one institution, the vious loans. employees of which last year turned in the splendid total of \$500,000, had no difficulty this year in securing from their 3,300 employees, of which 40 per cent. are returned men, an aggregate subscription of \$1,056,000, or an average of more than \$300 per man, and every employee of the institu-This result is attributed to tion is a subscriber. the satisfactory experience of the workers with the previous loans, which enabled them to accumulate money which would not otherwise have been saved.

"This is Canada's final war effort and it is not only good business but good patriotism for every

Canadian to become the owner of a Victory bond. Let every man and woman in Canada buy bonds to the limit of their present resources, and prospective savings of the next ten months. The banks will giadly lend the necessary funds."

WANT CITY JOBS OR NONE

In British Columbia and other parts of Canada the situation exists of unemployment in the cities and plenty of work in the bush and elsewhere, which the unemployed will not accept. "I want a city job or none," is the attitude. Even the returned soldier says: "We have had enough roughing it for a while. We think we deserve a city job. Let the other fellow go out."

Meanwhile, at the outset of a period when Canada needs to engage extensively in building, this condition is not a healthy one. Lumbermen predict that the spring will find all stocks of lumber low, both to fill export demands and to meet domestic needs.

Here in Canada, as in Great Britain, there are many people who do not understand that the only source of wages is production, and that the country which loafs on its job is bound to be hard up. The peoples of the Dominion worked most industriously during the war. There were few idle hands anywhere. The result was a very remarkable increase of the national output and of the standard of living. The position thus won can be maintained only by steady application of labor to the great and varied natural resources at the command of Canadian industry. Let it be hammered home by a special publicity campaign, and by many public meetings, that if the world were to experience a single season's failure of its cereal crop, a large part of mankind would die of hunger. In such a vital need as shelter, a few years of war so hinders housebuilding that there is a shortage of dwellings all over the world. There are no vast stores of accumulated products which enable nations to cease production. Daily bread for the mass of mankind involves daily toil.

Premier Hughes, of Australia, said that the Labor party not only opposed conscription, but hampered voluntary enlistment, and even when the foe was within striking distance of Paris and menaced the Channel ports they babbled about peace negotiations.

Referring to high prices, he said the only remedy was to increase production and reduce their paper currency. Work, and work alone, and safe finance could solve them. A Royal Commission was, being appointed to report on profiteering and the electors were asked to give by the referendum increased powers to enable profiteering and monopolies to be dealt with by Commonwealth legislation.

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The Molsons Bank

General Statement of the Affairs of The Molsons Bank, on the 30th September, 1919, as placed before the sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES		
Capital Stock paid in	4,000,000.00 5,000,000.00 275,435.66	\$9,275,435.66
Notes of the Bank in Greunaum. Balance due to Dominion Government. Deposits not bearing interest. Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of state ment. Balances due to other Banks in Canada. Balances due to other Banks in Canada.	120,000.00 2,371.20 7,015,344.00 12,423,185.08 11,830,422.05 51,689,483.48 434,775.07	
respondents in the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries Acceptances under Letters of Credit Liabilities not included in the foregoing	1,375,206,47 5,939,92 290,939,55	85,237,666.82
		\$94,513,102.48

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th September, 1918. Net profits for the year after deducting expenses of Net profits for the year after deducting expenses of	\$	248,029.41
Net profits for the year after deducting management, reservation for interest accrued on depo- sits, exchange, and provision for bad and doubtful debts		818,802.25
sits, exchange, and pro-	8	1,066,831.66
This has been appropriated as follows: 153rd Dividend at rate of 11 per cent	\$	110,000.00 120,000.00
154th " " 12		120,000.00
155th " " 12 "		120,000.00
		21,396.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund		15,000.00

150th 12 Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund. Patriotic and Relief Funds. To provide for Dominion Government Taxes. Transferred to Reserve Fund.	21,396.00 15,000.00 85,000.00 200,000.00
	791,396.0
Leaving at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th	275,435.6

Leaving at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th September, 1919 \$ 1,066,831.66

WM. MOLSON MACPHERSON, President.

Cur	rent Coin	\$ 556,519.21 5,298,589.50	5,855,108.71	
			2,500,000.00	
Den	osit in the Central Gol		4,300,000,00	
			231,000.00	
			595,450.70	
			4,346,475.77	
			54,957.55	
Bal	ances due by other Ba	nk in Canada.		
Bal	ances due by other ba	s and Danking		
	orrespondents eisew	Here man	2,106,679,77	
	Canada	Comment		
Do	Canada Province	al Gevernment	13.562,072.01	
	minion and Province Securities, not exceeding	ng market value		
Ca	Securities, not exceeding madian Municipal	Calanial Public		
	British, Foreign and	Colonial Funda	9,781,573.45	
	British, Foreign and Securities, other than	Debentures		
R	Securities, other than ilway and other Bor	nds, permitted		
	and Stocks, not ex	research	1,054,532.70	
	value	tion thirty days)		
C	value all and short (not exceed loans in Canada on Be	anda Debentures		
			7,618,187.67	\$47,706,038.33
	and Stocks			\$47,700,038.33
	ther current Loans	and Discounts in		
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\$94,513,102.48

EDWARD C. PRATT, General Manager.

We have checked and verified the Cash, Investments, and Securities of The Molsons Bank at the Chief Office in Montreal on 30th September 1sst, and slee, at another time as required by the Bank Act, and we have at different times during the year checked and verified the Cash and Securities held at other imports Branches of the Bank.

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We have compared the Certified Returns from all the Branches with the entries in the Books at the Chief Office of the Bank as at 30th September, 1919, and find that they agree therewith; and all the transactions which have come under our notice have been, in our opinion, within the powers of the Bank.

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We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and we certify that in our opinion the above Statement is so drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Bank's affairs at the close of business on 30th September, 1919, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

Montreal, 18th October, 1919.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In his address to the Shareholders the President, Mr. William Molson Macpherson drew special attention to the fact that the profits had been over \$100,000.00 better than any year in the Bank's long history. Pursuing its policy of careful expansion, which the war had interrupted, 19 branches and Sub-agencies had been opened during the year. Two new Directors, Messrs. J. W. Ross and J. M. McIntyre had been appointed by the Board during the year to replace. Two new Directors, Messrs. J. W. Ross and J. M. McIntyre had been appointed by the Board sollows: W. M. Birks, Mr. Chamberlin, retired, and the late Mr. Geo. E. Drummond. The existing Board was re-elected as follows: W. M. Birks, Mr. Chamberlin, retired, and the late Mr. Geo. E. Drummond. The existing Board was re-elected as At a subsequent W. A. Black, S. H. Ewing, Wm. Molson Macpherson, J. M. McIntyre, F. W. Molson, John W. Ross. At a subsequent Meeting of the Directors, Mr. Wm. Molson Macpherson was re-elected President, and Mr. S. H. Ewing, Vice-President for the ensuing year. for the ensuing year.



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MR. C. R. DRAYTON RETURNS FROM WEST INDIES

Among the visitors to The Chronicle Office last week was Mr. C. R. Drayton, manager for Canada of the Union of Canton and British Traders Insur-Mr. Drayton has just returned ance Companies. from an extended visit to the West Indies, including Demerara and South America, where he has been investigating the advisability of opening branches for both his Companies. He states that Bridgetown, Barbadoes, which he visited, is one of the most important shipping centres in the world, and the present indications are that oil will be discovered on the island. So much confidence is felt in this direction that one large Oil Company has already erected large buildings there. He informed us that all the West India islands are in a most flourishing condition, chiefly owing to the high prices received for such commodities as sugar, Branches of the Royal Bank of cocoa nuts, etc. Canada and the Colonial Bank, are to be found in Mr. Drayton practically every important centre. was absolutely surprised to find, even with the preference with Canada, that a comparatively small business is done between it and the West Indies, as compared with that carried on between the latter country and the United States. He says there are two chief reasons for this condition of affairs; one being that the boats plying between Canada and the West Indies are neither numerous or large enough, the other reason being that whereas the United States flood the country with commercial travellers, Mr. Drayton never met a Canadian traveller during his two months' stay, and so far as he knows, practically none visit the Islands. In fact, one of the largest merchants there informed Mr. Drayton that if he wanted to purchase Cana-Therefore, it dian goods he had to go to Canada. is obvious that merchants take the least line of resistance, and buy from travellers who visit them. Practically (or to a large extent) flour and lumber are the only goods shipped from Canada to the West Indies, whereas all the islands, it might almost be said, produce nothing in the way of clothing, jewellery, etc. Mr. Drayton fears that if something is not done in the near future regarding trade with Canada and the West Indies, the United States will have assumed such a strong commercial hold there, that it will be difficult to displace them later on.

Regarding political union with Canada, or the United States by the people of the West Indies, Mr. Drayton states so far as he could learn, the people are more than content to remain as they are. They are, however, most anxious for closer commercial ties with Canada. Mr. Drayton learned that the Government of the West Indies had prohibited the export of sugar, for the time being, and he found

merchants were very much upset over the fact. Among other matters relating to the West Indies, the interesting fact may not be generally known, that the island of Barbadoes is the most densely populated place in the world in proportion to size. Mr. Drayton drew our attention to the fact that there are very great possibilities of trade between Canada and Brazil, where the United States conduct an extensive business.

While visiting the West Indies, Mr. Drayton was also afforded the opportunity of visiting the "Old Homestead," where he was born on the island of Barbadoes. Mr. Drayton informed us that the Union of Canton, and British Traders have subscribed \$100,000 to the Victory Loan.

THE ROYAL & LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE MERGER

The merger of the Royal Insurance Co. and the Liverpool & London & Globe officially announced in The Chronicle last week, continues to be a prominent topic in fire underwriting, as being a long way the premier merger deal of the business, and the sensation created will continue for some time. It is now an indisputable fact that by this move the Royal becomes the largest general insurance company in the world. It is interesting as comment that the general managers of both Companies (Mr. George Chappell, of the Royal) and Mr. A. G. Dent, of the Liverpool, visited Canada and the United States this year.

The figures of the two Companies as exhibited in their statements for 1918 are as follows:

their statements for 131	o are as ron	
	Royal.	L. & L. & G.
Total Assets\$		\$87,089,995
Subscribed Capital	14,330,776	12,992,216
Paid-up	2,149,616	1,292,221
Debenture Stock	4,219,000	6,282,475
Net Cash Surplus	22,627,938	21,783,960
Net Premiums, 1918,		
Fire, Life, Accident,		
Marine, etc	49,722,601	34,250,205

While the above quoted figures, which give the combined Companies' total assets of nearly \$230,000,000, include the life funds, the magnitude of the merger can be readily understood by their perusal.

In the United States and Canada the Companies are close rivals; the premiums for the Royal for both countries in 1918 totalled \$13,823,787, and the Liverpool & London & Globe, \$13,024,707.

While all this is most interesting as news, it is needless to point out that the security to policyholders is of great magnitude, and that their interests and the interests of agents will be protected under all circumstances, and that whatever developments take place, will be of interest only, as a matter of business expediency.

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Owing to the similiarity of the title of the London & Lancashire Life & General Assurance Association with that of the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., which has in the past caused some confusion, the directors of the former, as already announced in these columns, entered into an agreement with the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co. whereby the London & Lancashire Life & General Assurance Association, has been changed to the London & Scottish Assurance Corporation, This name is a combination of its pres-Limited. ent title and that of its subsidiary company, now operating in Canada, the Scottish Metropolitan As-The new title is surance Company, Limited. much shorter, and will be found more convenient The London & Scottish has, during the past several years, made very substantial progress; the total assets now exceed \$25,000,000. The directors have recently taken powers to carry on Marine Insurance, at the same time providing for greater development by increasing the capital of the Company to \$5,000,000, \$3,000,000 of which has been offered for subscription and duly subscribed for, \$600,000 being paid up thereunder.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

The Scottish Metropolitan Assurance Company, Limited, announce the appointment of Mr. C. E. Corbold as Manager of the Fire Department for the Canadian business of the Company.

Mr. Corbold gained his fire insurance experience in the Canadian branch of the Lancashire Insurance Company, under the late Mr. S. C. Duncan-Clark, entering that office as a junior. When the Fire Companies decided to adopt the system now in use, of specific rating, he was attached to the staff formed to try out the new system for Canada. Subsequently, Mr. Corbold joined the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company in the capacity of Assistant Manager, later becoming Manager. For the past seven years he has been Branch Manager for Ontario of the Canada National Fire Insurance Company.

The Scottish Metropolitan secured a Dominion license at the beginning of the year, and has been doing a Casualty business under the supervision of the management of the parent company, the London and Scottish Assurance Corporation, Limited.

The Board of Directors is composed of: Mr. Andrew J. Dawes, Director of the Merchants Bank of Canada, the Bell Telephone Company, etc.; Mr. E. C. Pratt, General Manager of the Molsons Bank, and Mr. D. C. Macarow, General Manager of the

Merchants Bank of Canada. Mr. Alexander Bissett is the Manager for Canada, and the Fire Department will have as its manager Mr. C. E. Corbold, and Mr. J. Upton Fletcher, Manager of the Casualty Branch.

The Scottish Metropolitan Assurance Company, Limited, was established in 1876, with Head Office in Edinburgh, Scotland, and the funds now exceed \$5,000,000. Some eight years ago the shares of the Company were purchased by the London and Scottish Assurance Corporation, Limited, formerly the London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Association, Limited. The Scottish Metropolitan continues to write business in its own name under the ownership and backed by the parent Company.

MONTREAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The annual business meeting of the Montreal Insurance Association, and the "Blue Goose" Association, was held on Wednesday evening in the Board Room of the C.F.U.A., Lt.-Col. Morris presiding.

Reports were read of the Association's activities during the past year, which, while showing a healthy growth in all departments, reflect especially the excellent development along the lines of educational work. Publication of the first issue of the "Journal" showed also a financial profit, and a start has been made to form a reference library.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:—President, G. E. Moberly, Esq., Manager, Northern Assurance Co.; Vice-Presidents, W. S. Jopling, Esq., Manager Commercial Union Assce. Co., and Lewis Laing, Esq., Asst. Manager L. & L. & Globe Ins. Co.; Secretary, R. R. Martin, Atlas Assurance Co.; Treasurer, C. S. Scott, Phoenix of London.

The Associations are to be congratulated on securing for their chief officers, gentlemen of such high standing and acknowledged ability in the profession.

The series of weekly lectures will be resumed at an early date, and already papers have been promisd by some eminent gentlemen on subjects of interest to fire insurance men.

The membership in the Fire Insurance Association is open to all employees of fire companies, and the meetings will be open not only to members, but to all others interested.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the office-bearers of the past year, whose work has shown most encouraging results. The prospects for the coming session are bright; and it may not be too much to hope that in time Montreal shall have an insurance association embracing all branches of the business.

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JOURNAL OF THE CANADIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION FOR OCTOBER.

The current issue of the Journal of the Canadian Bankers' Association is particularly helpful in aiding its readers toward a clear understanding of the economic problems with which peace has left the world in general, and Canada in particular face to face.

Where is the new wealth to come from that is demanded to better normal conditions and finance reconstruction? In a general survey of the economic situation in Great Britain, which appeared originally in the Round Table, this question is discussed with unusual saneness and lucidity. It is contended that increase of wealth is even more important than its better distribution, imperative though that may be, and ample evidence is pre-The writer points sented to justify this view. out how little way the large surplus incomes of Great Britain would go in raising the general level of income, and to what extent these surplus incomes are already absorbed in the essential task of providing the country with fresh capital. The need for drastic curtailment of public extravagance and private luxury is driven home with much force. In the same connection, particular interest attaches to an article by the Dominion Statistician, Dr. R. H. Coats, reviewing recent estimates of the wealth of various nations, and making a detailed estimate of Canada's national wealth.

What have been the causes of the tremendous world-wide increase in prices, and what is the outlook as to the future price level? Hon. A. C. Miller, of the United States Federal Reserve Board, ascribes the rise of prices mainly to the increase in the world's currency involved by reckless or desperace methods of war finance. Wherever two pieces of money are running after one loaf of bread, or one yard of cloth, where before there was one piece, goods will get dear and money get cheap. It is the artificial abundance of money of one kind or another that is mainly responsible for elevation of prices which has been universally experienced in the past five years." This being the case, and the process of deflation necessarily being slow, it is likely, in Mr. Miller's view, that while in a long series of years prices may be expected to decline, the fall from year to year will be slight, not sufficient to disturb ordinary business calculations.

How can the world, and particularly Europe, get back to production? Mr. Miller considers assistance by the United Scates essential, preferably through some mechanism representing producing and financial interests as well as the Government. Mr. Herbert Hoover, in a memorandum issued

through the British Ministry of Food, puts the He reviews the part task upon Europe itself. played in the present demoralization by war and its continuation in the present blockades and boycotts, by experiments in socialism and bureaucratic control, by unchecked inflation of currency, and by attempts to curtail profits and control prices. He urges that whatever help the United States should give for the next year or two should be given only to countries which will set their own houses in order, cease attacking their neighbours and piling up millions in armament, and devote themselves resolutely to the increase Mr. Hartley Withers, the editor of production. of the London Economist. reviews the scheme adopted by the British Board of Trade for extend-He urges that ing government aid to exporters. it would have been preferable to have genuine investors subscribe saved money to companies formed for the purpose of financing foreign trade, since government assistance based on the issue of long-term securities really means continuing the policy of inflation and all the disturbances due to Professor W. C. Clark, in a the rise in prices. summary of the international exchange situation, which states in very clear terms the course and cause of the recent fluctuations in exchange, discusses the bearing of the exchange situation on foreign trade, and various alternative methods of extending credit to foreign buyers. of foreign exchange is also dealt with by Mr. E. L. Stewart Patterson, with special reference to the very interesting but little known exchange situation in the far East.

In a scholarly article which can easily be understood by the layman, Mr. Justice Russell discusses the simplification of the law. He illustrates very forcibly the slow and uncertain process by which the meaning of the law on any topic is made clear under the present method of judicial decisions on specific cases which happen to be brought before them. The learned judge insists that the business community would be saved a tremendous amount of uncertainty and confusion and expense if Parliament, with a line or two in the statute, would determine points which it may take the course of a generation to straighten out.

The lighter side of banking is very entertainingly touched upon by P. O'D. in an article in his best manner on the Majesty of Banks. The usual departments, Editorials, March of Events, Decisions of Canadian and British Courts, and Answers to Questions, complete a number which should prove of service in the present welter of opinion.

OFFICIAL **PROSPECTUS**

"The Bridge from War to Peace" -



The Minister of Finance of the Dominion of Canada offers for Public Subscription the

Loan \$300.000.000. 5,2% Gold Bonds

Bearing interest from November 1st, 1919, and offered in two maturities, the choice of which is optional with the subscriber as follows:

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Principal payable without charge at the Office of the Minister of Finance and Receiver General at Ottawa, or at the Office of the Assistant Receiver General at Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Victoria.

Bonds may be registered as to principal or as to principal and interest, as hereinafter provided, at any of the above-mentioned offices.

Interest payable, without charge, half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st, at any branch in Canada of any Chartered Bank

Denominations: \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000 Principal and Interest payable in Gold.

Issue Price: 100 and Accrued Interest, Income Return 5½% per Annum

The proceeds of the Loan will be used to pay indebtedness incurred, and to meet expenditures to be made in connection with demobilization (including the authorized war service gratuity to our soldiers, land settlement loans, and other purposes connected with their re-establishment into civil life), for capital outlay upon shipbuilding, and other national undertakings forming part of Canada's industrial reconstruction programme, and for the establishment of any necessary credits for the purchase of grain, foodstuffs, timber and other products, and will be spent wholly in Canada.

Payment to be made as follows:

10% on application; 20% December 9th, 1919; 20% January 9th, 1920;

The last payment of 31.21% covers 30% balance of principal and 1.21% representing accrued interest at 5½% from November 1st to due dates of the respective instalments.

A full half-year's interest will be paid on May 1st, 1920, making the cost of the bonds 100 and interest.

Subscriptions may be paid in full at the time of application at 100 without interest, or on any instalment due date thereafter, together with accrued interest at the rate of 5½% per annum.

This Loan is authorized under Act of the Parliament of Canada, and both principal and interest are a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The amount of this issue is \$300,000,000, exclusive of the amount (if any) paid for by the surrender of bonds of previous issues. The Minister of Finance, however, reserves the right to allot the whole or any part of the amount subscribed in excess of \$300,000,000. out issues. The Min excess of \$300,000,000.

PAYMENTS

All cheques, drafts, etc., covering instalments are to be made payable to the Credit of the Minister of Finance. Failure to pay any instalment when due will render previous payments liable to forfeiture, and the allotment to cancellation. Subscriptions other than those paid in full on application must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the amount subscriptions of the deposition of the and issue receipts.

Issue recelpts.
Subscriptions may be paid in full at time of application at 100 without interest, or on any instalment due date therest, together with accrued interest to time of making payment in full. Under this provision, payment of subscriptions via be made as follows:
If paid in full on or before November 15th, 1919, par without interest or 100%.
If remaining instalments paid on Dec. 9th, 1919, balance of 90% and interest (\$90.52 per \$100).
If remaining instalments paid on Jan. 9th, 1920, balance of 30% and interest (\$70.84 per \$100).
If remaining instalments paid on Feb. 10th, 1920, balance of 50% and interest (\$31.21 per \$100).
If remaining instalment paid on Mar. 9th, 1920, balance of 30% and interest (\$31.21 per \$100).
Payment of instalments or payment in full after November 15th, 1919, can be made only on an instalment due date.

DENOMINATION AND REGISTRATION

Bearer bonds, with coupons, will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, and may be registered as to principal. The first coupon attached to these bonds will be due on May 1st, 1920.

Fully registered bonds, the interest on which is paid direct to the owner by Government cheque will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000, \$100,000, or any multiple of \$100,000 cheque.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST

A full half-year's interest at the rate of 51% per annum will be paid May 1st, 1920.

FORM OF BOND AND DELIVERY

Subscribers must indicate on their applicataions the form of bond and the denominations required, and the securities so indicated will be delivered by the bank upon payment of subscriptors in full.

Bearer bonds of this issue will be available for delivery at the time of application to subscribers desirous of making payment in full. Bonds registered as to principal only, or fully registered as to principal and interest, will be delivered to subscribers making payment in full, as soon as the required registration can be made.

Payment of all instalments must be made at the bank originally named by the subscriber.

Non-negotiable receipts will be furnished to all subscribers who desire to pay by instalments.

These receipts will be exchangeable at subscriber; bank for bonds on any instalment date when subscription is paid in full. All receipts must be exchanged before 1st June, 1920.

FORM OF BONDS INTERCHANGEABLE

Subject to the payment of 25 cents for each new bond issued, holders of fully registered bonds without coupons will have the right to convert into bonds with coupons, and holders of bonds with coupons will have the right to convert into fully registered bonds without coupons, at any time, on application to the Minister of Finance or any Assistant Receiver

Forms of application may be obtained from any Official Canvasser, from any Victory Loan Committee, or member thereof, or from any branch in Canada of any Chartered Bank.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS WILL CLOSE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15TH, 1919

DEP ARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, OCTOBER 27th, 1919.

Keep Canada's Farms and Factories Busy

MR. BERNARD M. CULVER.

Mr. Bernard M. Culver, Vice-President of the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, was in Montreal last week en route to England, and sailed from Quebec per Empress of France. He was accompanied by Mr. W. H. McGee, who is one of the largest marine underwriters in the United States. The Niagara Fire is one of the number of important American fire companies now extending their operations all over the world. We understand that the company's premium income for September showed an increase of over \$200,000, as compared with September, 1918. The Niagara is well known and most popular throughout Canada, under the management of Mr. W. E. Findlay, Montreal.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

Fire at Moncton, N.B.—On Oct. 26th a fire destroyed D. MacNamara's grocery store. Loss about \$20,000, fully covered.

Fire at Port Stanley, Ont.—On Oct. 27th a fire destroyed the house and contents occupied by J. W. Duncan; fully insured.

Fire at Penetanguishene.—On Oct. 28th a fire broke out in sawmill of the McGibbon Lumber Co. The mill was totally destroyed. Loss about \$20,000, partly covered.

Fire at Edmonton, Alta.—On Oct. 23rd a fire broke out in the McClare and Stewart grocery store entailing a loss of about \$7,500. Insurance on stock, \$2,500.

Fire at O'Leary, P.E.I.—On Oct. 22nd an incendiary fire caused the destruction of Mr. Geo. Barbour's barn, with contents. Loss about \$4,000.

Fire at Prince Albert, Sask.—On Oct. 21st the Prince Albert Hotel was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$5,000, fully covered.

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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL

It is a most interesting phase of the situation that Australians, while recognizing the question of efficiency in the management of public enterprises as important, evidently believe that there is a much This is found in more serious side to the matter. the restrictions upon private activity entailed by Experience all over the world public enterprise. has shown that government activity is never very enterprising or if it is that mistakes and losses are greatly multiplied. It is easy enough to "take over" businesses that have been started and carried to a fair degree of development, and then the public authorities may "run" them along previously established lines with a fair degree of success. It is quite another thing to block out new work and develop new opportunities. By failing to perform the latter function with success the general scope of the individual is greatly narrowed. He is not only excluded from the occupations or businesses which the State has taken over, but he is also kept from access to new lines of operation which under private enterprise would have been opened to him. Many Australians blame the excessive extension of public ownership and control for the fact that the immense resources of their country have received only a very limited development. want to see natural resources opened up, the coun-There is try populated, and business diversified. a growing feeling that to get these results the individual will have to be given a larger degree of While maintaining freedom than in the past. over him full and thorough supervision and control, the State they think, will have to grant him much more freedom of action and larger returns for productive enterprise and ingenuity. This is

closely in line with the conclusions arrived at elsewhere. Australia's practical experience tends to confirm the opinions that have been formed through discussion in other countries. H.P.W.

MRS. O'LEARY'S BLUNDER

Something more than a generation ago, one Mrs. O, Leary invaded her stable, or outhouse, to milk her cow. As it was dark, the old lady took a lamp. During the milking process the cow, either in a frolicsome mood or to switch an overzealous fly away, frisked her tail. That was all right enough, especially coming from a cow. The cow was not expected to know that her tail was to be kept at rest even though a lamp was located in its immediate vicinity. Mrs. O'Leary was the one to have known. She didn't or else she didn't care, as the sequel showed. The switch of the tail upset the lamp, and the lamp, as lamps will, upset. The kerosene was poured out, ignition followed, the stable caught quickly from the flames, the flames spread and for several days the great city of Chicago paid a mighty price for milking one cow. And at that, it is by no means certain that even the milk was saved. Certainly the cow was lost and all of Mrs. O'Leary's possessions and the greater part of Chicago.

The incident may have pointed a moral for many. It may have taught thousands that fire is a dreadful enemy, once you give it a chance; also that it doesn't get very far unless you really make the invitation very urgent. The Chicago fire should never have occurred. But for Mrs. O'Leary's carelessness it would not. Yet every day there are Mrs. O'Leary's doing just such foolish things. And Mr. O'Leary, too, for that matter. Men are as thoughtless as women in such matters. All, both sexes, young and old, should keep the O'Leary tragedy in memory and profit from the lesson it will never fail to teach.

ASSOCIATION OF LIFE INSURANCE PRESIDENTS.

The international aspect of the program for the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, at the Hotel Astor, New York, on December fourth and fifth, is emphasized by the announcement that Sir Henry Drayton, the new Canadian Minister of Finance, has accepted an invitation to be present and make His topic will be in harmony with an address. the general theme of the Convention which will deal with various post-war problems. He probably will speak along the line of "Some Canadian Reconstruction Problems". As is customary, the executives of all of the Canadian life insurance companies have been invited to be present at the meeting and, from the acceptances already received, it is evident that Canada will be well represented.



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The Chicago Board of Underwriters has offered \$4,500 in rewards for the apprehension, conviction and imprisonment, in execution of sentence after conviction, of those responsible for setting the fires which started the conflagration back of the stock yards on August 2, during the race riots. Separate rewards of \$1,500 each on three fires are The State Fire Marshal's Department offered. and the city authorities contend that these fires had nothing to do with the race riots, in which case the riot and civil commotion clause of the policies would not apply and the insurance com-The companies believe panies would be liable. that the fires were started by rioters and are offering these rewards in hope of securing information to justify their claim.

LABOUR COSTS OF THE WAR

The troubles with the so-called "labor element" which are now being experienced all over the country, are undoubtedly to be regarded as one important cost of the war. During the conflict every concession, whether reasonable or unreasonable, was made to the demands of labor here and abroad and high wages as well as other changes in working conditions were readily granted.

The New York Journal of Commerce says: The cost of these charges was paid by the Government out of the proceeds of bond sales and was regarded as the inevitable and necessary concomitant of war expense. As a result of this way of handling matters there has grown up a general idea that capitalists can pay higher wages out of their capital, or that the Government can take over business and pay deficits out of taxation.

Unfortunately the time has now come when there is a shortage of commodities. In many staple lines the report is positive that the supply of goods is insufficient to meet demand. More work, more output, greater efficiency are the only measures that will help. To attempt to pay the "living wage" out of capital is impossible, and is an effort which is itself primarily responsible for the conditions which have been arrived at in many industries. It is unavoidable to recognize the fact that increases of wages can be provided only by the growth of real business and productivity, and that any other basis of wages is faulty. It was during the war that the ideas now finding lodgment in many minds with reference to this whole question received their first and strongest sanction, and it was then that labor was encouraged to demand an entirely new status-one which it was impossible for any human agency to give. The unsound doctrines of wages disseminated in the

reports of the War Labor Board and in other war publications were responsible for much of the agitation which has survived the war. Much more time will be required for the overcoming of these false views than was needed for their original development, and this must be reckoned a part of the incidental disturbance attendant upon the war itself. Other countries are passing through a similar experience and are recognizing the necessity of a re-education of their people along sounder lines.

EXCHANGE AND MONEY

The foreign exchange markets during the past week in New York again experienced some sensational movement in rates. Sterling exchange, for instance, lost most of the recovery of the previous week, due to the walkout of British Railway employees, thereby completely tieing up the English railroads and causing the cancellation of much shipping between England and that country. markets, therefore, responded to this news because of the sensitiveness due to the enormous speculation in exchange at the present time. The speculation is based mainly on the hope that the peace treaty will be ratified before very long, which events of the past week indicate. Senator Lodge in commenting on the impatience of banking firms over delay in the peace treaty stated that the firms "had a direct pecuniary interest in securing an early opportunity to reap a harvest." Grant that this may be true (but it is not the case), but are the tactics of Senator Lodge above question. can be stated that the bankers are more familiar with the international financial situation than is Mr. Lodge, and know what effect the delay in ratification of the treaty is having on foreign business.

Money on call on the Stock Exchange again got as high as 15 per cent. during the past week, while rates for commercial purposes remained at the 6 per cent. level. This renewed flurry in rates again proves that there is not enough funds available to carry on such speculation as has been witnessed in the past week, and whatever monies the banks have on hand are required for purely commercial The flurry in rates was again the cause of criticism on the part of speculators, who are loath to believe that it is nothing more than stock market speculation which is responsible for the rising The exchange authorities in an announcement showing how these loans were made, proved that it is the late borrowers who are responsible for the higher rates, these brokers coming into the market when all the loanable funds are provided Therefore, these high money rates, while meaning very little to commercial enterprises, act as a warning against undue speculation in the security markets.

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