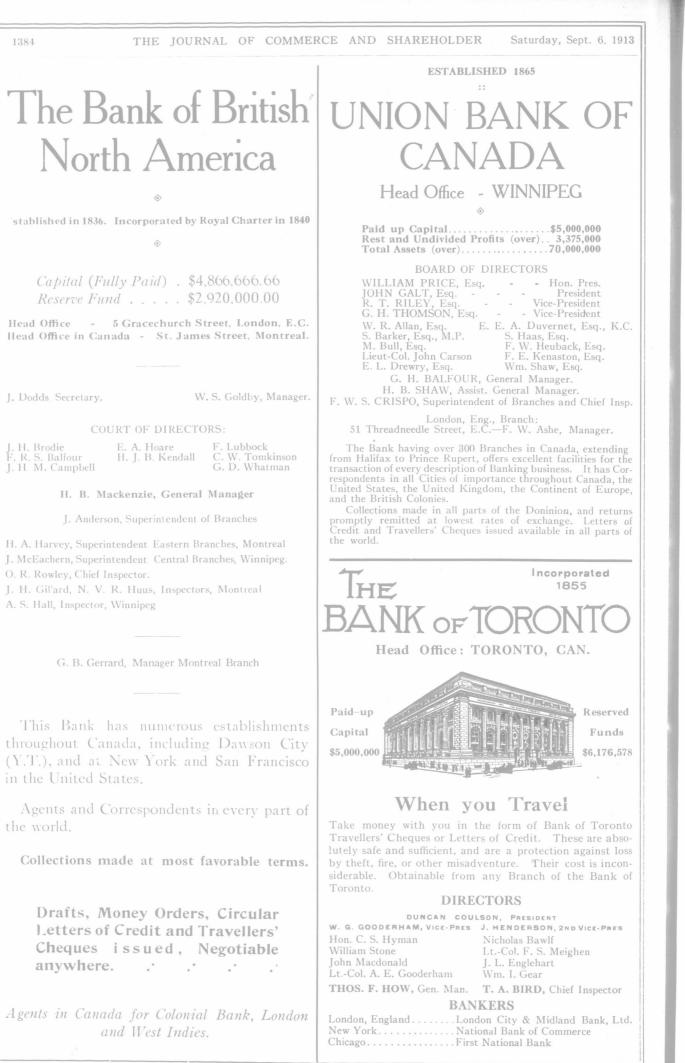


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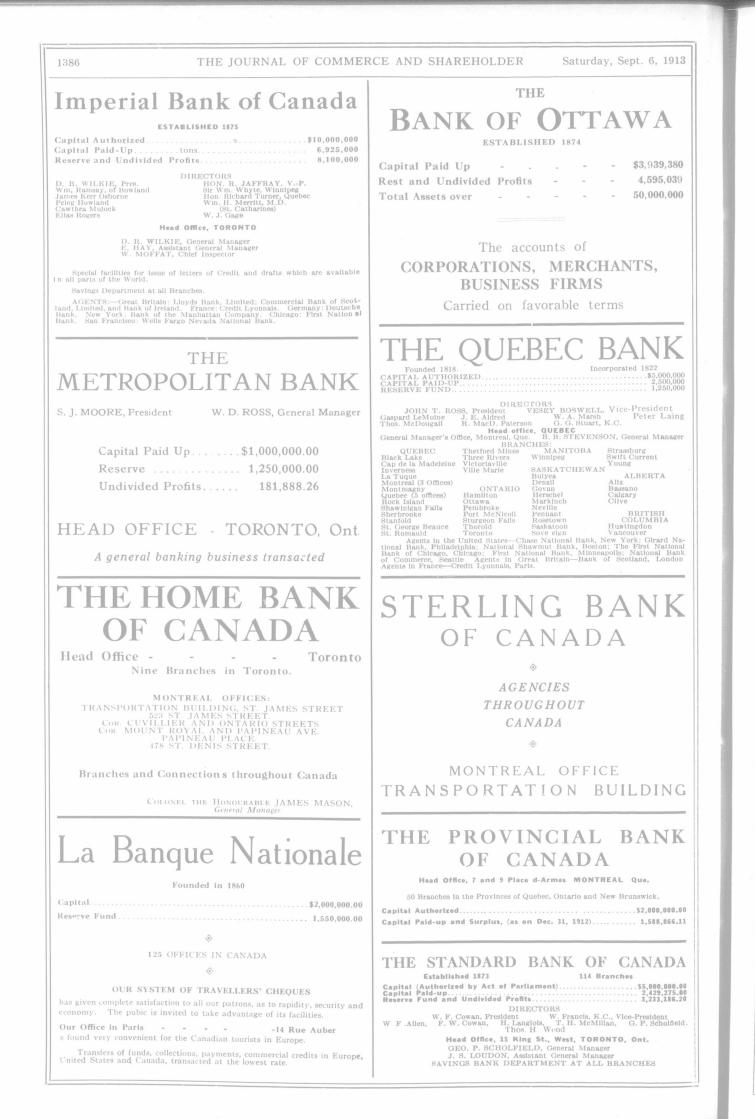
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rain every possible effort in order to obtain a ace upon a board of directors and, once ppointed, will go on their way supremely infferent to the welfare of the company over hose destinies they are supposed to have ntrol. It is no uncommon thing in Canada see a man represented on the board of from venty to thirty companies, while in the United ates some of the big men are on the boards scores of companies. In a great many cases, rectors to direct and men appointed to posions of trust fathfully fulfill their obligations. e have many such men in Canada, but the istory of our wrecked banks and industrial stitutions of the past few decades show that here have been many men in Canada who were ot of this calibre. Practically everyone of the banks which have failed in Canada have been the result of mismanagement and dishonesty on the part of the general manager or directors. In the cases where the general manager was at fault, the directors were almost

In ordinary circumstances, the man who is on the Board of twenty five or thirty companies cannot give the attention to them that they deserve. This neglect on the part of directors to direct is made all the more dangerous because of the indifference of the ordinary shareholder. At the annual general meeting of a bank or great corporation, but a dozen or two shareholders attend and while it is true that they are not encouraged to ask questions, they remain as dumb as the proverbial oyster and neither question or comment upon the line of action submitted to them by the directors. This policy of indifference pursued by our shareholders encourages directors to be equally careless for they know that under ordinary circumstances, their conducting of the company's affairs will not be questioned, The fact that they are custodians of the people's money does not worry those men who love to see their names in "Who's who" as being on the board of many companies. It is time, in

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Canada, that directors took their responsibilities a little more seriously than many of them do and come to look upon their position as meaning more than that of acting as patron to a church or village bazaar. Let directors direct.

COST OF LIVING IN CANADA.

Problems Relating to Country and City.

The statement was recently made by an American Medical Society that upwards of 3,000,000 people on this continent are needlessly ill. Of this, 1,000,000 are in the period of life when they should be engaged in active work, which means a yearly monetary loss of \$300,000,000. This is a tremendous drain on the resources of the people and in an age when Conservation of our natural resources is receiving so much attention, it would be well if a little of this were directed to the Conservation of health and physical well-being.

Undoubtedly, one of the reasons for the illhealth of our people is due to the congestion of our cities. In Canada, which has always been regarded as an agricultural country, the rush from country to city during the past decade has assumed enormous proportions. In the decade, the urban population increased by 1,259,165, while the rural population increased by but 576,163. To-day, the population is divided into urban 3,280,964 and into rural 3,925,679, or almost an equal division between the two classes of people.

Undoubtedly, this heavy increase in urban population, combined with practically a stationary rural population accounts for the rapid increase in the cost of living in this country. Figures just compiled by the British Government dealing with the world-wide increase in the cost of living shows that since 1900, the cost of living in Canada increased 51% and to-day Canada enjoys the unenviable distinction of being the most expensive place to live in any country in the world. According to the British statistics the rise has been greater in foreign countries, with the exception of France, than in Great Britain. The greatest rise has been in Canada, Austria-Hungary, the United States and Japan. Since 1900 the rise in Austria-Hungary has been 35 per cent.; Belgium, 32 per cent.; Germany, 30 per cent.; Italy, 20 per cent. In the same period the British and French rise has been only 15 per cent. Canada easily tops the list with a rise of 51 per cent. Australia and New Zealand show comparatively modest rises of 16 per cent.

Taking 100 as an index number, we find the following changes in the level of food prices since 1900.:-

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France.		97	115

Germany	1 14	130
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Australia.	101	116
New Zealand	107	116

As regards changes in the cost of housing and clothing, the information available is too limited and fragmentary to admit of international comparison.

The above figures cannot but cause alarm to all thoughtful business men. Already prefunctory inquiries are being set on foot in certain quarters to find reasons for the wholesale exodous of people from the country to the city. Undoubtedly, this is the biggest factor in the increased cost of living in Canada. In six of the provinces of the Dominion, the rural population decreased in the past decade and were it not for the prairie lands of the West, Canada's rural population would show a decrease. In addition to the movement from country to city, thousands of foreigners, especially from continental Europe, flock to the cities where they add to the congestion and to the social problems which already have assumed such large proportions.

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It is difficult to suggest sufficient remedies to overcome the present condition of affairs, but something can be done along the lines of making farming conditions more congenial. A great deal can also be done by improving the roads throughout the country, thus enabling the farmers to get to the markets with as little delay as possible and with the minimum of expense. Co-operation in the gathering and marketing of produce will also contribute something to the economic welfare of the farming community. Parcels post will also pay to a certain extent. In fact, anything that will bring producer and consumer nearer together and enable the farmer to receive a just price for what he grows, will materially aid in solving the problem.

It would seem to us if the Conservation movement, which has devoted so much attention to our natural resources, could do a very effective work by directing its attention to human welfare work.

Much could be done by pointing out the greater attractiveness of the country in the matter of health as well as by showing that the cost of living could be materially reduced by increasing the number of producers and by methods of co-operation, etc. In an economic sense the "times are out of joint." Just how they can be righted, the cost of living reduced, the movement from country to city stopped, the health and general well-being of the people conserved, are problems large enough and important enough to engage the attention of the best men in the country.

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LONDON PAPERS ON OUR MUNICIPAL BORROWINGS.

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Economist Advises Establishment of Supervising Boards.

For the past few weeks, the Journal of Commerce has been urging upon municipalities the necessity of inaugurating reform in connection with municipal loans. We have suggested the dvisability of establishing a provincial advisory committee who would co-operate with municipalities who were desirous to make new loans. is we pointed out, this supervising committee, while being sympathetic to municipalities, vould have certain restrictive power which would prevent unwise flotations. It would lso serve in a measure as a guarantee that he issue in question was needed by the munipality. Such a supervising board would unloubtedly give a great deal more confidence to oreign investors and would in a large measure afeguard Canada's good name by preventing mwise and injudicious flotations by the munipalities.

In this connection, it is interesting to note hat our London Correspondent in the letter ublished this week calls attention to a series articles dealing with Canadian borrowing hich has been appearing in the London Fimes. He also adds that the Economist of ondon has taken up the matter and in the lowing significant paragraph conveys a arning which Canadian municipalities cannot ford to ignore. The Economist says: "The rrowing of municipalities has in the past en made far too easy and as we look back the light of current rates on some of the sues of four or five years ago, we can only nder how the English investor ever came put his money into them." Continuing, the onomist strongly favors the establishment of Local Government Board to control municil loans in Canada. In this respect, the onomist is following along the lines advoled by the Journal of Commerce. It is perative that some such supervision must be ablished if Canada's good name is to be mainned. Referring again to the Times articles, is pointed out that "Canada should adopt me means of checking the over-sanguine nings of the small municipalities which seem be most frequently held up as "bad ex-

It will be seen from the above quoatations that the two leading papers in Great Britain vice what we believe is the general impression pevalent over there that municipalities are the cles most to blame for the present condition of affairs. Nothing is to be gained by closing the eyes to the fact and continuing along the lines that we have adopted. Some reform must be inaugurated. The chief one to our vay of thinking is the establishment of a provincial board of supervisors. Then much

can be done by the municipalities themselves by checking unwise real estate speculations and putting an end to the subdivision craze. At the present time, frontage improvement taxes are spread out over a period of from twenty to thirty years which encourages a subdivider to get in his fine work. Such a system permits him to buy up farm lands, break them into town lots and sell them to purchasers. If the frontage inprovement taxes had to be paid in five years, the subdivider would be discouraged. A man buying a lot under these circumstances would know that he had to pay out a considerable sum each year for the next five years and would hesitate before purchasing a lot and holding it for a rise in values. As it is at present a man purchases a farm or a lot and as the payments are spread out over a period of twenty or thirty years, he imagines that the cost of improvements is but a trifling amount and in this way is encouraged to speculate. Another reform which would probably do much to counteract the present subdivision craze would be to tax land instead of improvements. In this way, the subdivider's work would be rendered unprofitable and a city would only grow as the actual demands of its population required. There is no doubt but that the subdivision craze, combined with an inordinate desire on the part of municipalities to extend, has forced many into extravagant borrowing campaigns

which is now reacting upon the whole country. We would like to see this question of the appointment of Provincial boards of supervisors taken up at the forthcoming Conference of the Provincial Premiers.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS IN MONTREAL.

Visitors to Montreal declare that, without exception, there is more cruelty to animals practised in this city than in any other place they have ever seen. This unnecessary and unchecked cruelty makes a most unfavorable impression upon out of town visitors and they go away, in many, cases, vowing never to return to a city where they are forced to witness such brutality. Apart from the suffering inflicted Montrealers, should stamp out this practise of ill-treating animals. If for no other reason than to protect the good name of the city it should be stopped.

While it is true that Montreal has poorly paved streets and steep hills which makes vehicle traffic particularly difficult, that is no reason why cruelty should be practised upon defenceless horses. On the other hand, the bad condition of the streets and the steep hills should make drivers more considerate but instead of treating animals with consideration they rain blows upon the defenceless brutes until all normally constituted people are horrified at the sight. When spoken to, these

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brutal and cowardly drivers are most insolent so that many citizens are loathe to interfere although they would dearly love to see the evil practise ended.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is doing a most laudable work in hunting down and punishing brutal drivers. These men, however, cannot be everywhere and unless citizens report cases to them and are willing to go into court and give evidence the evil will go unchecked. In this connection we must recommend the attitude of Mr. Recorder Semple who shows a disposition to take the word of the ordinary citizen against that of the brutal and cowardly bully who is up for ill-treating his horse. His Honour rightly concludes that a business man who takes sufficient time from his work to lodge a complaint and appear in court against a brutal driver should be believed in preference to the man charged with the offence. In practically every case these men will endeavour to save themselves by deliberately lying which, after all, is only to be expected form a cowardly brute who will beat a defenceless horse. We hope that the Recorder will deal with these cases as severely and relentlessly as the Law will allow and we also hope that citizens who are interested in seeing poor dumb animals receive kind treatment will co-operate in putting down the present inexcusable brutality.

THE DEPARTMENTAL STORE.

The opening by the Hudson Bay Company of a monster departmental store at Calgary calls fresh attention to the part departmental stores are playing in the economic life of the people to-day. The opening of the store in Calgary by this Company is the first of a series which they expect to open throughout the West. It also marks a new departure for this old established concern which for some hundreds of years have been engaged almost entirely in the fur trade of the country. The cost of the Calgary establishment, including land, building and goods, is \$3,000,000. The company is now building a store in Vancouver to cost \$4,000,000 and another in Victoria to cost \$1,250,000, After this, stores in Winnipeg to cost \$7,000,000, and in Edmonton to cost \$1,500,000 will be built as well as stores in a dozen other small centres. In so far as this company is concerned, the passing of the fur trade probably forced the directors into the retail business. Previously, their retail operations were carried on with Indians at trading posts; now, they are catering to the people of our largest western cities.

Economists, who have studied departmental stores and their work all agree that the stores of the future will be fewer in number but of larger dimensions. The departmental store is

a creation of the present generation. It is believed that the departmental store of the future will establish chains of smaller stores or branches in the smaller cities and serve the public through one central buying and distributing centre. This would seem to be the policy which is being put into practice by the Hudson Bay Stores in the West. In a measure the same is true of all large departmental stores both in Canada and the United States. As soon as a store is firmly established in a large city, it establishes branches in other cities.

The growth of the departmental stores has been remarkable. Last year the sales of one Chicago Mail Order house exceeded \$90,000,000 an increase of \$13,000,000 over the sales for the previous year. It is estimated that from Chicago mail order houses alone that over 9,000 tons of catalogues will be sent out this Fall. In the United States, the parcels post is proving a very profitable innovation for the departmental stores and a very large increase in their business has taken place as the result of the change. In Canada, the departmental stores are also strongly in favor of the establishing of a parcels post. This country, although with a population less than 8,000,000, has a large number of very excellent departmental stores, some of whom have several thousand employees. The spread of these stores is causing considerable hardship to the small retailer in small places. Probably the change is working hardships to him, but all economic changes cause a certain amount of hardship and readjustment. The only thing the retailer can do is to take a leaf out of the departmental stores policy and advertise and in other ways carry on a more aggressive campaign than he has done heretofore. Despite this, however, it looks as if this was the age of consolidation and of big things and as the result the influence of the departmental store is likelier to increase rather than decrease.

WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF COAL AND OIL

In connection with discussion of increased use of oil as fuel, it has been estimated that the world's production of oil in weight is about equal to 4% of production in weight of coal. A British estimate of production of oil and coal in the world is as follows, in metric tons:

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(Special Correspondence Journal of Commerce). London, Aug. 30th.

Canadian Borrowing .- A fortnight ago I sent you a summary of a series of articles on this subject published in THE TIMES. They were carefully written, and they dealt clearly with the fundamental principles underlying the development of a new country by means of the arplus capital of the old countries. This week the ournal has drawn the series of articles to a close. Before summing up its arguments, it lays stress on the eed of Canada continuing to borrow "if only to supply is new inhabitants with the fixed apparatus of living and ith the machinery of new production." The immigrants nust have houses, and they must have plant. Under he pressure of a tighter money market there is no doubt hat the scale of borrowing can and will be reduced. But THE TIMES thinks this will do Canada no permanent For example, Canadian manufacturers who find it ifficult to raise loans for extension will be obliged to ave the requisite amounts out of their profits and probaly sacrifice personal expenditure for the sake of their usiness. But, on the other hand, if there be any "sudlen and severe check" to the inflow of European capital the essential purposes of development, then, the TIMES points out, "serious trouble" may ensue. The lext words of the article deserve careful reading. Danger of this description, however, is less to be aprehended in Canada than in many other places." The rength and caution of your banking methods are held be the principal safeguard against such a disaster. ut I have repeated the words exactly, because, coming they do at the end of a series of six articles desibing the financial conditions, they almost challenge one read between the lines. Perhaps the TIMES has inted the articles in order to counteract an impression. hich most of us are aware is abroad that Canada is p-heavy with loans, and can only continue to meet her ligations and pay her way if nature remains kind to No responsible journal has yet voiced that opinion, a it is dangerously prevalent. The expansion of Can-a can only be continued on borrowed capital and a intenance of immigration, and the warning of the MES clearly is that in order to remove all excuse for pessimistic attitude that is beginning to be apparent Canada should proceed henceforth on the most upulously prudent lines. Probably you will adopt some ans of checking the over-sanguine loanings of the aller municipalities, which seem to be most frequently d up as the "bad examples." But whatever is done, is plain that the pessimistic will have to pull very d indeed before they can hope to overbear the connce of the British investor in Canada's future.

o-day the ECONOMIST joins delicately in the warning, erving that "there is not the same confidence in Canadian promotions, partly because so many fingers e been burnt in land companies, or timber limits or nulacturing corporations." No doubt also, the journal "the borrowing of municipalities has, in the past, n made far too easy, and as we look back in the light current rates on some of the issues of four or five is ago, we can only wonder how the English investor r came to put his money into them." The British stor, being akin to the banks that finance young and wing businesses is, indeed, asking Canada to-day to k warily for a time. That is all it amounts to. In ther part of its issue the ECONOMIST storngly favours establishment of a Local Government Board to conmunicipal loans in Canada. It is plain how public nion is moving here; but it is moving very slowly at ent, and very cautiously, and there is no sign that investor has really taken alarm. Whether he does not depends very largely upon the action of Canada self, and I am glad to see that you are emphasizing your columns the need of the Canadian agriculturist ing up mixed farming. The British public is quite ready to be convinced that their eggs are not always going to be carried in one basket. You will be going a very long way toward counteracting any efforts that may be made to slow down the rate of investment unreasonably, if you can find some to apply the wisdom of the old saw.

The Labor Party .- The real significance of the byelection in the coal-mining constituency of Chesterfield lies much deeper than the Press has indicated. The future of the Labor Party in involved in the victory which the candidate who is an official of the Derbyshire Miners' Union has scored over both Unionist and Socialist opponents. First, let it be understood that there is still body of influential men in the ranks of the Labor representatives who may truthfully be described as "Liberal-Labor," or "Labor-Liberal,"—"Lib-Lab.," the nickname goes It is not without meaning that most of these are the heads of the coal-miners' trades unions. Secondly, it is necessary to recall the financially exhausting strikes of recent years. For the purpose of those strikes vain efforts were made to get unity of action throughout the mining unions. The efforts failed because each union enjoys a high degree of independence, is jealous of its funds, and understands that the varying conditions of miners' work in the different colliery areas make it better for each district to tackle its own problems. This week, for example, the management committee of the Northumberland Miners' Association has circularised its lodges with the warning that the strikes of the last few years have left the association at present with no money and with an overdraft of \$50,000 at the bank. It is pointed out, further, that the cost of a strike in that country alone is nearly \$120,000 a week. "Our desire to have the grievances from which we suffer remedied," says the Committee, "is as strong as that of the most ardent strike advocate, but we recognize that all attempts to realize our desires must be measured by our strength and governed by reason and discretion." The circular scornfully refers to the "strike for everything" advocate, and that phrase brings me into touch again with the true reason for this renewal of the demand for in-dependence which has been manifested in Chesterfield. There is a section of Trades Unionists who advocate syndicalism, or the general strike. With these the vast majority of miners will have nothing to do. They speak them as "socailists," without seeking to define the of exact meaning of that word. Their contempt for the "socialist" has been shown by their utter refusal to vote for the Socialist candidate in this by-election. They wish to manage their own affairs in their own way and for their own interests, and their attitude is tersely summed up in the words of another of their parliamentary representatives, who said after the election on Thursday alternoon :- "We have sent a message to the whole of Great Britain of great value and much meaning. The Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George will be glad to receive it. It is a message to the Labor Party, and they will now be chewing their cud when they hear that Derbyshire, after all, remains true to its leaders, true to Liberalism, and true to honest Labor. . Kenyon and I will go to the House of Commons with the intention of not being dictated to by anybody as to how we shall vote.

Trade Union Funds.—You may perhaps see in the example just given of the exhaustion of trade union funds, another reason why there is no urgent anxiety on the part of employers in this country to formulate a uniform system of dealing with industrial disputes. I have many times referred to the subject. Put callously, in a few words, it means that the employers, being fully aware of the drain that strikes entail on the resourcesof the strikers, are quite willing that they should occasionally engage in the spendthrift exercise. Much is made by the Labor leaders of the increase in the membership of the unions; but membership without money remains a negative advantage until the new additions have accumulated a reserve value. The figures relating to the

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National Union of Railwaymen sufficiently illustrate this point. In 1910 the membership was 72,000; to-day it is 230,000. Yet the "trade union" fund of the organization remains at about the same total, so that while at the time of the national strike of 1911 there were funds in hand equal to about ten dollars a man, to-day the proportion is less than three dollars a man. In these circumstances, unless some Crœsus will come along and indiscriminately endow the whole movement with a few thousand million dollars, the separate unions will prefer to hoard their own funds and see what they can accomplish with then on their own account.

Commercialisation of the Press .- Mr. Robert Donald, the Editor of the DAILY CHRONICLE, gave an exceedingly bold presidential address at the Conference of the Institute of Journalists. He brought to a definition the tendencies of recent years when he said the British press has become "commercialised." Private ownership has gone multiple onwership has taken its place to some extent; but the limited liability company is controlling the situation, and "under corporate ownership the main concern of the shareholders who are investors and not journalists is their dividends, and dividens must be earned even if principle is to suffer in the process." I think it is important that this should be understood by distant readers of the British Press. Most of our journals may still be relied on to truthfully indicate the tendencies of the times: but there are some of them that have already made big dividends by distortions, and others who are hopefully following them along that alluring path. Mr. Donald spoke mostly about the London papers, as was natural, for this is such a small island that the London papers, by means of modern and superb organization, now really dominate the country so far as sales and general advertising go. But there still remains in every district at least one well-established journal serving a local purpose that no paper published

It is in effect a local gazette containing the local advertisements and the local commercial and social news for which no London paper could possibly find room. The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN (Liberal), the YORKSHIRE POST (Unionist), The BIRMINGHAM DAILY POST (Unionist) The WESTERN DAILY PRESS (Liberal), may be mentioned as examples of these indispensable journals; and each of them, as well as several others in their class, is strongly edited and may even be relied on for fuller and more accurate political and commercial information than some of their London contemporaries with national circulations and international reputations. From the investor's point of view another word of Mr. Donald's is worth emphasising. To be successful in these days a new paper must start where the other's stand. It cannot stay to growout of its revenue. Recently the attempt to establish a new evening paper in London ran through over five hundred thousand dollars and then stopped; and nearly half as much again was spent without result on the last endeavour to found a morning paper in the metropolis. Relatively provincial experience is the same. The consequence is that there are fewer papers to-day, and scarcely any attempt is now made to add to their numbers. I am not referring to specialist and literary ventures, which still multiply. But the tendency of to-day is to extend the influence of the existing journals and to confine advertising to them. No experienced journalist with business acumen in this country would recommend any new independent journalistic venture as

A legislative committee has been investigating fire insurance conditions in Ohio. Its report has not been made public, but judging from some remarks made by the committee's chairman the property owners of the State may soon expect a 10 per cent. reduction of premiums.

INSURANCE NOTES

More than a quarter of the claims reaching the accident companies owe their origin to automobiles. The officers of the companies think that automobile benefits should be cut in two.

The National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, Penn., have come into the Maritime Provinces field for business and have appointed Rainnie & Keator, Halifax, general agents for the district. The total assets of the company at the first of the present year were \$4,136,638.38, a surplus over liabilities at that time of \$545,227.16.

The Equitable has written a group policy on the Standard Oil Cloth Company, covering 1,000 employees, with policies equaling a year's salary.

The Imperial Underwriters Corporation of Canada, was granted a Dominion license on August 18 for the transaction of fire insurance. Mr. H. M. Blackburn, manager for Canada of the Sun Fire, is the manager of the new company and the head office is at Toronto.

The life insurance policy is a protection and an investment. As a protection it is unequalled, nothing can take its place; and as an investment, it presents features well worth the consideration of every thoughtful man.

Mr. Warrington Laing, chairman of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, and Mr. James Leigh Wood, C.M.G., of Messrs. Brown, Shipley, & Company, were recently elected directors of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited.

The London & Lancashire Life & General has made good progress during the past few years, particularly has this been the case in connection with the Canadian Branch of the Association, which is controlled by the Canadian directors, and the manager for Canada, Mr. Alex. Bissett.

Under the Act respecting insurance companies the following have been licensed to do business in Alberta:— The Canadian Surety Company (guarantee); the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States (life); the Quebec Fire Assurance Company of Canada (fire); Life Guranatee and Accident Company of London, England (guarantee, accident including automobile, sickness and burglary); New York Plate Glass Insurance Company of New York, U.S. A. (plate glass.)

The Philadelphia Life Insurance Company recently sent to one of its agents a check for \$10,000 for delivery to a beneficiary. The agent said it gave him a great deal of satisfaction to hand her such a large sum of money. During the course of a short conversation which followed the beneficiary stated that aside from the check for \$10,000, Mr. X. had on deposit in the bank the sum of only \$1. The \$1 deposit and the money from the life insurance policy constituted her entire estate.

The directors of the Home Insurance Company, of New York, have declared a 100 per cent. stock dividend through an increase in the capital from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000, the additional shares to be distributed pro rata to the stockholders in the ratio of one share of new stock for every share of old stock held. Incidentally the stock sold at \$800 per share.

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Reports from the life insurance companies indicate that they are writing more policies than ever before. Life insurance, like fire insurance, is now looked upon as a necessity, and every man with a life worth insuring is keeping it "covered."

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LAURENTIDE COMPANY REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Laurentide Company, Limited, held in Montreal on the 2nd inst. showed net profits for the year ending June 30th last of \$758,085, which is equivalent to 10.53 % on the \$7,200,000 capital stock. The profits, which show a slight increase over the previous year, would have been larger had it not been for an explosion in the Sulphite Plant which compelled the company to buy its sulphite for some months, thereby reducing profits.

Dividends in 1912-13 took \$36,000 more than in the preceding year, the disbursement in the first quarter of that year, when the reorganization of the company in its present form was effected, being only \$108,000 against a subsequent quarterly disbursement of \$144,000. After setting aside the usual \$20,000 for depreciation reserve the company carried forward at the end of the year a surplus of \$162,085, or \$31,487 less than in 1911-12. The main features of the working account and the profit and loss account for the two years compare as follows:

Gross profits Bond interest	1912 \$1,009,551 152,098	1913 \$1,016,758 129,972
Balance.	857,453	886,786
Betterments.	193,879	128,700
Net profits	753,572	758,085
Divi den ds	540,000	576,000
Balance	213, 572	1 82, 0 85
Deprec. reser	20, 000	20, 0 00
Surplus	1 93, 5 72	1 62, 085

Large Capital Expenditure.

The balance sheet of the company shows total assets of the end of the past year of \$10,138,635, as compared with \$8,990,651 on June 30th, 1912. A new item in the elatement of liabilities is "bank loans," \$929,920. This explained by Sir William Van Horne's reference in the the annual report to the fact that ''In addition to the emount of \$128,700.53, taken from the earnings for therment of plant, there was expended during the year on capital account, for the new power development, \$71,728,22; for the enlargement of the sulphite mill, \$2,735,69; for the extension of the ground-wood mill, \$12,162,.98; for the extension of the steam plant, \$11,379,17; for additional timber lands, \$160,912; and for the estate at Grand Mere, \$53, 179,35."

In all these capital expenditures as given total the large on of \$932,095, or slightly larger than the amount oder "bank loans" towards the liquidation of which no ubt the proceeds of the \$2,400,000 of new capital ock will be applied. The principal items in the balance wet compared as follows:

Assets.

	1912	1913
	\$4,620,761	\$5,344,375
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pplies	283,028	279,084
surance	11,634	21,772
restry	1,192	23,064
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ash	175,680	35.731
westments	212,600	195,600
ef. charges	4,257	9,336
it. accrued	5,370	
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Stock	\$7,200,000	\$7,2000,00
Bonds	878,198	839,898
Bond interest.	36,000	36,000
Dividend	144,000	144,000
Wages	5,681	8,046
Bank loans		929,920
Acc. payable	234,585	328,100
Conting. acct.	28,259	2,984
Dep. reserve	250,000	270,000
Sundry reserves	20,354	24,025
Surplus	193,572	355,658

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Mr. George Chahoon, jr., vice-president of the company in an informal talk after the meeting, stated that the explosion in the sulphite plant had disorganized that branch of the business for at least six weeks, during which time not only did they lose the profit on the sale of sulphite, but they had to purchase the company's requirements from outside, paying very high prices. He also stated that the power development was making satisfactory progress that he had secured the opinion of the best experts, all of whom agreed that the cost of development promised to be less per horse power than any similar power development on the continent:

Not withstanding the large number of paper companies that had come into existence during the past year, the Laurentide Output, said Mr. Chahoon, had not been, excepting the news print department, appreciably affected The Laurentide's diversity of product, and their market all over the world, made their business a steady one.

He saw no difficulty in earning from the paper business alone the money necessary to pay dividends and interest on the cost of the power development so that when the time came to sell their power what they get out of it would be so much additional earnings. He and those associated with him in the management of the enterprise never felt more confidence in Laurentide's present and immediate future than they do at the present moment.

The directors and officers of the company were reelected as follows: Sir William C. Van Horne, president; Mr. George Chahoon, vice-president; and Messrs. James Ross, R. B. Angus, Charles R. Hosmer, Edwin Hanson and F. A. Sabbaton.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Banking retuins from some leading centres as compared with the same week a year ago are:

	1912	19.13
Montreal.	\$45,035,481	\$50,125,140
Toronto.	33,902,285	37,801,047
Winnipeg	19,809,026	21,535,238
Ottawa.		3,169,069
Quebec.		2,935,343
Halifax		1,752,667
St. John	1,380,411	1,610,944

BANK OF ENGLAND STATEMENT.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:---

Total reserve, decreased	£129,000
Circulation, increased.	214,000
Bullion, increased	89,572
Other securities, decreased.	40,000
Public deposits, decreased.	466,000
Other deposits, increased	150,000
Notes reserve, decreased	80,000
Government securities, unchanged.	

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 59.59 per cent.; last week it was 59.46 per cent. Rate of discount unchanged at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Friday, Sept. 5, 1913.

The holiday interfered somewhat with local business but on the whole the week has been a most satisfactory one. The fact that the Western harvest is being rapidly taken off and the easing up of the financial situation are having the desired effect with the result that an improvement is noted in practically all lines. Dry goods houses reports little new business and that the season will be later than usual because of the tendency to hold back shown by the retailers. Hardware business keeps up exceptionally well. Copper is firmer and now stands as high as before the dip. Tin advanced 1c. a pound and solder dropped $\frac{1}{2}$ c. a pound.

The grain and flour markets are fairly active and some good business has been passing for foreign account. A further advance of \$1.00 a ton in all lines of millfeed was noted. The live stock market has been very active and prices are steady. A good business is being done in all lines of groceries with no change in prices to be noted. Various houses reported remittances as being quite satisfactory. A good fall business is being anticipated, many wholesalers believing that the prospects are exceedingly good for a bumper trade.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—An active trade has been done in the butter market during the week and prices have risen considerably. There is a good demand for export and from the West, which, combined with the decreasing receipts, gives the market a very firm tone. The local demand continues good. Receipts for last week were 10,224 pcks. as compared with 17,563 pcks. the previous week and a decrease of 4,664 pcks compared with the corresponding week last year. We quote:— Finest creamery, 24_4^3c . to 25c.; fine creamery, 24_4^4c . to 24_2^4c .; second grades, 23_4^3c . to 24c.; dairy, 21c. to 22c.

A good feeling exists in the cheese market just now and a rise in prices on all lines was noted . Exports fell off somewhat last week but there has been a good demand over the cable this week and as prices bid are more in accord with prices here a good business has been done. Receipts are falling off considerably owing to the poor pasturage and other causes. Total shipments for export since May 1 to date show a decrease of 174,546 boxes as compared with last year while the stocks of Canadian cheese on three principle English markets show a considerable increase over last year. The market on the whole is firm and active. We quote:—Western, colored, $13\frac{1}{4}c$. to $15\frac{1}{8}c$; western white, $13\frac{1}{8}c$. to $13\frac{1}{4}c$. to $12\frac{7}{4}c$. to $12\frac{5}{4}c$. to $12\frac{5}{4}c$.

There is little to note in the egg market during the week. Prices have remained steady with a tendency to go higher, owing to the falling off in receipts and the increasing demand, brought about, perhaps, by the rising price of meel. We quote:—Strictly fresh, 32c.; selected C. S. eggs, 29c.; No. 1 candled, 26c.; No. 2 candled, 20c.

DRY GOODS.—The past week has been a fairly busy one although quieter than usual. Most of the travellers are out now and report conditions as being fairly satisfactory but little new business is being placed as yet. We hear of a good many of the wholesale houses cancelling orders made to the various textile mills at the bethat remittance from several of the houses are very hard to get. However, the general tone is optomistic and a fairly good fall business is being anticipated. The business done with local retailers was very satisfactory but the country dealers are still holding back. The mills are all very busy clearing up their orders and preparing for the new season which will probably be somewhat late. The fall millinery openings this week have given the trade a much better tone.

FLOUR MARKET.—There has been a noticeable improvement in the foreign demand for the lower grades of spring wheat flour. The trade in the higher grades continues quiet due to prices bid being out of line with exporters' views. The market for winter wheat remains unchanged and conditions are not expected to alter until new wheat flour comes on the market. We quote prices as follows:—Spring wheat flour, first patents, \$5.60; seconds, \$5.10 per bbl. in bags,; Winter wheat flour, choice patents, \$5.25 to \$5.50; straight rollers, \$5.00 to \$5.10 per bbl. in wood.

GRAIN MARKET .- The export trade in Manitoba spring wheat continues dull, due to the failure of prices bid to come up to exporters' views. It is believed in some quarters that these conditions will be maintained until exporters change their prices to suit the views of foreign buyers since large quantities of American wheat are already on the market. There is every prospect for large American and Canadian wheat crop and English importers are already loaded up with wheat. The export trade in oats continues quiet due to difference in prices asked and bid by dealers here and abroad. The local market is quiet but firm. The demand for barley is fair and sales of several loads for near-by shipments have been made. The market for American corn remains quiet but firm. We quote prices as follows:-Wheat (Winnipeg) No. 1 northern, 88c.; No. 2 northern, 85½c.; No. 3 northern, 83c. Oats, No. 2, C.W., 40¹/₄c. to 41c.; extra No. 1 feed, 40c. to 40½c. Barley, Manitoba No. 3, 55c.; No. 4, 53c.; feed, 50c. to 51c.; Flax, No. 1, N.W.C., \$1.30¹/₂; No. 2, C.W., \$1.27¹/₂; No. 3, C.W., \$1.00 to \$1.15¹/₂ Corn, American No. 2 yellow. 831c. to 84c.

GREEN AND DRIED FRUITS .- Produce from the Niagara district is now the feature of the local market. Large shipments are arriving daily and prices vary from day to day and according to quality. Large shipments of California fruit are still arriving. The market for Valencia and California raisins remains firm. New crop Smyrna figs will begin to arrive in New York about third week in September. We quote prices as follows :- Canadian Fruit, peaches, freestones, \$1.00 to \$1.10; clingstones, 65c. to 85c.; Plums, Lombards, 45c. to 60c.; green gages and blue plums, 75c. to 85c.; pears, 50c. to 75c.; canteloupes, \$2.00 per crate; egg plants, per basket, \$1.00: apples, per basket, 50c. to 60c., per bbl., \$4.50 to \$5.50; California fruit; pears, \$4.00 to \$4.25; peaches, \$1.50 to \$1.75; plums, \$2.50; grapes, \$4.00 to \$4.50; lemons, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per box, oranges, Jamaicas, \$3.00 to \$3.25; bananas, \$2.00 per bunch; grapefruit, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per box; Limes, \$4.00 per box; raisins, 634c. to 812c.; currants, $6\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 7c.; figs, 9c. to 13c.; dates, $5\frac{3}{4}$ c. to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; evaporated apples, 11c.; prunes, 9½c. to 13c.

GROCERIES.—There is little change to note in any line. Prices are well maintained but unchanged. Collections are reported as fair with small tendency toward improvement. We quote prices as follows:—Granulated sugar, in bags, \$4.50; Paris lumps, in 100 lb. boxes, \$5.15; extra ground, in barrels, \$4.90; powdered, in barrels, \$4.70; yellow, No. 3, \$4.55; No. 2, \$4.45; No. 1, \$4.15; Teas, Japan, choicest, 40c. to 50c.; fine, 30c. to 35c.; medium, 25c. to 30c.; Ceylon, pekoes, 20c. to 22c.; Coffees, Mocha, 28c. to 29c.; Javas, 30c. to 40c.; Allspice, 13c. to 18c.; cinnamon, whole, 18c. to 20c.; ground, 16c. to 20c.; Cream of Tartar, 29c. to 32c.; rice, Rangoons, \$3.05 to \$3.60; Patna, imported, \$5.37 \frac{1}{2} to \$5.62; polished \$4.40; tapioca, medium pearl, per lb. 3\frac{1}{4}c. to 6c.

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HAY MARKET.—The trade in hay on the local market remains active. The demand is good and suplies somewhat limited consequently there is a firm undertone and prices remain unchanged. We quote as follows: —No. 1, \$14 to \$14.50; No. 2, extra, \$13 to \$13.50; No. 2, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton in car lots.

MILLFEED.—The continued heavy demand and limited supplies in all lines of millfeed have caused an advance of \$1.00 per ton in all lines. Supplies are very limited and in some cases millers. have had to refuse orders from outside sources. We quote prices as follows:— Bran, \$21; shorts, \$23; middlings, \$26 per ton; moullie. pure grain grades, \$30 to \$32; mixed \$27 to \$29 per ton,

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OILS AND TURPENTINES.—A slight improvement is noted in these lines, and the market is firmer but there is little change in prices as yet although conditions indicate an upward tendency. Shellacs and resins remain firm but unchanged. We quote prices as follows:—Linseed oil, boiled, 64c. to 66c.; raw, 61c. to 63c.; Cod oil, car lots, 35c. to 45c.; single bbls. 55c. to 60c.; Newfoundland, Norway process, \$1.20 to \$1.40; Norwegian, \$1.40 to \$1.60; Seal oil, 50c. to 63c.; Turpentine, 55c. to 57c.; Orange shellac, per gallon, \$1.55 to \$1.75; White shellac, per gallon, \$1.95; resin, bbl. lots, \$7.25 to \$8.00.

PROVISIONS.—A good trade is being done in provisions and prices are fully maintained at the recent advance in some lines. The demand for smoked meats is good with no change in prices, sales of medium weight hams at 20c. to 21c. and breakfast bacon at 22c. to 23c. her lb. There is a good demand for abattoir freshsilled hogs at the recent advance, sales being made at \$14.50 to \$14.75 per 100 lbs. weighed off cars. The hemand for lard is good and receipts are fairly large.

SECURITY OFFERINGS.

A. W. Harris & Co. have purchased \$236,000 City of 0ttwa school bonds. The issue is $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. one and public offering will be made.

Money by-laws providing for the expenditure of half a million dollars on Calgary's exhibition plant will be submitted to the ratepayers at an early date.

Mr C. R. Hosmer, president of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, has sent out a circular to shareholders notifying them of a further issue of bonds.

The issue will amount to 600,000, which will be known series C, and the proceeds will go towards paying for he new mill at Medicine Hat.

The Board of Nova Scotia Public Utilities was again session considering the application to issue \$600,000 orth of Halifax Tram Stock. Recorder Bell claimed iat the \$600,000 worth of bonds were a debt and the ramway Company had no right to issue new capital pay off or retire a debt. He wanted evidence of hat the company was going to do with every dollar ceived from the proposed issue.

C. H. Cahan, for the Tramway Company, said ere was a debt coming due, the \$600,000 bonds, and ey wished to sell additional stock.

The Dominion Government loan of \$80,000,000, which there maturity on Oct. 1st, will be paid off. It bears terest at 4 per cent., and is the last of the list of loans that rate.

At the annual meeting of Laurentide Company, held Tuesday, it was announced that 23,700 shares of the .000 offered had been subscribed.

BROKERS' COMMENTS.

FORCED TO REMAIN NARROW.

1. C. Mackintosh & Co. say:—"Sentiment is gradually coming more cheerful but with the bankers still resing to increase their loan accommodation for speculate purposes the market is forced to remain within narw limits."

NEW AMES BOOKLET.

A., E. Ames & Co., of Toronto, have just issued their vestors' Reference of 1913-14. The booklet contains utistical data of about 180 companies, whose securities e listed on the Canadian Exchanges, as well as much cluable investment information regarding the price inges and yields of the numerous issues.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The long looked for Bank Statement under the revised Bank Act made its appearance a few days ago. Generally speaking, the report showed that the banks had the situation well in hand. From now on the attention of the bankers will be concentrated very largely upon the financing of the Western crop. Despite this, however, the banks are not denying accommodation to any legitimate business enterprises; those of a speculative nature, however, are still under the bann.

In the United States, the bankers are still divided over the respective merits and demerits of the proposed currency bill with the odds in favor of the small banks, who are supporting the measure. The distribution of the \$50,000,000 undertaken by the Secretary of the Treasury has materially aided in financing the corn and cotton crops on the South and West. In so far as relations between Canada and the United States are concerned, it is interesting to note that the shipments of gold which have been flowing from Canada to the United States for some weeks have now stopped and this week Canada imported large amounts of gold from New York.

In Europe, a considerable improvement is noticeable. Both the Bank of England and the continental banks have been strengthening their position and are in a better condition at the present time than they have been for many months. The peace in the Balkans has brought a large measure of relief to the whole of Europe, but it will be some time before conditions are normal owing to the millions wasted during the strife. During the past week or two, Canada has been borrowing considerably in Great Britain, the most noticeable successes being the various loans placed by Sir William Mackenzie. Both he and the Honorable W. T. White, Minister of Finance, returned this week optimistic regarding the outlook in Britain. Both are of the opinion, that, while a certain amount of care must be exercised by Canadians, the indications are that no good offerings will fail, provided the borrowers pay the higher rate of interest which is now being demanded.

BANK CLEARINGS FOR EIGHT MONTHS.

An examination of the bank clearings for the year to date shows that the slump in business only commenced to affect clearings in June. The Montreal clearings for the year to the end of August compared with 1912 were:

	1913	1912
January	\$247,912,102	\$207,216,549
February	210,727,399	189,650,913
March	207,856,733	195,780,541
April.	238,081,963	222,790,180
May	248,446,965	247,675,889
June	242,716,771	245,227,049
July	243,647,783	262,504,534
August	232,700,313	254,033,718
Totals	\$1,872,090,029	\$1,824,879,373
Toronto clearings for the	same period for	ollows:
	1913	1912
January	\$196,761,430	\$175,019,996
February	162,899,405	147,595,624
March	171,305,591	157,906,947
March	171,305,591 185,870,141	157,906,947 170,540,284
April	185,870,141	170,540,284
April May	185,870,141 189,212,866	170,540,284 206,382,191
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It is reported that two of the oldest dry goods commission firms, Messrs. Robert Henderson & Co. and H. L. Smyth & Co., are going to amalgamate, and that from January 1st, 1914, they will carry on business under the name of Henderson & Smyth Companies, Limited

FINANCIAL REVIEW.

The Stock Market during the past week continued the improvement which was first noticed some weeks ago. There were a few exceptions, however, the principal ones being Spanish River and Macdonald, which continued to act in a somewhat uncertain manner. There seems a settled opinion on the "Street" that no permanent improvement will take place until the Western crop is harvested and the money resulting therefrom gets into circulation. During the past week or two a number of industrial companies have held their annual meetings and the favorable reports presented at those meetings have done much to encourage an optimistic feeling. Among the companies who held meetings were the Laurentide, the Wayagamack and Montreal Tramways. Other reports issued in connection with various companies, such as the C.P.R., Shawinigan Cotton, Wabasso Cotton and others, show a very satisfactory condition of affairs. Brokers are pointing out that now is the time to invest in the stock market. While they admit that the advance in the price of the securities may be slow, they are of opinion that the present time is a favorable one to buy up good dividend paying stocks. General speaking, the market presents a healthier aspect than at any time in the past few months.

The following is the comparative table of Stock Prices for the week ending Sept. 4, 1913, as compiled from sheets furnished by Messrs. C. Meredith & Co., Stockbrokers Montreal:—

brokers Montreal:					
	Sales.	High-	Low-	Last	Year
BANKS:		est.	est.	Sale.	ago.
Commerce.	36	203	203	203	$222\frac{1}{2}$
Dominion	2	2231	$223\frac{1}{4}$	$223\frac{1}{4}$	
Merchants.	90	182	182	182	$190\frac{1}{2}$
Molsons	90	$191\frac{1}{5}$	190	$191\frac{1}{2}$	$208\frac{1}{1}$
Montreal.	25	235	$231\frac{1}{2}$	235	249
Nova Scotia	28	255	255	255	260
Quebec	50	122	122	122	
Royal.	135	216	2151	216	226
	100	210	2104		au au ()
MISCELLANEOUS:					
Ames Holden	125	15	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. pfd.	238	74	$73\frac{1}{2}$	$73\frac{1}{2}$	
Bell Telep. Co	22	153	$151\frac{1}{2}$	153	151
Do. new stock	5	150	150	150	
Packers, com	200	137	135	136	
Brazilian	1237	$94\frac{1}{2}$	$92^{\frac{3}{4}}$	931	
Can. Car.	254	70	$69^{\frac{1}{4}}$	70	864
Can. Cottons	30	38	38	38	26
Can. Cottons, pfd.	70	$77\frac{1}{2}$	77	$77\frac{1}{2}$	76
Can. Convert.	70	42	-40	41	$44\frac{1}{2}$
Can. Loco., pfd	20 .	901	90^{1}_{4}	901	953
Can. Pacific	438	222	2183	2193	275
Cement, com	1209	33	$31\frac{1}{2}$	323	287
Do. pfd	201	92^{3}_{-}	92	923	93
Crown Reserve	4475	1.74	1.66	1.74	3.27
Detroit.	360	723	70^{1}_{2}	723	71
Dom. Canners.	125	687	68	68^{722}	681
Dom. Bridge	105	119	1183	119	-
Dom. Coal, pfd.	-1	$103\frac{1}{3}$	$103\frac{1}{2}$	1033	109
Dom. Iron, pfd	SI	100_{2} 100	$98\frac{1}{2}$	100_2 100	1051
Dom. Textile	307	85^{3}_{4}	85	853	$\frac{105_{4}}{70}$
Do. pfd.		101	1001	$100\frac{1}{2}$	
Lake of Woods	17	131	$130\frac{1}{3}$	$130\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{102}{135}$
Laurentide new.	156	153	150_{2} 153		
		158		153	202
Laurentide Paper	303		157	$157\frac{3}{4}$	202
Laurentide Rights	119	$16\frac{1}{2}$	16	$16\frac{1}{2}$	
Mackay pfd	20	$67\frac{1}{2}$	$67\frac{1}{2}$	$67\frac{1}{2}$	$69\frac{1}{4}$
Macdonald	1204	$29\frac{3}{4}$	27	$28\frac{3}{4}$	
Mont. Cottons	26	55	55	55	57
Mont. Cottons, pfd	30	103	103	103	$105\frac{1}{2}$
Mont. Light, H. & Power	1283	$212\frac{1}{2}$	$210\frac{1}{2}$	$212\frac{1}{2}$	$228\frac{1}{2}$
Do. Rights	796	$9\frac{3}{4}$	91	$9\frac{1}{2}$	
Mont. Teleg. Co	45	136	136	136	
Mont. Tramways	1	160	160	160	120
N.S. Steel & Coal	209	80	$78\frac{1}{4}$	$79\frac{1}{2}$	90

Ottawa L. & P	235	164	163	$163\frac{7}{8}$	163
Do. New Stock	10	162	162	162	
Penman's Ltd	45	53	$52\frac{1}{2}$	$52\frac{1}{2}$	$56\frac{3}{4}$
Do. pfd	225	$81\frac{1}{2}$	81	81	87
Porto Rico	115	$59\frac{1}{4}$	59	$59\frac{1}{4}$	$76\frac{1}{2}$
Quebec Ry	100	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	19
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co.	182	$108\frac{1}{2}$	107	$108\frac{1}{2}$	$111\frac{3}{4}$
Shawinigan	44	137	$136\frac{3}{4}$	137	147
Sherwin Williams	162	$49\frac{1}{2}$	47	$49\frac{1}{2}$	50
Do. pfd	105	$97\frac{3}{4}$	$97\frac{1}{2}$	$97\frac{3}{4}$	101
Soo, com	150	134	134	134	149
Spanish River	1922	22	$17\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{2}$	$60\frac{1}{2}$
Do. pfd	62	70	60	60	91
Steel Corpn	732	$50\frac{1}{2}$	49	49	65
Steel C. of C.	100	$22\frac{3}{4}$	$22\frac{1}{4}$	$22\frac{1}{4}$	$27\frac{1}{4}$
Do. pfd:	55	87	86	86	89
Toronto St	117	140	$138\frac{1}{4}$	139	143
Twin City	129	$106\frac{5}{8}$	105	106	$107\frac{1}{4}$
Tucketts	103	40	$38\frac{1}{2}$	$38\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. pfd	15	$95\frac{1}{4}$	$95\frac{1}{4}$	$95\frac{1}{4}$	
Winnipeg Ry	10	206	206	206	226
BONDS:					
	\$				
Bell Telep. Co	4000	98	98	98	$101\frac{3}{4}$
Cement	7000	98	973	97 7-8	$100\frac{1}{4}$
Can. Cottons	2000	80	80	80	
Can. Loco.	500	$9.4\frac{1}{2}$	$94\frac{1}{2}$	$94\frac{1}{2}$	99
Dom. Canners	500	$98\frac{3}{4}$	$98\frac{3}{4}$	$98\frac{3}{4}$	
Dom. Coal	1000	98	98	98	$99\frac{1}{2}$
Dom. Cotton	1500	$101\frac{1}{2}$	101	$101\frac{1}{2}$	104
Dom. Textile D	500	100	100	100	
Power 4 ¹ / ₂ p.c	4000	96	95	95	100
Mont. Tramways Deb:	31300	$78\frac{3}{4}$	77	$78\frac{1}{2}$	85
Mont. Tramways	3000	97	97	97	$100\frac{1}{4}$
Quebec Ry.	11500	$44\frac{1}{2}$	$44\frac{1}{2}$	$44\frac{1}{2}$	55
Porto Rico	5000	$79\frac{1}{4}$	$79\frac{1}{4}$	$79\frac{1}{4}$	
Steel C. of C.	2000	94	94	94	
	1000	103	103	103	

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COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total ore shipments last week were slightly higher than those of a week ago. There was a decrease in the bullion shipments, however, but this was to be expected in view of the record shipments of a week ago from the Nipissing and Buffalo mines. The York Ontario Mines, operating the old King Edward property, appeared on the list of ore shippers with two cars of high-grade. The average value of the shipment is between 100 and 800 ounces. one car being concentrates and the other high-grade. The ore shipments for the week follow:—

The ofe simplifients for the week	IONOW.		
Mines:	High.	Low.	Pounds.
York Ontario	2		91,440
Cobalt Lake	1		64,800
Cobalt Townsite	2		133,400
Nipissing.		2	128,980
Miscellaneous	1		85,17C
	6	2	503,790
The bullion shipments for the we	ek are:		
Bars.		ces.	Value.
Nipissing. 105	126,83	37.84	\$75,151
Timiskaming. 10	7,80)1.50	4,612
Kerr Lake	5,89	5,90	4,475
Penn-Canadian	3,38	81.30	2,011
Total	143,91	6.55	\$85,251

The two meetings called with reference to the so-called "French Issues" of bonds of Quebec Railway, based upon securitied of the Quebec and Saguenay railway and the general credit of Quebec Railway itself, were called off yesterday, owing to the fact that there were no representatives of the bondholders on hand to participate therein.

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SASKATOON NOTES.

(Special Correspondence, Journal of Commerce)

Saskatoon, Sask., Aug. 30th.—Cutting is now quite general, the weather being unusually propitious. The crop is turning out even better than at first anticipated. It is not long in the straw and for this reason the yield is liable to be underestimated. It is therefore felt that threshing returns will later prove somewhat more favorable than is even now expected. The heads are very well filled and the berries are plump, even and clean. It is now beyond question that the crop is a good one.

Tenders for the construction of the mammoth Dominion government interior elevator at this city, will close on September 8th, the date having been extended at the request of several large contractors in the United States and elsewhere. It is desired that construction should commence at the earliest moment, and the cost of erecting the initial unit is conservatively placed at about \$1,800,000.

Somewhat elaborate arrangements are now under way in connection with the turning of the first sod on the new Twenty-fifth Street bridge, which will be the fifth to span the South Saskatchewan at Saskatoon, and will cost about \$400,000. The ceremony will take place within the next week. The contractors are R. J. Leckie and Company, of Regina.

The City Council has decided that in laying out this city as few mistakes as possible shall be made. The aim is "The City Beautiful," and with a view to facilitating the better consideration of town planning ideas, a city map, twelve feet square is now being drawn. This shows every section of the city in definite detail.

The parks board, an honorary and very energetic body, reports that out of 33,000 trees planted along streets and boulevards last spring, no fewer than ninety-four per cent. are doing well. Through the efforts of the parks board, the whole appearance of the city has been greatly enhanced during the past two or three years. Next. year's programme promises to be specially important. The number of trees to be planted will be very large and the varieties which experience has demonstrated during recent years, will, of course, predominate.

CANADA STILL GROWING

For the first four months of the present fiscal year, ending July 31st last, Canada exported \$16,051,000 of manufactured goods, compared with \$12,659,000 for the corresponding period of 1912.

The exports of fish are also rapidly increasing. For the first four months of the present fiscal year \$5,032,000 of fish were exported as against \$3,748,000 for the first four months of the fiscal year 1912.

The products of the forest and mine also show large increases in volume of export. Of minerals Canada exported \$17,180,000 and of products of the forest \$14,171,-000. These figures are much in excess of the exports for 1912 for the same period.

A statement issued by the Department of Customs shows that for July the total Canadian trade was \$100,357,000, compared with \$91,423,000 for July, 1912.

For the four months of the present fiscal year ending July 31st, total Canadian trade amounted to \$358,488,000 compared with \$328,635,000 for the corresponding period last year.

Imports into the Dominion of dutiable goods and free goods for July, amount to \$58,928,000, an increase of over \$2,000,000 over July, 1912.

For the four months ending July 31st the imports were \$225,887,000 compared with \$209,334,000 for the corresponding four months of 1912.

The duty collected for the four months of this fiscal year was \$38,531,000 compared wirh \$35,990,000 for the previous period of 1912.

AMONG THE COMPANIES.

The Harbour Commissioners of Toronto have let to the Canadian Stewart Company, of Montreal, the contract for the dredging of the harbour. The contract calls for the removal of 30,670,803 cubic yards at $19\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Work is to start in March. The estimated cost of the entire dredging is placed at \$5,500,000.

Gross earnings of the American Locomotive Company during the year ended June 30 last were the largest in the history of that concern while the net income was \$6,826,484, against \$2,331,905 in 1912. The balance after preferred dividends was \$4,435,305, equal to 17.74 per cent. on the common stock, as compared with only 0.47 per cent. earned in the previous year.

The canneries of northern British Columbia report a lean year for the season just closing, the sockeye salmon pack totalling only 180,000 cases. The average pack of the last sixteen years was 750,000 cases. Puget Sound canneries, however, report a big season. The Fraser River pack amounts to 500,000 cases this year, against a million in 1911.

The annual report of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting of the company in London last week, showed that the gross profit amounted to $\pounds 537,243$ 4s. 11d., as compared with a sum of $\pounds 214,407$ 1s. 4d. for the preceeding year, and a net profit is carried to the balance sheet of $\pounds 413,294$ 11s., as compared with $\pounds 141,717$ 7s. 1d. for the year 1911.

Out of the company's earnings the sum of £100,000 was appropriated for the purpose of creating a reserve account. Dividends of 17 per cent. on the preferred and 20 per cent. on the ordinary shares were paid during the year. Balance carried forward is £146,726 5s. 11d.

The Eastern Car Company have completed their sample steel box car. The company's mammoth plant may may now be considered as having gone into actual operation. The major porton of the construction work is finished and cars will be shipped daily, commening from the 1st of September. All of the necessarycmaterial is now on the ground, with everything running smoothly. Five hundred and sixty men are employed at present, but this number is being steadily increased as fast as men with the requisite skill can be obtained

The illness of Mr. F. F. White, who was recently appointed provisional liquidator for the Canada Iron Corporation, may necessitate some new arrangement for the direction of the company's affairs under the application made to the courts about two years ago. Mr. White returned to New York at the beginning of the week. So far nothing has been decided as to any change that may result from his illness.

AUSTRALIA'S GROWTH.

The Australian financial year ended on June 30, and the Victorian state closed the year with a record revenue of £10,075,555, an increasse of £138,893 over the figures for the previous year. The railway returns for the year are somewhat less than in 1911-12, but the revenue from excise and from land tax and income tax shows substantial increase under each of these heads. When all outstanding accounts have been included, it is expected that the revenue and expenditure for the year will just about balance. Commenting on the state receipts for the year, the acting treasurer, Sir Alexander Peacock, said the outlook for the coming season was most hopeful, and the development of the state would continue to be the chief care of the government.

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FINANCIAL NOTES.

The present prosperity of English industry is indicated in the official return showing that bankruptcies last year were the lowest in ten years.

Berlin has a larger number of unemployed than in 25 years. Department stores have discharged 25% to 40% of their employees. City of Berlin has been spending \$200,000 a month throughout summer for relief of poor.

Purchasing power of the dollar for food commodities in Boston from 1897 to 1913 has been cut in half.

Brazilian government has had to issue treasury notes for £2,000,000 in London recently at a cost of $6\frac{7}{8}$ % annually.

World's production of wheat this year is expected to show an increase of 3.9%.

Exports of Germany during first half of 1913 gained \$184,900,000 and imports \$20,600,000.

In an effort to turn the arid wastes of India into productive lands, 55 irrigation schemes are under consideration; 10,000,000 acres of land and \$182,000,000 are involved.

Nipissing made on Thursday last what is claimed to be world's shipment record of bullion of 212 bars, weighing 257,000 ounces and valued at \$152,534.

International Harvester's plant at Hamilton, Ontario, re-opened Sept. 2. About 1500 men are employed.

Nearly half of Japan's entire foreign commerce is represented by two items-cotton and silk.

A 45-car freight train, containing material for a complete modern blast furnace pig iron smelter, left Youngstown, Ohio, destined for Australia. Plant will cost \$2,500,000.

A grass native to India has proved so good for paper pulp that fifty thousand tons of it are being used annually for that purpose.

Mrs. Cora L. Williams of Atlanta, who was left \$10,-000,000 by her husband, J. P. Williams, has been elected president of Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad to succeed him.

Annual capacity of blast furnaces in Canada on June 30, 1913, was 1,391,550 gross tons, and of the two furnaces being built it was 161,000 tons.

By trusting to rain, the farmers of the northern part of Lower California get ten bushels of wheat to an acre, at most, while by dry farming or by irrigation this yield could easily be increased by 50 per cent.

At its highest point this week spot cotton in the local market showed an advance of practically \$4 a bale over the low level of the year, reached in the spring.

The demand for steel for structural purposes and by automobile and agricultural implement makers, as well as by the shipyards, is displaying increased activity, and numerous contracts now being placed for immediate and future delivery have a stimulating effect on the market. The Canadian Government has supplied 25,000,000 tree seedlings to farmers, prinicpally in the Prairies Provinces.

Four French officers recently flew across the Sahara Desert in as many aeroplanes, covering a distance of 500 miles.

Imports of opium into the United States from Turkey in the past fiscal year were valued at \$1,942,219, against \$1,560,391 in 1912.

Eight large steamship lines now make Vancouver, B.C., a principal port of call.

Mexico's exports to England in fiscal year 1913 were valued at \$6,050,000, agaianst \$7,235,000 in 1912.

In Yukon Territory fox farming is becoming so popular that there is danger of the source of supply being depleted. The wholesale capture of young foxes, if not checked, will soon destroy the industry.

By a law approved on July 14, last, France now grants official assistance to large families in poor circumstances. Large in this case means more than three children.

On the Panama Canal to date the United States has expended \$322,500,000, of which \$138,060,000 was proceeds of bonds sold and \$183,900,000 was paid out of the treasury, for which it can issue bonds at any time.

Only one man in 208 is more than six feet in height.

Last year in England Co-operation societies did business amounting to more than \$500,000,000, while members received bonuses amounting to more than \$50,000,-000

LOCAL EXCHANGE IN AUGUST.

Business on the local exchange during the month of August amounted to 261,327 shares of stock and \$294,-500 of bonds.

The exceptional activity of Crown Reserve, in which transactions ran into 170,000 shares, makes the total of the August business apparently the largest of the year. Leaving mining stocks aside, however, the business footed up only 90,659 shares, a dull month in a commission way, although some 20,000 shares better than July, which so far holds the record for dullness.

The following table gives the totals of transactions for the eight months of the year:

	-Lis	ted	-Unlis	sted.—
	Shares.	Bonds.	Shares.	Bonds.
January	151,552	\$505,693	64,045	\$349,200
February		434,160	16,343	136,300
	161,303	805,440	18,513	75,875
April.	182,934	523,880	15,922	148,000
May		286,280	14,734	74,900
June	167,317	253,140	13,059	47,350
July	91,669	385,300	3,921	53,400
August	261,327	294,500	15,991	46,900

WAITING FOR CROP MONEY.

Thornton, Davidson & Co.—Unless a combination of very unfortunate events takes place, it will not be long until farmers will begin to get the returns for which they have been looking forward to anxiously for some time past. After that, the money will find its way to the implement makers and general storekeepers and from there will find its way to wholesalers and manufacturers throughout the whole country. This is the distribution all are desirous to have take place. becon popul: the w much introd and u autom these greatly the su creased This develoj back.

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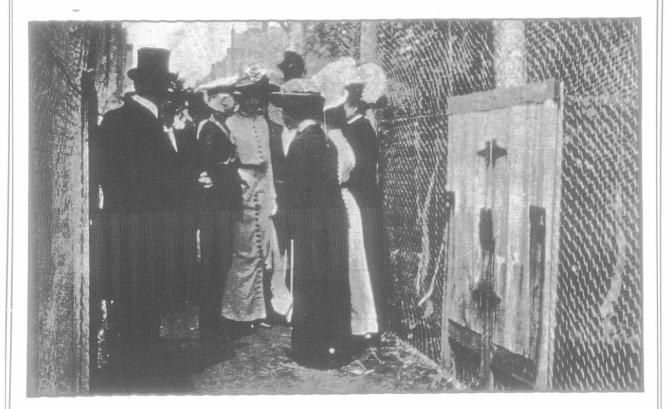
Fox Farming in Canada

By E. S. BATES

Fur trading played an important part in the early history of Canada. On the advent of the white man in this country, the existence of valuable fur bearing animals indigenous to the country was the principal inducement leading to the exploration and opening up of the vast unexplored territories. The early history of the Dominion is inseparably linked with the history and development of fur trading companies formed in the very early days for the purpose of collecting the furs for the European markets. The part played by these companies in the opening up of the wilds is a great feature of the early history of the country, and furs were the object of their quest. Their success is clearly evidenced by the enormous fortunes that were acquired. and steamship lines are tapping new territory, corps of guides are organized, canned food and better camping equipment make the hunter's life more enjoyable and the result is that the uttermost sanctuaries of the fur bearing animals are invaded.

Of course, much has been done to relieve the situation as it has long been realized that the extermination of some species would only be the matter of a few years if some restraint was not placed upon the hunter. The usual method employed is to establish a close season and this, with other restrictions, is having its effect in the preservation of those fur bearing animals.

Fur Farming is a comparatively new industry in Canada, but it has been taken up all over the country to



Visiting a Fox Farm

But with the onward march of civilization, fur has become scarce. This is due to many conditions. The population is growing, the relative number of people in the wealthy classes is increasing, travelling facilities are much better, so that people travel more, furs have been introduced all over the world so that their admirers and users are vastly multiplied, the growing use of the automobile and the more general habit of living outside; these and many other causes have been instrumental in greatly increasing the demand, while on the other hand the supply, instead of increasing in proportion, has decreased to a great extent.

This latter result has been the outcome of our modern development. Gradually the wild animals were pressed back. Our modern instruments of destruction and other means with which hunters and trappers are able to kill the animals, have been a great factor in the rapid extermination of a great many kinds of animals. There is again the ease with which the amateur huntsman can invade the haunts of those fur bearing animals. railway such an extent that in many parts whole districts are given over to this occupation. Recent investigations conducted by the Commission of Conservation disclosed the fact that various species of animals were being bred in captivity for their furs. Foxes of two species and of all color varieties, skunk, mink, racoon, fisher, beaver, muskrat, marten otter and even wild cat and common black house cat were found upon fur farms being bred for their furs. The domestication of wild fur bearing animals has been practised most successfully especially in the Maritime Provinces and to some extent in Ontario and Quebec. Remarkable success has been attained in the breeding of silver and other color phases common to eastern Canada, the black and dark silver skins from foxes produced on Prince Edward Island ranches having commanded enormous prices at the London and European sales.

The average price for all silver fox skins sold in London, the commercial sales centre of the world, increased from \$146.59 in 1905 to \$290.01 in 1911. The highest price ever paid for a silver fox skin at the London sales

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was \$580 which was sold by a Paris firm that had bought it at a previous sale for \$390. The skin was said to be from a ranched fox from Prince Edward Island. The next highest price was \$540 and several sales have been made around \$500, all being from P. E. I. ranches.

It is interesting to note the extent to which the practice of renaming furs has gone on, found necessary by the increasing demand for furs and the decreasing supply. Gradually furs that a few years ago were common have The early attempts to domesticate the fox were carried on by individuals remotely separated and the results of their experiences were known only to the experimenters. Trappers often kept alive young foxes caught in warm weather until the fur was prime but the earliest authentic record of raising young from foxes kept in captivity comes from Tignish, P. E. I., where Benjamin Haywood reared several litters some thirtythree years ago, but they were destroyed by the parent

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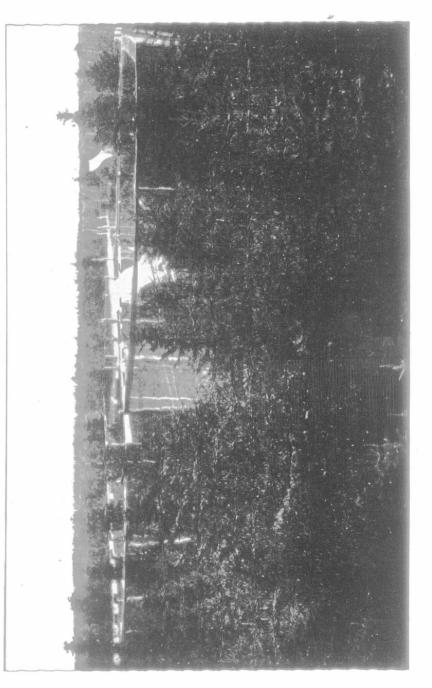
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become scarce and now are ranked with the costly furs and to fill the gap left it was "up-to" the fur-dressers and dyers to find a cheaper substitute with which they could duplicate the costly fur. And it is remarkable how well they have succeeded, for in many cases it takes an expert to tell the imitation from the genuine. We hear of the "Hudson Bay Seal" which in reality is obtained from the muskrat, "Alaska Sable" obtained from the skunk, and many others. But this practice has been found necessary to popularize less costly furs for which there is always a good demand and which are just as serviceable as the very expensive kinds. foxes because they were not kept in seclusion and quiet.

The placing of the fox raising industry on a commercial scale, however, is due to the efforts of Charles Dalton of Tignish, P. E. I., and his former partner, Robert T. Oulton, formerly of Alberton, P. E. I., and now of Little Shernonge, N. B. Dalton began experimenting about 1887, with red foxes which he kept in a shed and as far as possible kept the results of his experiments a secret. Oulton was following a similar course on Savage island and in each case a good deal of difficulty was experienced. They joined interests about 1895 and together worked out the present forms of wire enclosures.

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The success of these two men inspired others in the district and although as much secrecy as possible was maintained it was not long before attempts were being made all over the island. But, as said before, much difficulty was experienced and a good many of the early attempts failed, the principal reasons being: 1. No good fencing material, such as the woven wire used at the present time was available then, 2. The monogamous nature of foxes was not recognized and being quartered in one pen

were very successful in their attempts to domesticate the wild fox. Several furriers have also been connected with breeding experiments in various parts of the Province of Quebec. Messrs. Paquet Bros., Revillon Freres and Holt & Renfrew have conducted ranches for some time and have met with considerable success in their experiments. In Prince Edward Island the early success of Dalton and Oulton inspired many of the farmers in the neighboring districts with the result that as early as 1891



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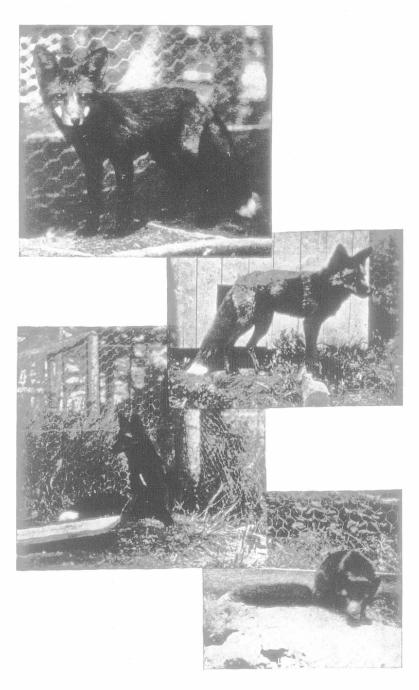
in large numbers, the young were killed; 3. The price of fur was not high enough to risk large amounts of capital in experiments, and those who had the aptitude for the business usually possessed but little capital.

The industry, however, occupied the attention of men all over Eastern Canada and ranches were started in many sections. The most noticeable if not the most successful of those were owned by the Rev. George Clarke of St. Catharines, Ont., Mr. T. L. Borrowman, of Wyoming, Ont., and Mr. Johann Beetz, at Piastre Baiae, North Shore, Gulf of St. Lawrence, all of whom foxes were being disposed of at hand some prices. James Tulpin, James Gordon, Silas Raynor and others became alive to the situation at this time and purchased foxes at prices ranging from \$340 up. Of course, many disappointments were met with but all the time these men who have since become the recognized leaders in the industry and have accumulated fortunes thereby, were gaining valuable information and the necessary knowledge that has placed the industry on the prominent position it now holds.

The rising price of silver fox skins and the enterprise

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and persistence of men like Dalton, Oulton and the other early breeders are responsible for the successful methods of ranching evolved, and the result has been that the fox breeding business is developing beyond the conception of the most sanguine of these men. The principal development has taken place in Prince Edward Island, where the present ranches contain a value in foxes that exceeds the total value of all the horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry on all the well-stocked farms in the In 1910 the prevailing prices were around \$3,000 to \$4,000 per pair, but they have been increasing very rapidly since that time. In 1911 the price rose to \$5,000 a pair and about littering time in 1912 one pair sold for \$20,000. This however was for one pair of excellent proved breeders which a month later produced five whelps which were sold for \$20,000 in August, 1912. By September when the deliveries of stock began, the price was \$8,000, and a month later \$11,000, and by



Four Foxes

Province, and the value of such ordinary live stock per farm, according to the census of 1911 was \$521 per farm in P.E.I., as against \$375 per farm in New Brunswick and \$286 per farm in Nova Scotia.

The principal and one might say the only trading being done at the present time is the sale of the foxes for breeding purposes and the enormous prices obtained in most cases for good breeders has attracted the attention of a goodly proportion of the commercial world, for as late as 1910 not more than a dozen ranches were in existence, and the last big sales were made that year. December the price had risen to \$12,000 and \$13,000, although few sales were made at this figure. Prices have since gone even higher and the whole country has been aroused to the situation with the result that some very reckless speculation is taking place. The country is being scoured for silver foxes and it is said that there is more money to be made in capturing wild foxes and selling them to the breeders in the East than in the farming of the animals. The operations have extended right across the continent and according to recent advices from Edmonton, 751 live foxes valued at more than War

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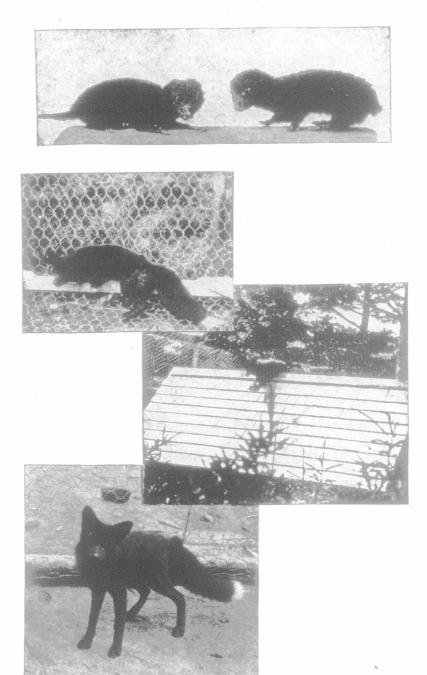
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\$600,000 have been trapped or dug out of their nests in the fur districts to the north since the beginning of the season. The highest price paid for a pair black foxes caught on this district so far has been \$20,000, bought from a half-breed trapper at Lac la Biche by C. J. Fleming of St. John, N. B. Fifty one fox whelps of all colors were recently sold for \$26,000 to a breeder in New York State. In fact the exportation of live foxes from this district has become so active that the Chief Game the Island, which is said to be the finest in captivity, and this opinion is upheld by the fact that pelts from these foxes hold the high price record at the London sales. As said before practically the only trading being done at the present time is in the live foxes for breeding purposes and although a considerable business has been going on, the high price is well maintained. The foxes in captivity are still comparatively few in number, and the fact that the season of 1912–13 was not quite so



Young Foxes in Captivity

Warden has been requested by the Government to recommend a closed season, which would prohibit the capture of foxes and whelps during the breeding season, the same as there is for other fur-bearing animals.

Most of the breeders in the other Provinces have sold their silver and black stock to Prince Edward Island, where the demand is greatest owing to the number of companies that have been formed during the past year, and the stock kept are bastard and cross foxes that produce litters with a proportion of silver pups. This imported stock is crossed with the excellent native stock of productive as usual has helped to keep the price firm. The breeding of the foxes requires an intimate knowledge, the keeping of accurate records and the most painstaking care in order that the production may be in any way good. It will thus be seen that there is a good chance for fraud in the undertaking, but old breeders and the pioneers of the industry have so familiarized themselves that they have it down almost to a science, and they realize that they must organize in order to protect themselves and ensure the success of the industry. The result is that the Prince Edward Island Silver Fox

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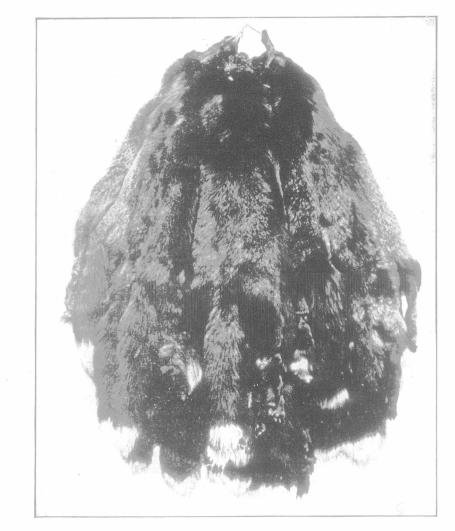
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Association is now in progress of organization. It has for its obejcts the following:

For the purpose of improving the breed of black-silver foxes; ascertaining, preserving and disseminating all useful information and facts as to the pedigree and desirable qualities and distinguishing characteristics of the best specimens; and preparing, publishing and supplying all necessary volumes of a herd-book, and generally for promoting and securing the best interests of the breeders and owners of the said foxes and thereby the public generally.

At the present time Quebec and New Brunswick have special legislation looking to the protection of the ranches from theft and vandalism and similar laws are being erial for the walls of the enclosure. As an instance of the popularity of this method of fencing, one hardware firm in Prince Edward Island had supplied, up to the fall of 1912, over 250 miles of the wire, of an average width of four feet, for enclosing the ranches.

A wooded area, not subject to flooding, and where the snow does not pile up in deep drifts in winter, is best adapted for the site of the ranch, although ranches are being successfully conducted on cleared land where quick growing trees, such as the Carolina poplar, soft maple, Manitoba maple, black locust and willow, have been planted. One rancher in Ontario, living in the grapegrowing district, has planted grapes about the paddocks and is training them over the pens.



Fox Pelts

prepared for P. E. I. Efforts have already been made to work out a scheme of registration and to apply some device for marking the animals for identification, and this will undoubtedly be perfected in a short time. Every effort is being made to place the industry on an efflcient and businesslike basis and to prevent fraud and other features injurious to the industry.

The proper construction of the ranches, enclosures, pens and nests has occupied much attention and it is perhaps one of the most important features in connection with fox ranching. For many years ranchers were badly handicapped by not having any good fencing material but the availability of woven wire fencing during the past few years has overcome the obstacle. This galvanized woven wire is now universally used and makes an excellent matClimatic influences are largely responsible for the value of the coat of fur and it is said that the temperature and humidity of Prince Edward Island are admirably adapted to the breeding of foxes, being a happy means between the intense cold and the moist dull weather of Newfoundland, Labrador and Alaska and the warmer, drier weather of the regions further south.

Good food is also an important feature. The diet should consist of both flesh and non-flesh foods. Horse meat, calves, butcher scraps, rabbits, ground hogs, mice, rats, birds, squirrels, lobster bodies and fish are the meats usually fed the foxes while the non-flesh diet consists of biscuits, yeast bread, vegetables, porridge, grass, berries, apples, milk, and eggs. Great care is exercised in the feeding of the animals and breeders have to be very observant in this connection.

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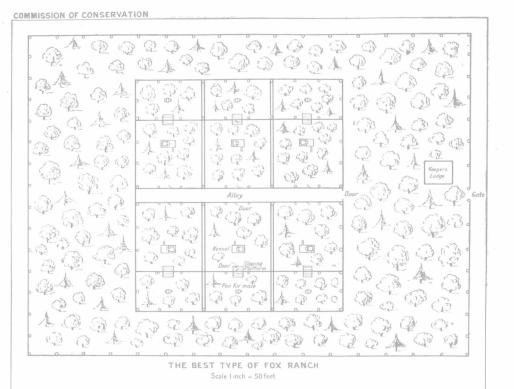
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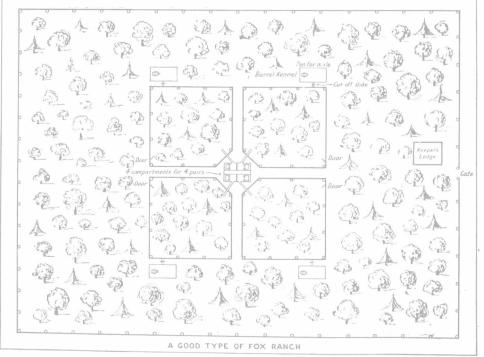
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The popular construction is to enclose the ranch with an exterior fence, frequently built of boards 6 feet or even 10 feet high. The upper four feet are usually of wire to prevent the foxes from climbing out. On the ground, inside, a carpet wire, three feet wide is laid, attached on the inside by pegs and on the outside to the The construction of the kennels and nests is very important. In some cases small cement dens have been built, partly underground, imitating the natural habits of the animals, but the dens most generally in use are of wooden construction, placed in the centre of the paddock, and consisting of an inner and outer kennel.





Types of Fox Ranches

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bottom of the fence. The pens usually enclose an area of about 900 square feet and are sometimes made as large as 4,000 sq. ft., enough room being given so that the foxes can get sufficient exercise. The pen fences are buried in the ground to the depth of about four feet or until hardpan is struck so as to prevent the foxes from burrowing underneath and escaping. These houses have a floor area of 3 ft., by $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. or larger and are about 3 ft. high, and are well built so as to form a good protectoin to the animals. The nests are built in the inner kennel.

Each ranch is in charge of a keeper who lives within the outer enclosure and each keeper has his own troubles peculiar to the conditions under which the foxes are

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housed and the result of the experiments he may be making. To a great extent the success or failure on the ranch depends upon these men who have to be always studying the animals so that they may be treated according to their dispositions. During the breeding season extreme care has to be exercised and the most accurate records kept so that data may be obtained on which the success of the undertaking hangs.

There is undoubtedly a great future in store for the industry. It has been argued that the present development is merely the result of a craze and that sooner or later the whole thing will collapse. But this view is hardly justified, although the present high prices for breeders will hardly be maintained. The silver-black fox fur is perhaps the most beautiful in existence, and it is almost impossible to imitate it. But the scarceness of the foxes has hindered the sale of the furs. Dealers have not been able to advertise it extensively because of the difficulty in matching pelts owing to the scarcity. The demand is from the wealthy classes and it will increase as soon as furriers are able to supply matched furs to any appreciable extent. Moreover wild fur-bearthe investing public can be made to believe that future profits are assured, it is human nature to ask as large a premium on the shares of fox-ranching companies as can be obtained.

Mr. Wesley Frost American Consul, at Charlottetown, P.E.I., in a recent letter has the following comments to make in regard to the Fox Farming Industry.

Permanence of Industry.

There can be no doubt that the Industry will continue in some form for very many years, as the domestication of fur-bearing animals appears to constitute a definite contribution to human progress. In its present form, however, the black fox business must certainly be characterized as a boom since present prices can never be maintained when a pelt basis is reached. This is not necessarily a stigma upon the industry.

Fur-Farming in the United States.

Until some American fox breeders have tested the quality of the pelts which they produce, by offering the pelts on the London market, it will be impossible to make any positive prediction as to the extent to which the industry



A Fox House

ing animals are decreasing as the country is settled so that the only save-all for the fur industry is the domestication of these animals and the breeding of them in captivity.

The fox-farming industry has been admirably dealt with by Mr. J. Walter Jones in the book, "Fur Farming in Canada", published by the Commission of Conservation, who says, in part, on discussing the pro and con of the industry, that profits in the industry so far have been large, but, except from the point of the individual, the dividend on the money invested is not the main consideration. From the social and economic viewpoint, the discovery of how to breed high-grade foxes is what is It is akin to an invention; but as it cannot be patented the neighbors of the inventors have become the promoters of a new method of producing a marketable commodity. No huge factories can be built in a few months to manufacture the article to the limit of demand; only the natural law of increase of foxes which is not much over 100 per cent, per annum, can be utilized. Thus it will be several years before the supply will meet the demand, as it is sure to do eventually. If

may be taken up in the United States. So far as climatic conditions are concerned there would seem to be no vital handicap upon our eastern and northern States in respect to fox-rearing. The remunerativeness of the industry will ensure it a thorough trial in America.

Present Prices of Black Foxes.

The best black fox stock on Prince Edward Island costs at least \$15,000 per pair, and numerous transfers are being made on that basis. Owners of pure black foxes which have demonstrated their productive capacity are declining to sell them at any price, but are capitalizing them in joint stock companies at from \$30,000 to \$45,000. These prices postulate that the off-spring will continue for some years to sell for breeding purposes and not for pelt-production. I have seen the statement that there exist but 300 pure black foxes upon Prince Edward Island, and this would be used to prove that present prices would be maintained by scarcity for a number of years. This estimate is a palpable understatement, since it is a matter of common knowledge that there are at least 600 high-grade foxes here and probably 800 or I trust you will be able to correct any miseven more.

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apprehension on this point. In response to your request for an estimate of the total cash value of the silver black fox business I should say that from 7,000,000 to 10,-000,000 would be a conservative figure at the present time.

Your fourth query, as to the possibilities for the fox business in Maine and New Hampshire, has already been noticed.

Investment of American Capital.

The amount of American capital invested in Prince Edward Island for enterprises I should estimate roughly at between \$500,000 and \$750,000, although my data on this point are by no means satisfactory. As to whether the industry offers an attractive speculation for Americans I cannot, as a representative of the Department of State make any statement whatever. In any investment the personal factor is exceedingly important. As stated, a number of well-to-do Americans who have spent some time on the island, have made investments in the fox business.

The "Prince Edward Island Silver Fox Breeders' Association" was fully organized last week.

permanent salaried official. The executive committee consists of all the above named and two from each county. Each county's executive members are to have power to represent and organize their county.

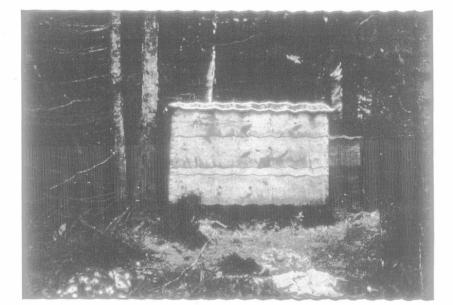
The standard of admission of animals was fixed as follows:—

Class "A"—Any silver fox shall be eligible for registration whose parents and ancestors, male and female, for two generations and upwards, were silver in color and bred in captivity in P. E. Island for that period and never produced any but silver colored young.

Class "B"—Any silver fox shall be eligible for registration whose parents and ancestors, male and female, for two generations or upwards were silver in color and bred in captivity, not necessarily on P.E.I., for that period and never produced any but silver colored young.

There was a short discussion on a lower grade of loxes but it was finally considered better not to have any lower class than grade "B."

J. E. B. McCready, at the request of the chairman, gave some very important information regarding the fox business.



Another Type of Fox House

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The objects of the association area as follows:—To maintain pure-bred records and proper registry of silver foxes. To advertise the fur farms of P. E. Island. To compile facts relative to the fox trade and generally to promote protection and publicity for the fox breeding industry as well as for the fur farming generally.

The membership admission is as follows: Any fur farmer or corporation with a capital of under \$100,000, \$5; between \$100,000 and \$250,000, \$10; over \$250,000, \$15. Suspension and expulsion to be ruled by an executive majority vote, with right to appeal to the annual meeting of the association. Ordinary membership fee, \$2; life membership, \$25.

The officers of the association will be a president, a vice-president for each county, secretary-treasurer-a

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

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1913					\$1,	710,015
1912					1,0	660,916

Increase.

The first fox companies to be incorporated in P.E.I. were in 1912 and were 10 in number. Today there are 99 companies incorporated in the Province with a total capitalization of \$8,405,900. Added to this are two more companies, incorporated outside the Province but having their ranches in P.E.I., that brings the total capitalization up to over \$9,000,000. Besides these companies there are over 75 other firms, partnerships, owning lox ranches. According to statistics gathered by the Provincial Government of P.E.I. there are at the present time 169 ranches being operated, on which there are 689 old and 614 young silver black loxes, 76 unclassed, 313 patch foxes, 478 reds, and 30 cross foxes, or a total in captivity in the Province of 2209. These foxes had a total assessed valuation of about 31 million dollars.

Forty-six new elevators are to be built in Alberta this year in time to handle this season's crop.

\$5,000,000 or half the amount required, has already been subscribed for national highway from Atlantic to the Pacific coast across the United States.

WORLD'S COAL AREAS

An interesting report has just been compiled by a special committee appointed to study the world's coal area. The committee, composed of Messrs. G. G. S. Lindsay, Toronto; F. D. Adams, Montreal; R. W. Brock, of Ottawa; D. B. Dowling and Charles Fergie, of Nova Scotia; James McAvoy, of British Columbia, and J. B. Porter, of Montreal, have just published their report. This is more than usually interesting as it comes at a time when the Geological Congress of the world is touring Canada.

The report shows that America has the most coal of any of the five continents. Of the dwindling visible supply of hard anthracite, however, Asia has far the largest supply. Following is a table showing at a glance just how the world at large stands for coal in the second decade of the twentieth century. These figures include totals for the three classes of coal, figures for each of which are given in the report, the three classes comprising anthracite, bituminous and sub-bituminous, brown coals and lignites. The figures represent the bituminous and sub-bituminous, number of million tons:

	Anthracite	e Total
America.	22,542	5,105,528
Europe	54,346	784,190
Asia	407,637	1,279,586
Africa.	11,542	57,839
Oceania	6 59	170,410

496.846 7.397.553 Total. The greater part of the known coal reserves of the world is found in the northern hemisphere, Mr. Dowling says in the introduction, the fact being due to the greater amount of land in the northern zones, and the comparative absence of the carbonierous formation in the world's crust in the northern hemisphere. The great coal basins of Western Europe and Eastern North America contain the larger proportion of the world's known coal. A large part of the coal included in the estimate it will be impossible to mine because of its depth or inaccessibility, and considerable loss in mining will have to be deducted before arriving at the net total available for the world's

Coal Production.

The report also gives interesting figures concerning the coal production covering the period since 1865 to 1910. Coal mining figures were not available, however, for Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, South Africa, or Canada, until 1895. The United States is the greatest coal mining country, producing over 445,810,000 tons in 1910, out of a world's total of 1, 143, 380,000 tons. Canada in 1910 produced 13,010;000 tons, about six times as much as in 1895.

Great Britain produced 264,500,000 tons, and Germany, the next producer, mined 221,980,000. The next greatest coal producing country is France, with only 38,570,000 tons in 1910.

China has the bulk of the remaining hard coal, being credited with 387,464,000,000 tons in reserve and 607,-523,000,000 tons of bituminous.

Of the American continent's reserve, Canada has 2,158,000,000 tons of anthracite, or 1,234,769,000,000 tons of all three classes, the United States has 19,684,-000,000 tons of anthracite, or 3,838,657,000,000 altogether, Newfoundland with no anthracite, has 500 million tons of bituminous, and Central America five million tons alt ogether.

While coal is found in commercial quantities in almost all the European countries, in some (reads the report), the supply is nearly exhausted. Switzerland is one of The diminishing coal supply of Europe as a whole these. is a matter of grave concern in view of the present output. The principal European supply of anthracite is in the Welsh fields of Great Britain and in the Donetz basin in Russia.

European Reserves.

The largest European reserves of bituminous coal are in the Belgo-German basins, although Britain has a larger bituminous field of easy mining accessibility.

In the analysis of the American supply, actual and probable, Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia, are credited with the main supply for Canada. The total "actual," "probable" and "possible" coal reserves of all qualities for the entire world is set down at 7, 397, 553. Of this estimate 5, 105, 528 millions are credited to America, including both North and South continents, to Asia 1,270,586 million, Europe, 784,190 million, Oceania, 170,410 million, Africa 57,839 million.

The Canadian Government is said to have paid out \$50,000 on new surveys for information to be incorporated in this report. Russia sent enough original information to fill a separate volume, as did Japan. These reports were furnished at great expense by the governments concerned.

The co-operation of the different governments of the world with the Geological Congress alone made the monumental report authoritative and possible. The total cost of its preparation would amount to half a million dollars. The maps alone cost nearly \$20,000 to publish, while the publication of the report it is said will approximate \$15,000 for 3,000 sets.

VAN HORNE AND MEDICINE HAT'S GAS

(Special Correspondence Journal of Commerce).

Medicine Hat, August 30th.

In the early nineties Sir William Van Home then President of the C. P. R. believing that Medicine Hat was underlaid with coal, offered to loan the town a drillint outfit if the town fathers would prospect for the black This was in 1891, and it is well known how the town drilled down to about 650 feet and struck gas with a pressure of about 250 pounds per square inch, too light to be of much service and unfortunately having a percentage of moisture that required interseptic tanks to remove the same and make it suitable for domestic or other uses. Four years later it was decided to go deeper, hoping to secure a better and drier flow. The financial drain was heavy and the exchequer was soon all but empty but the then mayor took the bull by the horns and ordered the drillers to continue-with bankruptcy or a high tax rate staring Medicine Hat in the face, if un-

One narrator states that the townspeople gathered by the well day by day, and as the drill bit sank lower and lower, the money grew smaller and smaller. Finally the cash was exhausted, but the driller begged to go a few more feet. Although it was taking a long risk, the town fathers consented. The next morning the miracle happened, and they tell of it to this day, how the may or was seen running coatless and hatless up the main street of the town, vainly trying to overtake a workman in better training a hundred yards ahead.

Of course, the citizens joined the chase, and at the well everything was going up in the air, what is now known as the Medicine Hat gas sand being reached at just 1010 feet, with a terrific flow and a pressure that soon brought the gauge up to 600 pounds to the square inch-and which has not materially differed to this day although the draft on our dozen or two gas wells grows heavier each year, with the industrial and municipal growth of the city.

So, Medicine Hat owes it to the suggestion of Sir William Van Horne, in a measure, that it is now so well known throughout the length and breadth of the land as centre of the natural gas fields of Canada.

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GOLD FROM SOUTH AMERICA

The financial world is witnessing an interesting phenomen on which may be of far-reaching significance. This is the movement of gold from South America to Europe and to this country. London and Paris have already received a large amount of gold from Argentina and Brazil, while there is on the way now \$500,000 in gold consigned to New York.

For several years past gold has been shipped in large quantities from London to South America, and it was only this spring that New York exported \$21,000,000 to Argentina. What has, therefore, occurred to alter the direction of this gold movement in the comparatively short space of a few months?

There has been several explanations put forward to account for this, but none appears so plausible as that contained in the last number of the London Statist to hand. There is no better authority on international monetary conditions than Sir George Paish, and his review of this situation is well worth reading by all students of the money market. He says that the curtailment in the supply of capital which has been incidental to the Balkan war and the unsettlement in the European money markets during the past year has affected the younger countries of the world in that they have been denied capital for their further expansion. This meant that construction in those countries has been stopped, consumption has been curtailed and unemployment increased, with the natural result that money has accumulated in the banks.

These countries are always heavy importers of goods from Europe, but in recent years the debt they have incurred on this account has been more than offset by the fresh capital raised and new securities sold to European investors, so that, on balance, there was a large quantity of gold shipped. Now, with the supply of new capital cut off, it has been found necessary for those countries to export gold to pay for their imports. The interesting feature is that these younger countries of the world are better supplied now with stocks of gold than they were formerly and are in a position to meet an adverse balance of trade. The Statist points out that the Argentine conversion fund amounts to \$260,000,000 in gold. Brazil has a fund of \$100,000,000.

This same tendency is noticeable with regard to India. Last year that country swallowed \$125,000,000 of gold, but this year her absorption is not expected to be half that amount. For the first six months of this year her gold imports fell from \$83,000,000 to \$53,000,000.

But there is a further significance to this situation. With the younger, developing countries of the world not only absorbing less gold, but actually shipping it into the great financial centers, there must consequently come about a great relaxation in the international money market. Add to this the annual production of gold of over \$400,000,000, a large part of which, after consumption by the arts, will now be retained in banking channels some idea will be had of the outlook for the coming vear or so.

CAPITAL ISSUES IN GERMANY.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says issues of new capital in Germany for the second quarter of 1913 were \$70,747, 000, lowest for the period since 1909. German capital issues since 1910 have been as follows:

Quarter:	1913	1912	1911	1910
	\$	S	\$	\$
First.	52,925,000	102,445,000	77,245,000	67,513,000
Second	70,747,000	92,688,000	82,225,000	77,237,000
Third		54,941,000	60,107,000	57,323,000
Fourth		73,479,000	64,615,000	93,061,000

RAILWAY RESULTS IN 1912 COMPARED WITH 1902.

J. F. Holden, Vice President of the Kansas City Southern, has prepared and made public a comparison between the results of railway operation in the United States in 1902 and 1912, which he has based on the "Statistics of Railways in the United States" of the Interstate Commerce Commission for 1902, and the abstract of the commission's statistics for the year ended June 30, 1912, which was issued by the commission on July 1, 1913. The increases in the various figures and Mr. Holden's comments on them are given below:

	Increase	Percent.
Total trackage, in miles	86,519	31
Number of locomotives.	20,025	48
Number of freight cars	657,027	42
Number of passenger cars	13,619	37
Number of employees	509,903	43
Wages paid to employes	\$567,085,580	87
Passengers carried one mile	13,345,058,186	68
Freight tons carried one mile	105,666,235,070	68
Total revenue	\$1,100,537,700	63
Total operating expenses	\$842,714,684	76
Net revenue	\$257,823,016	42
Taxes	\$58,657,072	107
Net operating income	\$199,165,944	35
Dividends paid	\$60,950,773	33
Operating ratio to revenue, 1902		64.66
Operating ratio to revenue, 1912		69.30

Par value of outstanding stock on which no dividends were paid in 1912, \$2,909,693,873 or 84 per cent. of total; par value of outstanding bonds on which interest was not paid in 1912, \$808,464,701, or $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of total; total, \$3,718,158,574.

To have paid 5 per cent. on this amount the railroads should have earned an additional net revenue of \$185,907, 928.—From The Railway Age-Gazette.

RURAL CREDITS.

Victoria Daily Colonist.

President Wilson has issued an official statement in which he declares himself favorable to "a complete and adequate system of rural credits." He says the only reason why such a system is not included in the Currency Bill is that there has not been time to perfect a measure. He claims that the farmers of the United States are badly handicapped by the difficulties they meet in raising money for their legitimate purposes. The banking laws provide for the requirements of the merchant, the manufacturer or the stockbroker. These people may not always be able to get as much money as they want, but the farmer never can, unless he pays exhorbitant interest or ties himself up with mortgages. And yet one would think that if there is any business which ought to have its financial way made smooth, it is this fundamental occupation. We quote from the President's statement:

One of the chief and most serious of these disadvantages has been that the farmer has not been able to secure the extended bank accommodations he every year stands in need of without paying the most burdensome rates of interest and saddling himself with mortgages and obligations of every kind, which he fairly staggered under, if he could carry them at all. In other countries systems of rural credit have been put into operation which not only have relieved the farmer, but have put his enterprises upon a footing of easy accomplishment. Our farmers must have similar means afforded them. They must be furnished these facilities before their enterprises languish, not afterward. And they will be.

This is a subject which is bound, sooner or later, to command attention in this country.

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IN THE LIMELIGHT.

To be called at twenty-four hours notice to take charge of the financing, building and operating of a trans-continental railway presupposes executive ability, a lengthy railroad experience and many other qualities which go to make up a successful man of affairs. In the case of the subject of this sketch, the "call" came by the merest chance, simply the desire on the part of a man to drop in for a friendly handshake with an old friend.

Away back some three or four years ago, Mr. Frank W. Morse, who was Vice-President and General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, suddenly threw up his position and left for Europe. The Grand Trunk Pacific was then in course of construction and was at what was probably the most critical period in its existence. It was imperative that a strong and competent man should be secured to take Morse's place and to carry on the work of building with the least possible interuption. The matter was giving Mr. Charles M. Hays, the late President of the Grand Trunk Railway, a good deal of



concern. Good railway men with the requisite experience were not found on every street corner. The position to be filled was peculiarly difficult and required a man of more than ordinary ability. One day several weeks after Morse resigned, Mr. E. J. Chamberlin was passing through Montreal and, having a few hours between trains called at the Grand Trunk Offices to see his old friend, Charles M. Hays. As he stated when sending in his card "he merely wanted to shake hands and say" How do you do?'' When the card was handed into Mr. Hays, he surprised his secretary by exclaiming, "The very man I am looking for," and surprised Mr. Chamber lin still more by asking him with the first words of greeting, if he would take charge of the building and management of the Grand Trunk Pacific. At the time, Chamberlin was taking a rest and had no more intention of going back into railroad work than he had of going into Aviation. He had had his full share of railroading in the United States, in Canada and in Mexico. During the years he had been active in the work, he had accumulated a fortune and it was not necessary that he should get down every morning at 9 a.m. nor to punch the clock when he left at 6 p.m. Mr. Hays' sudden offer took his breath away and before he had time to get his second wind, Hays had convinced him that he was the man to take up the mantle laid down by Morse. Thus it was the result of a purely chance meeting that made Mr. Chamberlin Vice-President and General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific. A little over a year ago, when Mr. Hays went down with the Titanic, the Directors of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific selected Mr. Chamberlain to take the position of President of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. Chamberlin is not unknown to the Canadian public. For some nine years he was General Manager of the Canada Atlantic following his construction of that road, for Mr. James R. Booth, of Ottawa. When the Canada Atlantic was purchased by the Grand Trunk, Mr. Chamberlin went to Mexico and took part in railroad building in that turbulent country. Following his return from Mexico, he dropped in to see Mr. Hays and has been in Canada ever since. He was born at Lancaster, New Hampshire and educated at Montpelier Seminary and is therefore another example of the many bright Americans we have imported and pressed into railway service. Mr. Chamberlin began his railway career at St. Albans, Vermont as timekeeper of the Vermont Car Shops. He remained there until 1872 and then entered the Office of the paymaster, subsequently being transferred to the Office of the General Superintendent. In 1877, he became secretary to the General Manager of the road. For two years he was Superintendent of the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain road and the Central Vermont. In 1896 ,he became General Manager of the Canada Atlantic, which was owned by Mr. J. R. Booth, the Ottawa Lumber King. At that time, the road was only a short line used for hauling lumber, but the new General Manager extended it through to Depot Harbor and built up an immense grain carrying trade, as well as a fast passenger service between Mor. treal and Ottawa. At the time, the road was taken over by the Grand Trunk it was carrying seven tenths of the grain shipped by rail to Montreal and was becoming such a serious competitor that the Grand Trunk were forced to acquire it. The President of the Grand Trunk is a quiet, unassuming man, thoroughly grounded in all matters pertaining to railroad construction and operation. He has had experience in every department of railroad work from time clerk to office boy and from bossing navies to presiding at directors' meetings, and also under all kinds of conditions. In another year or so, the Grand Trunk Pacific will be running trains from Moncton to Prince Rupert and E. J. Chamberlin as President of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific will be presiding over some 10,000 miles of road, comprising Canada's second great trans-continental system, a position he was called upon to fill as the result of a desire to pay a friendly call.

RAILROAD DIVIDENDS OUT.

The current year has witnessed the reduction or passing of dividends by eight prominent United States railroads, with a loss to their stockholders of almost \$9,400,000 per annum—a sum equal to 5 per cent. in almost \$200,-000,000 of invested capital. Below is tabulated the railroad dividend cuts of the year thus far:—

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THE FAMINE OF CAPITAL

(The London Economist)

A few weeks ago we were discussing the stringency of the capital market in the light of Sir Felix Schuster's speech to his shareholders, in which he suggested that the extreme severity was past, and that with the return of peace easier conditions were likely to prevail. In making this forecast Sir Felix had most in mind the immediate future of the money market, and the recent course of events certainly tends to support his view. indications are favorable, and, given a satisfactory dequel to the peace of Bucharest, there is no reason why Autumn business should not proceed on more or less normal lines. But behind the problem of "short" money and discounts lie still harder problems of the permanent relation between borrower and investor, the world's demand for capital, and the long movements in the rate of interest. Is the borrower to continue for years in the attitude of suitor, pleading, cap in hand, for accommodation, or shall we see a recurrence of the old conditions, when leaders were pressing their spare capital on semireluctant borrowers at 3 and 31 per cent.?

In his recent book on the foreign exchanges Mr. Withers divides the world's financial countries into three classes. (1) Young growing nations, who every year borrow more than they pay out in interest.

(2) Half-developed nations, whose payments of interest more than counterbalance their fresh borrowings.

(3) Further developed nations, who normally have a surplus of money to invest, and import interest on past loans more quickly than they export capital for the new.

The division is a convenient one, very pertinent to our present question, because the shortage of capital is due largely to a shifting of the centre of gravity between the three classes, the great increase in Class 1, which seems to have been growing more rapidly than Class 3. What are the facts? In the past fifteen years an enormous development has taken place in a number of young countries which in the nineties were not greatly regarded as fields for investment, but which have since those days employed European capital on an extraordinary scale, and to the great benefit of their own prestige. Fashion has set capital flowing freely in their direction, with the result that enormous sums have been spent in the development of land, railways, industry, and public utilities. Unfortunately, much of the money has gone to waste.

If the taps which supply capital to the new countries were suddenly turned off, the rate of interest, so far as they are concerned, would go up, and their development would be checked. This check would result in a slackening of European trade, which has depended for its stimulus partly on their demand. The interest on past loans would still flow toward Europe (except where interest payments depend upon annual borrowing), and there would be less export of capital to counter-balance the export of coupons. Thus we should have two causes working to the same end: (1) a check to home trade, and (2) a check to foreign borrowing, and the combined effect might be to give us for some time in this country money rates which by current standard would look remarkably cheap.

The late Lord Goschen published in 1865 an essay on 7 per cent., designed to show that money was likely to become permanently dear. Three years later he wrote a sister essay on 4 per cent., explaining why money had become permanently cheap. The two essays are now printed side by side as a warning to all lesser publicists not to pry too far into the future in considering the price of money. We do not overlook that warning, but it does seem as though a prima facie case can be made out for the theory of cheaper money at home and dearer money abroad. As confidence returns after the war, hoarded supplies of capital may come to light, but it is doubtful whether the important borrowing countries will enjoy again the spacious opportunities of four years ago.

"CANADA DECLINES TO BE ILL"

(New York Times Annalist.)

If there is any truth in the Wall Street maxim that what everybody has been waiting for is not likely to happen, Canada as a speculation might better be bought than sold. The more or less startling economic position of Canada has been discussed domestically, fraternally and internationally with a frankness and intimacy quite uncommon. For a while outside criticism was resented. When The Annalist last Spring presented graphically the evidence of how an adverse trade balance was running wild, the protest was instant and loud. The statistical facts were indisputable. The question was one of interpretation. A well known professor of political economy in Canada produced off-hand an essay of 20,000 words to show that for once in the world an adverse trade balanc was a blessing to the debtor nation, and offered it to The Annalist at a price which he supposed it would be only too glad to pay, seeing that it had ruined its circulation in Canada by attacking the country's credit, and might hope to restore it only by printing his explanation. Whatever he knew about political economy, he knew nothing about periodical circulation, for until then The Annalist had no Canadian circulation to boast of.

It was hard to get the other side written in an interesting way, or in less than 20,000 words. The managing director of one of the large insurance companies essaved on impulse to write it, but he succeeded only in apologizing for the facts, and then declined to allow his name to go with the article. It was printed unsigned. At the same time the Canadians in their own papers were discussing their economic sins in such terms as a family may employ at home. Gradually, too, the political economists in their essays denied less and debated more, and everybody became less touchy to outside criticism. The volume of that steadily increased, until at length unending articles on Canada's economic symptoms began to run regularly in all the financial press of England. They are running still. English criticism was the hardest to bear, as most of Canada's capital had been coming from the English investors, who have recently been growing

It is quite clear that Canada ought to be sick-a-bed and very penitent, yet she positively declines to be ill, and, though heedful of advice is unwilling to do voluntary penance. To confound the finnacial doctors she goes on doing business pretty much as usual, though borrowing less and reappraising some things, especially real estate, at lower prices.

The thing most talked about has been the furious real estate gambling. That could hardly be avoided with a country in the making. A correspondent of The London Times, writing from Montreal, says that one of the shrewdest bankers in Eastern Canada, when asked what would happen if the town site boom collapsed, replied: "Nothing, except that a good many people would find they were not so rich as they thought they were."

That is wisdom. Neither a collapse in the town site boom nor a financial prostration, if the very worst did happen could matter much to the real future of Canada.

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The life insurance agents better hurry up and do business while they have material upon which to work. Of the adult population of the United States, seventeen millions are unmarried. An editorial writer in one of the newspapers says the alarm of Mr. E. E. Rittenhouse of the Conservation Commission of the Equitable, at present analyzing marital conditions here at home, seems justified. His reports brings us to the realization that 39 out of every 100 men over 20 years of age in the United States—almost two-fifths—are unmarried, and, what is still more terrifying, the spinsters are in the lead by about 6 per cent, while in London they out-number the bachelors by over 22 per cent.

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LIFE INSURANCE AS A FACTOR IN SOCIAL ECONOMICS

The following essay read at the recent Life Insurance Underwriters' Convention at Ottawa won the cup presented by the Association. The essay was written by Mr. C. H. Armstrong of the Imperial Life.

That the business of life insurance has found a place in present-day commercialism and home-llfe, and that such place can be supplied in no other manner, is a fact which is not only generally believed, but is being incontrovertibly proved as the years roll on. The enormous growth and the rapid development of the business during the last few decades furnish ample food for thought to the skeptic. The statistics of some other countries might be used with more force than those of our own country, but it is the intention to deal with the growth of the business as evidenced by the abstract of the report of the superintendent of insurance of the Dominion of Canada, just published, and to endeavor to deduce therefrom the relation of the business to the social problems of mankind.

Thirty years ago, during the year 1882, there were policies issued in Canada to the extent of \$20,112,755, while last year, 1912, the policies issued totalled in amount of insurance \$219,205,103, an increase of more than tenfold in a generation. Considering the comparatively slow growth in population during the period, this is an enornous increase, paralleled by possibly not another commercial industry in the country. This expansion can be grasped more thoroughly perhaps if we take the net amount of insurance in force at the close of the years referred to. In 1882 there was in force \$115,042,048, and in 1912, thirty years later, \$1,070,265,559.

Existing Insurance in the Dominion.

Now, as the population of Canada is about 7,500,000, this means a policy of over \$140 for every man, woman and child in the country. Or again, as approximately half the population are infants, and half the adults are women, there remains less than 2,000,000 men in the country, a large number of whom are uninsurable, and also a large number of whom are foreigners or belong to the submerged tenth. Assuming that half the adult male popualtion is insured, each one will leave an estate more than \$1,000 of insurance when he dies. Is not this a wonderful state of affairs? In what other manner could such a happy condition be consummated? Of course, this is an average; we know that many leave much more insurance than this, while many leave none at all. But as an average, it speaks volumes for the possibilities of the business.

If, then, the protection afforded by life insurance, as the average found in the preceding paragraph illustrates can be taken as a criterion of the manner in which the Canadian public views the situation, should not the actual benefits conferred by such thoughtful provision justify the all-discerning public in its unique position in this res-In order to demonstrate the fact that Canadians pect? are not suffering from any illusion in regard to the meaning of life insurance, it is only necessary to examine the figures as published in the Report referred to. During the year 1912 the companies operating in Canada received in premiums \$45,917,774, and paid to policyholders \$22,956,526. (These figures, of course, do not include business done outside of Canada by British and United States companies). That is, the companies paid in benefits 50 per cent. of the gross amount paid to them by way of premiums, the balance being either used for operating expenses or held in the reserve and surplus funds of the companies. And this is the history of every year for a generation back. The public receives in one year half of what is pays in during that year, and still enjoys the protection, as exemplified by the average pointed out above.

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Aside from the relative bearing of the amount paid to that received, is not \$22,956,526 a stupendous sum to be paid in one year, for the most part to widows and orphans? Who can estimate the extent to which homes are brightened, or distress relieved by the distribution of this amount? Or in what other manner could a like happy result be attained? Considering the case from this point of view, the business of life insurance takes upon itself something of the eleemosynary, which lifts it above the commonplace money-making enterprises of this extremely commercial age. It is, in fact, a boon to humanity, for it is known that a large percentage of the criminal cases is the direct result of poverty, and in the proportion that poverty is relieved, there should follow a dimunition of crime.

Within the last few years, moreover, another office has been discovered for this modern Penates. If homes can be protected against financial loss caused by the death of the bread-winner, why cannot business institutions in like manner be protected against a similar loss, or, as has frequently happened, utter ruin caused by the untimely death of some man, whose ability, intelligence and experience were the backbone of the business? The answer is not only that they can be, but that they have been and still continue to be protected in this manner. Business men at the head of industrial and financial institutions are rapidly awakening to an appreciation of the usefulness, may even the necessity, of life insurance as a safeguard to business. The need of such protection has spread so that not only large corporations but also small partnerships are availing themselves of the benefits derived from the carrying of commercial life insurance. Many are the uses to which such insurance can be put in this regard, and many are the ends it can serve. It strengthens a firms' credit, it insures stability, it is an ever-increasing asset and in the case of the death of the person insured, it often averts financial embarrassment.

Privileges and Options of Contracts.

As the business transacted in Canada has increased in volume, and as its sphere of influence and usefulness has widened, a proportionate advance has been registered in the liberality of the contracts offered. The provisions relating to days of grace for payment of premiums and time allowed for applying for the restoration of .lapsed policies have been improved, so that the policyholders of to-day are in a much better position in respect to these features than were those of thirty years ago. Foremost, however, among the innovations, must be mentioned the various provisions dealing with non-forfeiture. The practice of the different companies is not equally advantageous to the insured, but the general trend of each in this matter is towards the most generous treatment of its policyholders, and every step in this direction is a source of gratification to those far-seeing individuals who have made, or intend to make provision for their dependents by means of this scheme. Nor are these increased privileges granted to policyholders the result of legislation, but rather are they the outcome of a healthy competitive growth, Any development fostered under such circumstances is bound to culminate in a better commodity, which does not necessarily follow if attempts are made to force the companies by peremptory parliamentary reform.

As the majority of the beneficial privileges and options of the present contracts offered by Canadian life companies are the result of a healthy competition, so also are the diversified forms of insurance which may be purchased. These various plans are calculated to meet the heterogeneous circumstances of all, and also can be regulated in many cases to suit the vicissitudes of fortune of the individual. No one, therefore, need feel that

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life insurance cannot fill the requirements of his particular case, as the elasticity of the principle involved obviates the necessity of anyone harboring such an erroneous conception.

Companies Employ About Ten Thousand.

Not least of the considerations which render this business such a factor in the eternal round of human activity, is the fact that it furnishes employment to such an immense army of men. In Canada there are forty-six active operating companies, with their office staffs and their field staffs, and although it cannot be accurately ascertained at the moment to what number the aggregate of employees of these companies amounts, a conservative estimate would place it at something approaching ten thousand, many of whom have families dependent on them. The arms of this business stretch from coast to coast, giving employment to a large number and prepared to provide ample protection for every insurable person.

In view of the employment furnished, the aid rendered to business concerns desiring expansion and the strengthening of their credit, the protection afforded, and the large sums paid annually under contracts, it may be confidently asserted that the importance of this business to the entire social and financial fabric of the country cannot be over-estimated. In view, also of the rapid progress made during the last quarter of a century, and of the latitude for expansion, it is not only a possibility, but may be considered as highly probable, that the average of protection enjoyed by the entire adult male population of the country will be augmented in the near future in no unsatisfactory manner. When this average attains to such a figure that each will leave, at death, a fair competency to his dependants, then may this same business of life insurance lay claim to have fulfilled its mission to society perfectly. And there is no reason why this goal may not be reached.

RAND GOLD SITUATION

British South Africa seems to be getting into the limelight pretty frequently these days. A few weeks ago, the world's attention was centred on the rioting in the Rand Gold Mines, now it is being directed to a quarrel between Premier Botha and General Hertzog over the part the South Dominion should play in Empire relations. The latter is a party and political quarrel and will eventually work itself out. The real question confronting South Africa has to do with the Rand Mines and the labor question associated with the industry.

Last year, the Rand Mines produced \$194,000,000 gold out of a total world's production of \$490,000,000. Since 1890, the total output of the Transvaal gold mines has exceeded \$1,750,000,000. The gold district comprises some 500 square miles, 75 miles long and 7 miles wide. It is said that the total value of gold within reach of modern mechanical and chemical processes will run from \$4,000,000,000 to \$12,500,000,000. The industry gives employment to 25,000 white workers and 200,000 natives.

On the Rand, or the Ridge, the crude ore consists of quartz pebbles embedded in what looks like a mass of reddish cement, in which is found the gold scattered in extremely minute particles. In many cases the amount of gold to the ton does not exceed half an ounce, but on the other hand, the amount of low grade ore is well nigh inexhaustible. The stimulus to the industry came with the discovery of the cyanide process, which was patented in 1890. . The chemical known as cyanide of potassium dissoves the gold. The residue of the ore after it is treated by the amalgam process is steeped in vats in cyanide solution for from four to fourteen days, according to its coarseness. On the proportion of there being 9 dwt to the ton the amalgam process extracts 6 dwt and the cyanide process another 2 dwt, the balance being lost. Thus the cyanide process adds 33 per cent. to the productivity of the mines. As one writer states,

"To this comparatively insignificant process we owe the immense production of gold throughout the world, the change in the scale of our values and prices, and the intense stimulus to industry and commerce which a large output of gold brings."

The latest official returns show that during July the output of gold in the Rhodesian mines was 59,248 fine ounces valued at £249,302. The following is the monthly output in gold in fine ounces since 1910.

Month—	1913	1912	1911	1910
January	52,455	50,976	49,363	53,913
February	49,596	49,863	48,211	48,442
March.	61,274	51,072	55,066	54,277
April	57,295	52,587	52,546	54,237
May	57,866	55,664	50,194	53,419
June.	56,991	53,875	50,890	51,016
July	59,248	57,122	56,407	46,367
August.		56,825	57,890	45,458
September.		54,774	53,615	42,499
October		54,666	51,974	55,892
November		53,667	50,831	51,158
December		51,716	51,534	47,367

Total...... 394,725 642,807 628,521 609,955 The following table shows the monthly gold returns in sterling for the same period:

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1913	1912	1911	1910
£	£	£	£
220,776	214,918	207,903	227,508
208,740	209,744	203,055	203,888
257,797	215,102	231,947	228,385
241,098	221,476	221,296	228,213
242,452	234,407	211,413	224,888
241,303	226,867	215,347	214,709
249,302	240,514	237,560	195,233
	239,077	243,712	191,423
	230,573	225,777	178,950
	230,072	218,862	234,928
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TO CONSERVE HEALTH.

Efforts are being made by certain medical societies and others interested in the health of the American people to spread the Conservation movement from the realm of natural resources to that of physical well-being. According to recently compiled statistics it is estimated that there are more than 3,000,000 people in the United States who are ill needlessly every year; 1,000,000 of these are in the working period of their lives and the loss of their earnings amounts to \$300,000,000 per year.

The report says:—Social and economic waste in American railway systems, factories, mines and in fact every industry indicates little regard for human life, according to the museum. Property and other things have had the highest value in America and these before all else are protected by law, while each man must care for his own safety.

Loss of life among the working class is caused largely by occupational diseases, industrial poisons, unprotected machinery, noxious fumes, failure to remove dust, impure drinking water, ill-ventilated and poorly-lighted workrooms, and generally insanitary conditions. Upward of 40,000 workmen are killed and 2,000,000 injured in industrial accidents in the United States every year.

Investigation has shown that the number of preventable accidents in the United States is far greater than in any other country in the world, and that as a rule, the conditions under which men work there are more perilous than they are anywhere else.

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THE BOND MARKET

Spencer Trask & Co., of New York, in their monthly review of the bond market say in part:

By far the most conspicuous development in August was the improvement of the money situation. Relief came from various quarters: from Washington, from Europe, and from a realization that owing to deterioration, the crops would be moved with less strain than had been expected previously.

The individual action that was the most effective in bring about the improvement was that of the Secretary of the Treasury in arranging to place \$50,000,000 of Government money in banks of the South and West to facilitate harvesting operations. The effect of the announcement was an immediate stimulation of the markets, as it was figured that one of the main clouds overhanging the situation had been dispelled.

That the action of the Secretary has been successful in bringing about an easier condition in the money market is evident from the freer offerings of time money as well as from the lowering of rates, and to that extent the country should be pleased. Whether, however, the move is not open to severe criticism on grounds more substantial than those of temporary expediency, is a question. There are authorities throughout the country who feel that the entry of the Government into the banking field is inherently unwise and unsound, and that a step such as this brings us to the verge of inflation.

Another factor that has brought about a more favorable outlook for money is the improved feeling in Europe. Peace between the former Allies has at last been signed after a campaign that has shocked the civilized world by its atrocities, and has left the participants exhausted physically, and practically, if not actually bankrupt. How impaired is the credit of the Balkan States is evident from the fact that they have recently attempted unsuccessfully, it need hardly be said—to obtain loans in this market, offering rates nothing less than usurious.

Every Balkan States, barring Roumania, whose armies saw little actual fighting, needs an enormous amount of money for rehabilitation, reconstruction and reorganization, and to this should be added the millions that Turkey must have to repair the wastes of her two unsuccessful wars. The only good we can discern through the smoke of all those burning villages is that it will be a long time before any of the combatants will be able to wage another serious war unaided by a larger Power, and from that standpoint there is some real compensation for this fight to a finish.

All the same, funds have to be obtained sooner or later, and France will undoubtedly be called upon to supply the major part, if not all. This should not prove an altogether unmixed blessing for the financial markets, because as we have pointed out on previous occasions, the French people are known to have been hoarding enormous sums of gold ever since the Moroccan trouble began two years ago.

The conversion of the floating debt of the Balkan States and of Turkey into fixed obligations may have the primary effect of unsettling the European markets, but the results of such disturbances should quickly subside through the liberation of a large amount of banking money. In any event this situation is not likely to develop immediately, and meanwhile we shall have been marketing our crops.

Unfortunately the crops promise to be considerably less generous in volume than had been originally expected. The drought has affected corn seriously, and while the outlook for the other grains and cotton is more than satisfactory, there is no blinking at the fact that the damage to corn will eventually be reflected in the records of trade.

With an easier tendency in money, there has been a coincident increase of interest in bonds, and the new issues brought out have been quickly placed, while older ones which had been hanging fire, are fast finding lodgment in the boxes of investors.

The advance in bonds is in our opinion calculated to go considerably further, and we are still advising our clients to buy the better grade, instead of issues of a more or less speculative character. It should be remembered while we are steadily growing out of our troubles, conservatism should still be the watchword.

TRADE INQUIRIES

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., during the week ended August 18th, 1913:—

Inquiry is made by a London firm for manufacturers in Canada of round wooden boxes such as are used by pencil and crayon makers.

An English firm interested in the importation of Lactose (Sugar of Milk), are asking for the names of Canadian exporters of this product.

A correspondent in Gordonia, S. Africa, has been making inquiry concerning Canadian canoes of bass wood, with copper rivets suitable for use on the Orange River.

A Toronto firm seeks to correspond with an English house manufacturing office furniture of steel.

The agency of British firms of manufacturing stationers is sought by a Toronto correspondent with experience of the stationery and publishing trade.

From the branch for city tradeinquiries, 73 Basinghall Street, E.C.:

A London firm who import railway ties would be glad to receive offers from Canadian manufacturers of same.

A Toronto manufacturers' agent who is at present in London would like to secure the representation for Eastern Canada of United Kingdom manufacturers of shelf hardware (tools, locks, etc.), builders' hardware specialties.

A Montreal manufacturers' agent who covers the whole of Canada and is at present in London, desires an agency in silver goods and jewellery.

A Montreal firm of importers ask to be placed in communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of cane centres for railway and tramway seats.

A Canadian manufactueres' agent who visits regularly the principal Canadian cities, with headquarters at Montreal and is now in London is looking for agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of blankets, sheetings and all cotton goods suitable for the making up trades such as manufacturers of men's shirts, and ladies' blouses and underwear.

OUR LIKING FOR CANNED GOODS.

That the Canadian people are consuming much more fresh and canned meats and lamb and importing a correspondingly less quantity of live cattle and salt beef is indicated in a statistical memorandum of the Customs Department. In 1904 a total of 36,549 horned cattle were imported. In the fiscal year ended March last this had fallen off to 8,128 head. On the other hand, importations of sheep have increased greatly.

In 1904 the total was 72,568 and in 1913, 229,743. Salt beef to the extent of 2,878,670 pounds was imported to 1904. Last year it fell off to 1,433,582 pounds. The consumption of canned meats last year was 2,162,637 pounds, or double that of 1904, while fresh lamb importations have grown from 157,587 pounds in 1904 to 5,630,818 pounds in 1913.

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Stocks Listed on the Toronto Exchange

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Bonds Listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Par Value	A mount I ssued		Bonds	Interest Rate	t Date	1 High	912 Low	19 High	13 Low
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500	6,649,000	1925	Bell Telephone.	. 21	April, Oct	. 104	$100\frac{1}{4}$	$101\frac{3}{4}$	$99\frac{1}{2}$
£100			Calgary Power.		Jan., July			90	
100	6,257,000	1929	Canada Cement Co	. 3	April, Oct		991	102	95
100	4,100,000	1939	Canada Car Foundry	. 3	June, Dec	$. 107 \frac{7}{8}$	$105\frac{1}{4}$	106	$102\frac{1}{2}$
1000	444,000	1926	Canadian Converters	. 3	June, Dec	. 88	86	88	
1000	2,579,600	1946	Can. Consolidated Rubber	. 3	April, Oct	$.98\frac{1}{2}$	$93\frac{7}{8}$	96	$88\frac{1}{2}$
1000			Canada Cottons Ltd		Jan., July	. 86	83	$83\frac{1}{2}$	80
500	500,000	1940	Canada Felt Co	. 3	April, Oct	. 97 3	$96\frac{7}{8}$	$99\frac{1}{2}$	$98\frac{1}{2}$
500			Can. Locomotive		Jan., July	. 991	97	$101\frac{1}{2}$	110
1000			Dom. Canners		April, Oct	$103\frac{1}{2}$	$110\frac{1}{2}$	100	$98\frac{1}{2}$
500	6,904,500	1940	Dominion Coal	$2\frac{1}{2}$	May, Nov	. 100	$95\frac{1}{2}$	$102\frac{1}{4}$	97
1000			Dominion Cotton		Jan., July	. 105	101	95	89
1000			Dominion Iron & Steel		Jan., July	. 96	92	$100\frac{1}{2}$	$98\frac{1}{2}$
100			Dominion Textile Series A		March, Sept		$95\frac{1}{2}$	102	100
100			Dominion Textile Series B		March, Sept			100	98
100			Dominion Textile Series C		March, Sept	-	94	100	$90\frac{1}{4}$
100			Dominion Textile Series D		March, Sept	. 96	94		$c_{1},c_{2},c_{3}\in\mathbb{R}$
100			East. Can. P. & P				80		
1000			Halifax Electric Ry	_	Jan., July		100		
500			Kaministiquia L. & P		Jan., July		100	101	100
500			Keewatin Flour Mills		March, Sept		100		
1000			Lake of the Woods Milling.		June, Dec		110	108	102
1000			Laurentide Paper		Jan., July		110	79 1	79
10 Q			Mexican Elec. Light Co		Jan., July		$82\frac{1}{4}$	891	88
500			Mexican L. & P. Co		Feb., Aug		89	993	.98
1000			Montreal L. H & Power		Jan., July		99	1001	110
100			Montreal Street Railway	-	May, Nov		99	1001	99
1000			Montreal Tramways	-	Jan., July		99	109	103
1000			Ogilvie Flour Mills.		June, Dec		106	106	
1000			Ogilvie Flour Mills Series B		June, Dec		106	$90\frac{1}{2}$	90
100			Penmans Ltd.		May, Nov	_	89	851	84
£100			Price Bros. Ltd		May, Nov		843	93 <u>1</u>	90
10 O 10 O			Porto Rico.		May, Nov	0	$90\frac{1}{2}$	97	88
100			Quebec Ry. L. & P. Co Rio de Janiero Tram. L. & P. Co		June, Dec		55	$55 \\ 98$	44 97
100			Riordan Paper		Jan., July		$97\frac{3}{4}$		
500			Sao Paulo Tram. L. & P. Co		June, Dec June, Dec		1.00	$110\frac{1}{2}$	071
100			Sherwin Williams.		Jan., July		$\begin{array}{c}100\\99\end{array}$	97	$97\frac{1}{2}$ $95\frac{1}{2}$
100			Spanish River.		Jan., July		95 95	991	$95_{\overline{2}}$
100			Steel Co. of Canada				95 973	2	
100			Tor. York Rad'1		Jan., July April, October		917		· ·
1000			West India Electric		Jan., July				
100			Windsor Hotel.		Jan., July		$100\frac{1}{2}$		
1000			Winnipeg Electric.		Jan., July		$100_{\overline{2}}$ 104	102	110
1000	3,000,000	1927	Winnipeg Ry	· 21	Jan., July		104	102	$99\frac{1}{4}$
500			Western Canada Power		Jan., July		85	88	80
£ 100			West Kootenay		Sept.				
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AT THE HEAD OF THE LAKES.

(Special Correspondence Journal of Commercer.)

Fort William, Ont. August 30th

The last issue of the Ontario Gazette contains notice of letters patent issued to the Emil Anderson Company, Limited, of Fort William, to carry on a general Trust Company. The new company are capitalized at \$200,-000 and will carry on a more or less private trust business. The directors are all well known local men. The shares of the new company will not be offered to the general public.

The city of Fort William will take over their end of the electric street railway this coming Fall, heretofore, the city of Port Arthur controlled the street railway under a joint board made up of representatives from both cities. Formal steps have already been made in connection with the operation and interchange service between the two cities. It is not thought, however, that there will be any material change in the service except that cars will be run at shorter intervals.

The weekly grian statement as issued by the grain commission dated August 23rd shows 5,651,104 bushels of grain in store at the head of the lakes receipts from the West still continue to dribble in and 657,170 bushels were received the current week. Outward shipments amounted to 1,534,206 bushels.

The grain elevator of the H. W. Dwger Company, located on island No. 2 is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready to begin operation in time for this year's crop.

The Ogilvie Flour Mill Co., Ltd., have completed a new mill at Medicine Hat. The capacity is 4000 barrels daily, but at present the output is about 2000 barrels.

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CANADIAN BANK STOCKS

				DIOUN		
	Shares, CAPITAL	Reserve as Net		DIVIDEND PER C	ENT. 1912	1913
	BANK Par Value Authorized Iss	per last Earni sued Statement, per la Statem	st earned Rate	When Payable	High Low	High Low
	Commerce 50 25,000,000 15,0 Dominion 100 10,000,000 5,3 Hamilton 100 3,000,000 3,6 Hochelaga 100 4,000,000 3,5 Home* 100 2,000,000 3,6 Imperial 100 10,000,000 6,8 Merchants 100 10,000,000 6,7 Metropolitan 100 2,000,000 1,0 Molsons 100 2,000,000 4,0	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	April, October March, June, Sept., J Jan. April July Oct March, June, Sept., March, June, Sept., Feb., May, Aug., No March, June, Sept., Jan., April, July, Oct Jan., April, July, Oct March, June, Sept., Feb., May, Aug., No	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
	†North. Crown*100 6,000,000 2.7 Nova Scotia100 10,000,000 5.2 Ottawa100 5,000,000 3.2 Provinciale*100 2,000,000 1.6 Standard	660,065 300,000 291, 557,320 10,830,248 970, 135,820 4,435,820 640, 100,000 575,000 185, 660,000 12,560,000 294, 766,640 1,250,000 294, 660,000 1,527, 779,760 3,179,160 462,23,472 300,000 1,13, 900,000 835, 100,000 3,300,000 706, 557,140 40, 315,600	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Jan., July., July, Oct March, June, Sept., Jan., April, July, Oct March, June. Sept., Jan., April, July, Oct Feb., May, Aug., No Feb., May, Aug., No Kach, June, Sept., March, June, Sept.,	278 259 Dec. 213 207 Dec. 140 130	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
	GOVER	MENT S	SAVI	NGS BA	NKS	
	STATEMENT of the Balance at C	redit of Depositors in th	e Dominion Go	vernment Savings Ba	inks on 31st Ma	у 1913.
	BANKS	Balance on 30th April 1913.	Deposits for May, 1913.		thdrawals for Ba May 1913	alance on 31st May 1913.
	MANITOBA:	\$ cts.	\$ cts.		\$ cts.	\$ cts.
	Winnipeg BRITISH COLUMBIA:	656,082.44	12,008.00	668,090.44	19,560.19	648,530.25
	Victoria	1.063,721.23	45,306.57	11,090,27.80	58,558.30	1,050,469.50
	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:— Charlottetown	2,036,698.02	27,727.00	2,064,425.02	38,031.43	2,026,393.59
	New Brunswick:— Newcastle St. John	292,073.80 5,766,823.51	2,283.00 78,194.32	294,356.80 5,845,017.83	1,863.57 89,341.82	292,493.23 5,755,676.01
	Nova Scotta:— Acadia Mines. Amherst. Barrington. Guysboro'. Halifax. Kentville. Lunenburg. Port Hood. Shelburne. Sherbrooke. Wallace.	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6,829.90 434.48 1,103.00 31,178.26 3,148.00 3,229.00 1,753.00 1,753.00 1,775.00 1,774.00	$\begin{array}{c} 123,554.11\\ 149,902.13\\ 123,953.41\\ 2,482,315.57\\ 259,851.21\\ 430,452.49\\ 110,856.85\\ 220,024.64\\ 91,095.00\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 9,860.91\\ 535.91\\ 264.84\\ 1,33.70\\ 37,170.64\\ 3,751.57\\ 8,467.64\\ 2,892.77\\ 3,124.00\\ 556.82\\ 1,876.06\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 383,747,92\\ 123,018,20\\ 149,637,29\\ 122,619,71\\ 2,445,144,93\\ 256,099,64\\ 421,984,75\\ 107,964,08\\ 216,900,64\\ 90,538,18\\ 127,939,29 \end{array}$
	Totals		217,279.53	14,496,347.48	277,190.17	14,219,157.31
		FICE Savings Bank Acc	ount for the m	onth of April, 1913.		
	Dr. BALANCE in hand of the Minister of Finance	ce on 31st March, 1913	\$ cts. 42,728,941.83	WITHDRAWALS during	the month	Cr. \$cts. 1.489.451.03
	DEPOSITS in the Post Office Savings Bank d		872,739.98			
	TRANSFERS from Dominion Government month: PRINCIPAL INTEREST accrued from 1st April to dat	\$25,629.46	25,629.46			
	TRANSFERS from the Post Office Savings	Bank of the United				
	Kingdom to the Post Office Savings Bank INTEREST accrued on depositors' accounts 30th April, 1913 (estimated)	and made principal on	51,351.00			
	INTEREST allowed to Depositors on accounts	during month	32.84	BALANCE at the credi accounts on 30th Ap		42,189,244.08
			43,678,695.11			43,678,695.11
		TEMENT of Inland Re	venue accrued of	during the month of	May, 1913.	
		of Revenue.			Amounts.	Total.
	Spirits. Malt Liquor. Malt. Tobacco. Cigars. Manufacturers in Bond. Acetic Acid. Seizures. Other Receipts.					\$cts.
	Total Excise Revenue					1,915,214.22
	Methylated Spirits Ferries. Inspection of Weights and Measures					10,731.98
	Cas Inspection of Weights and Measures Electric Light Inspection. Law Stamps, Other Revenues.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9,094.47 5,341.40 6,204.35 839.90 784.06
	Grand Total Revenue					1,948,300.83
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BONDS LISTED ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

Par	Amount	Wher	n Bonds	Interes	st	19	12	19	13
Value	Issued	Due		Rate	Date	High	Low	High	Low
\$	\$								
£40	235,000		British Col. Electric Ry	. 21	April, Oct				
1000	1,250,000		Canada Bread	. 3	February, August	$97\frac{1}{2}$	93	94	$87\frac{1}{2}$
1000	4,600,000		Canadian Car & Foundry Co	. 3	June, Dec	107	105		
500	5,000,000		Can. Nor. Ry. Income Deb. Stoc	$k 2\frac{1}{2}$	May, Nov	105	100	105	100
500	4,000,000	1951	Can. Northern Western Ry	. 2	May, Nov				
500	15,000,000		Commercial Cable	. 1	Jan., April, July, Oct			80	80
£100	£148,100		City St. John, N.B	. 2	May, Nov				
1000	7,000,000		Dominion Coal	$. 2\frac{1}{2}$	May, Nov			995	
500	997,500	1940	Dominion Canners	. 3	April, Oct	1031	102	100	99
1000	997,500	1940	Dominion Canners	. 3	April, Oct	1031	102	100	
1000	7,245,000	1929	Dominion Iron & Steel	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Jan., July	$95\frac{1}{2}$	947	$94\frac{1}{2}$	
500	8,150,000		Electrical Devolpment	$2\frac{1}{2}$	March, Sept	97	90	931	88
500	1,448,750		Gt. Northern Railway Can. 4%.	. 2	April, Oct				
100	5,719,100	1935	Mexican Electric Light	$. 2\frac{1}{2}$	Jan., July	86	823		
500	11,728,500	1932	Mexican Light & Power	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Feb., Aug	931	90	90	$87\frac{1}{2}$
£100	£3,073,000		Mexico North Western Railway	$2\frac{1}{2}$	March, Sept				
1000	3,500,000		Ontario (Prov. of)June 1, 1939	. 2	June, Dec				
100	2,877,000	1936	Porto Rico Railway Co	$2\frac{1}{2}$	May, Nov	96	$91\frac{1}{2}$	92	90
1000	25,000,000	1935	Rio Janeiro Tram., Lt. & P':	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Jan., July	105	$99\frac{1}{2}$	100	95
500	5,000,000		Rio Janerio Tram., 2nd Mort	$2\frac{1}{2}$	April, Oct				
500	6,000,000	1929	Sao Paulo Tram., L't & Power	$2\frac{1}{2}$	June, Dec	1041	$100\frac{1}{2}$	101	$96\frac{1}{2}$
500	21,200,000		San Antonio Land & Irr'n Co	. 3	May, Nov				
1000	2,500,000		Spanish River P. & P. Mills	. 3	Jan., July	$97\frac{1}{2}$	97	97	94
100	7,000,000	1940	Steel Company of Canada	. 3	Jan., July	1001	$99\frac{1}{2}$	100	94
£100	£220,000		Vancouver Power & Debenture	$2\frac{1}{4}$	Jan., July				$94\frac{1}{2}$
£100	£800,000		Deb. Stock	21	Jan., July				

TRUSTS AND LOAN COMPANIES LISTED ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

Capital Subscribed	Capital Paid up	Rest	Company Trust	Dividend	Par Value
					stock
\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,400,000	National Trust Co	10	100
1,250,000	1,250,000	1,100,000	Toronto General Trusts Corp	10	100
1,000,000	1,000,000	850,000	Union Trust Loan	10	100
6,000,000	6,000,000	4,000,000	Can. Per. Mtge, Cor	10	10
2,410,000	1,205,000	910,000	Can. Ld. & N. Invt	9	100
2,500,000	1,750,000	1,650,000	Cen Can. L. & Sav	10	100
2,555,000	2,446,000	250,006	Col. Invest & Loan	6	10
1,000,000	934,000	175,000	Dom. Sav. & Inv. Sc	$4^{+}_{2}4^{+}_{2}$	50
2,424,000	2,247,000	600,000	Gt. West Perm	9	100
1,800,000	1,160,000	800,000	Ham. Prov. & L. Sc. (3)	7	100
4,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	Huron & Erie L. & S	11†1	50
			Huron & Erie 20% pd		
1,000,000	735,000	100,000	Imp. L. & I. Co., Ltd	6	100
700,000	700,000	525,000	Landed B. & Loan	7	100
1,000,000	1,000,000	485,000	L. & C. L. & A. Ltd	7	50
600,000	600,000	630,000	Mont. Loan & Mtge	10	25
2,550,000	1,750,000	1,450,000	Ont. L. & Deb. Lon	8	50
			Ont. Loan 20% pd		
725,000	725,000	435,000	Toronto Mortgage	8	50
1,000,000	1,000.000	800.000	Toronto Savings	10	100
500.000	500,000	160.000	Real Estate Loan	7	40

WHOLESALE PRICES C	URRENT	NEW MATERIAL FOR PAPER.	WHOLESALE PRICES C	URRENT
Name of Article.	Wholesale.	Almost every month of every year brings a report of the discovery in	Name of Article.	Wholesale
Glass 5	i0 ft. 100 ft	some distant part of the world of a		
rst break	1.85 3.50	new paper making material, which is expected to take the place of wood	Extracts Chrome alum, casks	2 45 2 50
cond break nird Break ourth break	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	pulp. The latest of these discoveries	Copperas. Cream tartar, c4ystals	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
ourth break	4.40	has been made in Uganda, Africa, and the Imperial Institute of London	Cutch, bales	$0.24 0.242 \\ 0.051 0.051$
Petroleum-	,	describes in a report on the subject a	Dextrine, polato Fustic, paste	$0.042 0.051 \\ 0.05 0.07$
n. Prime White per gal S. Water White per gal S. Pratt's Astral per gal	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	series of experiments made with this	solid Gambier extract Glauber's salt, crystals, bbls	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
enzine single bbls per gal	$\begin{array}{c} 0.21 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.27 \\ \end{array}$	new material, which is known as elephant grass. The marshlands of	Glycerine	0.25
otor gasoline single bbls. per gal	$0.24\frac{1}{2}\ 0.27\frac{1}{2}$	tropical Africa are thickly covered	Lead, nitrate	0.061 0.07
Turpentine and Oils-		with this grass, which grows to a	OLIVE OIL, OILS, WOOL	
ure turpentine per bbl	0.55 0.56	height of from six to ten feet and has proved a source of trouble and	Potash, bichromate	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
nseed Oil raw nseed Oil boiled XXX Machine Oil	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	expense to agriculturists, as it grows	caustle, 74 per cent. 80-85 per cent chlorate crystals	0.04 4.60 0.08 0.091
astor oil in bbls per lb esin "G" grade bbl lots	0.0810.081 7.25 8.00	rapidly after the shoots above ground	prussiate, red	···· 0.19 ¹ / ₂
		have been burned or cut down. A sample of dried mature elephant	Salts of tartar	0.05 0.06
Red DryLead— enuine per cwt	9.00 6.40	grass was sent recently from Uganda	English. concentrated. powdered, 98 per cent. ash, carbonated, 58	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
o. 1 per cwt	5.90 6.15	to the Imperial Institute with the object of ascertaining its suitability	ash, carbonated, 58 per cent.	0.80 0.90
White Lead Ground in Oil-	_	for the manufacture of paper. The	Sodium peroxide	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
ecorator's pure ton lots per cwt	8.20 8.25	consignment, which weighed 177	Sulphur sticks, bbls Sulphide of soda crystals	0.011 0.011
hiting plan in bbls	0.70	pounds after being air dried, is said to have yielded a pulp of good color,	Sulphide of soda, concentrated Sumac, sicily, per ton powdered	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Putty		composed of ultimate fibre rather	extract Tartar emetic	$0.13 \ 0.22$ $0.01 \ 0.04$ $0.20 \ 0.25$
ulk ladders, in bbls	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	longer than those of esparto grass	Tin crystals	0.30 0.40
Cement and Firebrick-		and about the same length as those of bamboo pulp. It furnished a	FISH— Fresh:	
anadian Portland 'in bags		fairly good paper, which the British		0.11
per bbl re bricks per 1000	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	experts expect to be able to improve	Halibut, fancy express, perlb. Haddock, per lb Steak Cod, per lb Doree or Pickerle	0.08
re clay net ton	5.00 10.00	so as to make this material a suitable and profitable substitute for wood	Whitefish	0.08
Varnishes—	.90 1.20	pulp.	Lake Trout, per lb Gaspe Salmon, (new), per b. Mackaral, per lb.	· · · · 0.12 · · · · 0.20
urniture per gal rown Japan per gal lack Japan per gal	$.90 1.00 \\ 0.40 1.35$		Mackerel, per lb Brook Trout, per lb Perch, dressed, per lb Live Lobsters per lb	0.10 30 0.10
arriage No. 1 per gal ure White Shellac varnish	1.50	THE DRAIN ON SCOTLAND.	Buck Shad, Each Live Lobsters per lb	0.10 0.35 0.30
per bbl range Shellac varnish per gal	1.80 1.40 1.65	Nearly 200,000 Scottish persons emigrated from Scotland during the	Salted and Pickled.	
loor varnish ove pipe varnish gross	1.75 3.00 3.00	four years 1909-10-11-12. This num-	Holland herring, kegs 2 bbls	0.70 5.00
Glue—		ber is equal to two-thirds of the pop-	bbls Labrador herring, 2 bbl bbls	9.00 2.75 5.00
rench medal	per lb.	ulation of Edinburgh, or nearly to the combined population of Grimsby	Sardines, 2 bbls bbls Labrador salmon, 2 bbls	2 75
erman prima rantford	$0.10 0.17 \\ 0.22$	Ipswich, and Reading.	bbls	· · · · 8.50 · · · · 16.00
/hite pigsfoot Pine Tar—	0.21	Statistics are printed in a parlia-	Sea trout, 2 bblsbbls	$ \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Half Pint Tins per doz	0.80	mentary reply by the Secretary of Scotland to a question by Mr. Jesse	Frozen: Pickerel or Doree, per lb	0.10
man rint rino per dozini		Collings. They show how emigration	Whitefish, dressed, pre lb Pike, round, per lb	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
CHEMICALS & DYESTUR	FFS—	has increased, the following figures being the number of Scottish emi-	Pike, headless & dressed, per	0.05
Acids: cetic 28 degs. bbls	2.00 2.15	grants only: 1909, 33,252; 1910, 55,-	lb. Silver Salmon, 10 lbs each, per lb.	0.10
itric crystals	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0.41 & 0.42 \\ 0.04 & 0.05 \end{array}$	211; 1911, 57,417; 1912, 65,052.	Large Mackerel, per lb.	···· 0.18 ···· 0.10
uriatic 18 to 20 degs	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	The figures for the first three years are those of Scottish emigrants from	Haddock, per lb. New Prozen Herring, per100	0.04 1.50
xalic cric Sulphuric 66 degs. drums	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Scottish ports only, while the 1912	Smoked Fillets, fresh cured, per lb	0,11
annic crystals	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0.28 & 0.32 \\ 0.28 & 0.32 \end{array}$	figures include Scottish emigrants	New Haddies, per lb	$ \dots $
artaric crystals	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	from other ports in the United King- dom.	Kippers, box. Bloaters, per box. Smoked herring ^a (medium) per	1.00
		The figures above make a total of	lb	0.10
EXTRACTS—	2 40 2 48	210,932, but during the four years	HARDWARE Aluminium per lb.	0.23
bumen, blood, dry	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	26,733 persons of Scottish nationality landed from ports out of Europe.	Aluminium per lb. Antimony, per lb Copper—	10.25 10.50
2gg zarine, red um, !ump	1.65		Casting ingot per 100 lbs Cut lengths, round bars 1-2"	17.00 17.00
ground mmonia, aqua, 880	1.75 $0.07\frac{1}{2}$ 0.09	THE COTTON SITUATION.	Plain sheets 14 oz. 14 x 48"	27.50
niline oil	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Mail advices to hand from Liver-	14 x 00 per 100 lbs,	29.50
ntimony oxide rchil extract	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	pool, England, with regard to the	Brass— Spring sheets up to 20 gauge,	
rsenic, red rgols, red arium, chloride, per ton	$0.04\frac{1}{2}$ 0.05 32.50 35.00	new crop of cotton say that the trade are not expecting a very large yield	per lb	0.26
German French, 100 lbs	1.40	and will probably have to content		0.22 0.25
British, 100 lbs casks	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	themselves with an average crop this	Tubing iron pipe size 1" base per lb	
ue vitriol prax hrome alum, casks	5.35 $5.504.15$ $4.753.45$ 3.50	year. The cotton mills are reported busy with a fair amount of business	Iron and Steel—	
opperas	0.75 1.00	in sight.	Common bar, per 100 lbs	2.05 2.15

THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AND SHAREHOLDER Saturday, Sept. 6, 1912 1424WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT THE SHOE INDUSTRY OF MASSACHUSETTS. Name of Article. • Wholesale The following statistics from of the more important shoe HARDWAREfacturing cities and towns in I Refined iron, per 100 lbs.... 2.40 Horsheshoe iron, per 100 lbs 2.40 Steel, tire, per 100 lbs.... 2.35 Steel, toe calk, per 100 lbs. 3.10 Steel Capital tool, per 100 lbs. 0.50 Canadian Foundry No. 1 21.00 Car lots. 19.50 Car lots. 19.50 Summerlee No. 2, Pig iron 22.50 Carron, soft 23.75 chusetts, including what are as their districts, will give som of the immense proportions of shoe and leather industry in Brockton has 33 shoe fac with a capital of \$5,000,000, an establishments making shoe Black Sheet Iron-10 to 12 gauge.... 14 to 16 gauge,... 18 to 20 gauge.... 22 to 24 gauge.... 26 to 28 gauge... facturers' goods, leather, mach Lynn has 13,000 of the skilled shoe-makers in the wo Canada Plates-It manufactures \$55,000,000 $\begin{array}{c} 3.10\\ 4.15 \end{array}$ It has 110 boot and shoe Galvanized Sheets (Corrugated)facturing concerns. Haverhill has been a leather 22-24 gauge per square..... 6.75 5.50 26-28 gauge, per suqare..... 4.25 4.00 facturing centre since 1643. Galvanized Sheets (Queen's Head)-It has 100 boot and shoe esta B. W. Gauge, 16–20..... B. W. Gauge, 22–24..... B. W. Gauge, 26... B. W. Gauge, 28... $3.75 \\ 3.90 \\ 4.15 \\ 4.40$ ments, and many others devot the manufacture of shoe mach boxes, laces, nails, tacks, heels Tin and Tin Plates— Lamb and Flag and Straits— The total value of these pro is \$30,000,000 a year. It manufactures 20,000,000 of men's and women's slipper THE DEPRESSION IN BR. The president of Brazil say Imported Pig, per 100 lbs... Bar Pig, per 100 lbs...... Sheets, 2] lbs, sq. ft..... Sheets, 3 lbs, sq. ft..... LEAD PIPE, 5 per cwt. off Lead Waste Pipe, do. two powerful factors of eco depression in the last two mon that country were the scarci money and the fall in the pr coffee. He blames the Am government for the difficulty, points out that its action of Bar, half and half, guarant'd 0.28 valorization coffee scheme encou bears in coffee in every mark 5 cwt. casks Part casks,.... 8.00 8.00 8.25 8.50 the world, and says that rarely so many hostile elements been u to depress prices, and never Foreign, per 100 lbs..... has coffee suffered such a attack. He looks to the Wire— Barbed Wire, Galvanized Plain Twist.... Smooth Steel Wire, No. 9 to 16 base..... Fine Steel Wire Nos. 21 and 20.... Nos. 21 and 22... Nos. 23 and 24... Nos. 25 and 26... Nos. 27 and 28... Nos. 31 and 32... Nos. 31 and 32... Nos. 33 and 24... $\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & 2 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \ldots & 2 & 9 & 5 \end{array}$ hopefully and predicts a recover

Wire Screen (Painted)-

100 ft. rolls per 100 sq. ft... 50 ft. rolls, per 100 sq. ft.. Poultry netting...... Wire Nails, smal! lots, base... Cut Nails.....

Horse Shoe Nails-

Steel Shoes, 1 to 6---

Horse Shoes-

Nos. 3-12 per 25 lb. box..... 4.10 2 45

No. 2 and larger..... 4.35 No. 1 and smaller..... 4.60

CHILEAN GOVERNMENT **OPERATION OF RAILWA**

On Dec. 31, 1911, the C government was operating 1979 of railway that had cost about 000.000 and had under constru 1628 miles at an estimated co \$71,400,000, to be completed three years. Private railway operation cover 1973 miles, with cessions covering 200 miles This makes 3952 miles of ra now in operation, with 1828 construction. There are three short lines for the governmen which most preliminary work has been done.

Earnings of the third section of the Chilean government railway for the first six months of 1912 were 45^{C}_{CC} greater than for the same period of 1911.

1 some	Name of Article.	Whol	esale
manu-			
Massa-	Toe Calks-		
known	Blunt No. 2 and larger, per 25 lb. box		1.25
e idea	Blunt No. 1 and smaller, per		1.50
of the	25 lb. box Sharp No . 2 and larger, per		
1 this	25 lb. box		1.50 1.75
tories,			
nd 135	Bolts and Nuts-		
manu- ninery, most	Carriage Bolts, common, new Carriage Bolts, ₹ and smaller, Carriage Bolts, 7-16 and up, 55 Carriage Bolts, Norway Iron, Machine Bolts, ₹ and less, 65 Machine Bolts, 7-16 and up, Blank Bolts, 57‡%, Nuts, square all sizes, 4c. per 1 Nuts, hexagon, all sizes, 4‡c.	\$1.00 60 an \$3.00 & 5%. 57½%.	(list). d 15% (list)
orld. worth	Nuts, square all sizes, 4c. per l Nuts, hexagon, all sizes, 4½c.	b. off. per lb.	off.
nually	Building Paper, etc.		
manu-	Tarred Fibre Cyclone 25 lbs		
	Tarred Fibre Cyclone, 25 lbs		0.62
manu-	Tarred wool roofing, per cwt. Liquid roofing, cement in bbls. per gal Crude coal tar per bbl Refined coal tar per bbl	2.00	0.50
ablish-	bbls. per gal Crude coal tar per bbl		$\begin{array}{c} 0.17\\ 4.50 \end{array}$
ed to	Refined coal tar per bbl		5.00
inery,			
pat-	FARM PRODUCE—		
oducts	Butter: Finest Creamery Fine do.	$0.24\frac{1}{2}$	$0.25\frac{1}{4}$ $0.24\frac{1}{2}$
pairs	Dairy Second Grades	$\begin{array}{c} 0.21\\ 0.23 \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	0.22
s an-	Cheese:		
	Finest Western white Finest Western colored Finest Eastern White Finest Eastern colored	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 & 13 \\ 0 & 13 \\ 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 13 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} C . 13 \frac{3}{4} \\ O . 13 \frac{3}{8} \\ O . 12 \frac{7}{6} \\ O . 13 \frac{1}{8} \end{array}$
ZIL.	Eggs:	0110	0.108
s the nomic	Eggs: Strictly Fresh Selected No. 1 stock		$ \begin{array}{c} 0.32 \\ 0.29 \\ 0.26 \end{array} $
ths in	Sundries:		2.20
ty of			
ice of	Green Mts., car lots, bag	$0.70 \\ 0.85 \\ .55$	$0.75 \\ 0.90 \\ 0.10 \\ 0.00 \\ $
erican	Potatoes: Green Mts., car lots, bag ex store, bag Quebecs, ex track, bags ex store, bag Honey white clover comb	0.55	0.80
and	Honey white clover comb	0.16	$0.60 \\ 0.75 \\ 0.17 \\ 0.12$
n the	dark grades	$0.11\frac{1}{2}$ 0.14	0.12
raged	buckweat Beans prime hand picked	0.08	$\begin{array}{c} 0.09\\ 1.85 \end{array}$
et in have	hand picked		2.40
inited	GROCERIES-		
before	Sugar:		
severe	Granulated bags	4.30	4.40 4.60
future	cartons Imperial Beaver		4.25
ery in	Paris lumps Red seal cartons each	5.05	$\begin{array}{c} 4.15 \\ 5.35 \\ 0.35 \end{array}$
		5.10 4.70	7.00
	Ex. ground. Powdered. Bright coffee Vellow No. 1 No. 2	4.30	5.00
"S	Yellow No. 1		4.35 4.15 4.25
YS.	No. 2 No. 3		$4.25 \\ 4.35$
nilean	Molasses:		
miles	Puncheons Barbadoes facny		0.00
\$100,-	per gal bb s		0.39
iction	Puncheons choice per gal bbls. Antigiua. Corn Syrups. Pure maple syrup. Pure maple syrup.	· · · ·	0 37
ost of	Antigiua. Corn Syrups	$ \begin{array}{c} 0.32 \\ 0.03 \\ 1 \end{array} $	0.40 0.33 0.03‡
vithin in	Pure maple syrup Pure maple sugar	$0.75^{\circ}_{0.10}$	1.00
s, in 1 con-	are maple ougaint the transition	0.10	J.11
more.	Rice and Tapioca:		
ilway	Rice grade C	**.*	.25
under	Rice grade B Rice grade C Patna per100 lbs Patna finest imported Pat backey nor grade -08 lbs		.25 3.15 4.80
more		5.37}	$5.62\frac{1}{4}$ 4.75 0.06 0.06
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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

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2... Book pa Book pa Book pa Book pa Writings. Sulphite Fibre... Manila Manila Kraft...

City rer Country

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Windsor 1 lb. bags gross		1.50
3 lb. 100 bags in bbl.		3.00
5 lb. 60 bags in bbl.		2.90
7l b. 42 bags in bbl.		2.80
200 lbs. bbl		1.15
Coarse		0.60
Butter	1.55	2.10
Cheese	1.55	2.10

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Name of Article

In snell— Brazils... Filberts Sicily per lb... Tarragona Almonds per lb... Walnuts Myette Grenobles per lb... Walnuts Marbots per lb... Walnuts Cornes per lb... Hungarioan

Dried Fruits:

Apricots.... Candied peels lemon. orange citron

vaporated apples. igs. eaches runes. aisins.

Coffees: Seal brand 2 lb cans Seal brand lb. cans.. Old gov't Java..... Pure Mocho.... Pure Jamaica... Pure Jamaica... Pure Santos Fancy Rio... Pure Rio...

Japans. Ceylon India. Ceylon greens. China greens.

HIDES WOOL & TALLOW--

City take-off Country take off No. 1.... No. 2....

City take-off, according to size..... Country...... Spring lambskins...... Pelts or shearlings......

Wool: Washed combing fleece... Unwashed clothing fleece. Unwashed clothing fleece. Washed rejections.... Pulled supers... Pulled extras... Unwashed fleece...

2 port canona nos rice Book paper carload No. 1. Book paper carload No. 1. Book paper ton lots No. 1. Writings. Sulphite bond. Fibre. Manila B. Manila No. 2. Manila No. 1.

Sheepskins-

Wool:

Tailow:

City rendered Country stock

PAPER-

Cake

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{HIDES WOOL \& TALLOW--} \\ \text{Hides:} \\ \text{City butcher hides green flat} & 0.13 \frac{1}{2} \ 0.15 \\ \text{Inspected hides No. 1....} & \dots & 0.13 \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{Country hides flat cured.} & 0.13 \ 0.14 \\ \text{part cured.} & 0.13 \ 0.13 \\ \text{green.} & \dots & 0.11 \frac{1}{2} \ 0.12 \\ \text{Calfskins city green flat.} & \dots & 0.16 \\ \text{country part cured according to condition} \\ \text{and take-off.} & 0.17 \ 0.19 \\ \text{Deacons of beb calf} \ 1.00 \ 1.50 \\ \end{array}$

solid in bbls.. No. in in bbls No. 2 No. 1..... No. 2.....

Coffees:

Teas:

Nuts: In shell-

Shelled-

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 $\begin{array}{cccc} 0\,,\,19 & 0\,,20 \\ 0\,,\,12\,\frac{1}{2} & 0\,,13 \\ 0\,,\,11 & 0\,,13 \\ 0\,,\,16 & 0\,,16\,\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0.15 & 0.16 \\ 0.13\frac{1}{2} & p.14\frac{1}{2} \\ 0.11 & 0.12 \\ 0.13\frac{1}{2} & 0.15 \end{array}$

0.42 0.50

0.35 0.371

0.31 0.32

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 $\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & .14 & 0 & .22 \\ 0 & .11 & 0 & .12 \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & .12 & 0 & .13 \\ 0 & .15 & 0 & .18 \\ 0 & .07 & 0 & .11 \\ 0 & .06\frac{1}{2} & 0 & .09\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & .06\frac{1}{2} & 0 & .07 \\ 0 & .07\frac{1}{2} & 0 & .12\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & .06 & 0 & .13\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & .06\frac{1}{4} & 0 & .14 \\ \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{c} 0.32\\ 0.33\\ 0.31\\ 0.24\\ 0.18\\ 0.17\frac{1}{2}\\ 0.17\frac{1}{2}\\ 0.16\\ 0.15\end{array}$

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41.00 44.00

 $\begin{array}{cccc} 76.00 & 5.00 \\ 4.00 & 4.35 \\ 0.04 \frac{1}{2} & 0.04 \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{c} 1.50 \\ 0.50 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.25 \end{array}$

ARTIFICIAL CHANNELS OF TRADE.

The expansion of our trade with Canada and South America shows how little effect artificial restrictions have upon the natural channels of trade. Our exports to South America are three and a half times as great as a decade ago, and to some of the countries of South America they have increasee four or five times. Our exports to the Dominion are almost twice as great as they were only three years ago.

Yet our commerce with South America is not fostered by any Governmental action, aad our trade with Canada is conducted in spite of protective tariffs on both sides of the line and a heavy discrimination by Canada in favor of England. The latter has a differential of one-third in its favor under the Canadian tariff, and vet almost two-thirds of the Dominion imports come from this country, and the percentage is in-creasing. It was 58.4 ten years ago, and is now 63.

About two-thirds of our exports to Canada are manufactured goods. Our exports of cotton cloths, where the advantage of England has been supposed to be most marked, have increased in three years from \$700,-000 to \$2,500,000. Of course, the aggregate is small, but just consider the rate of increase in the face of the low wages of England and the heavy differential England enjoys under the Canadian tariff. Increases in our exports to Canada of agricultural implements, automobiles, machinery of every sort and railway equipment are very marked. Canada has vast forests, and our lumber interests were relentless in fighting against reciprocity, pretending that they could not meet Canadian competition, and yet in three years our exports of lumber to Canada increased from \$5,000,000 to \$13,333,000.-Philadelphia Record.

EAST AND WEST.

(Grain Growers' Guide).

The business men of the East are watching the harvesting of the Western crop almost as anxiously as the people of the prairies themselves. A large yield, safely harvested by the Western farmer, will mean increased prosperity for the industrial centres of the East, whence he obtains his supplies. The prosperity of the East, indeed, depends largely upon the prosperity of the West. Then why should the people of the East desire to see the Western farmer burdened with excessive freight rates, plundered by a high tariff, charged exorbitant interest and forbidden to sell his crops where he can obtain the best prices? To free the producer from unnecessary burdens would be an advantage to all Canada.

ALCOHOL AND LONGEVITY.

The influence of alcohol upon longevity has now been studied with some thoroughness by physicians and actuaries and some definite results have been gained, although here much work needs to be done. The results show at any rate that alcohol does not increase longevity and hence we have here again no clue to the world-wide desire for it. Robert Mackenzie Moore, actuary of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institute, in a recent report based upon sixty years' experience of that company in the insurance of the lives of abstainers and non-obstainers (the latter being moderate drinkers and good risks and belonging to the same class and following the same occupations as the former) found that in respect to longevity the abstainers showed a marked superiority over the nonabstainers throughout the whole period of life for every class of policies and for both sexes, however tested. For instance, at the age of 30 the expectation of life for the nonabstainers, is 35.1 years; for the abstainers, 38.8 years, a difference of nearly 11 per cent. At the age of 40, the percentage of difference is the same. Another very thorough and impartial investigation has been made by Mr. Edward B. Phelps on the mortality due to alcohol. It is directors of three prominent life-insur ance companies of America. Mr. Phelp's conclusion is that 8 per cent. of all deaths of adults in the United States are due to alcohol.-Professor G. T. W. Patrick in The Popular Science Monthly.

BRITISH POSTOFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

During the year 1912 the amount deposited in British Post Office Savings Banks was £50,708,852 8s. 10d. To this has to be added the amount brought forward on 1st January, 1912, namely £176,518,508 19s. 1d. and the interest £4,259,082 3s. 2d. making up a total of £231,486,443

During the, year £49,381,878 12s 7d. was repaid, leaving a balance at the close of the year of £182,104,564 18s. 6d. due to depositors. Of this amount £94,445,562 10s. 1d. has been lodged for investment with the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt.

Interest accruing to depositors up to December 31, 1912, including interest accruing up to December 31, 1911 amounted to £87,154,177 15s. 1d. The amount, therefore, remain ing to be paid over for investment on December 31, 1912, amounted to £504,824 13s. 4d. Expenses in connection with the savings banks during 1912 amounted to £649,207.

1426 THE JOURI	NAL OF COMMERCE AND SHAREHOLDER Saturday, Sept. 6, 1913
SWEET CAPORAL CICARETES CICARETES STANDARD OP THE WORLD	LLOYDS BANK (FRANCE) LIMITED, Subscribed Capital, £26,304,200. Paid up Capital, £4,208,672. Reserve Fund, £2,900,000. HEAD OFFICE : 71, LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C. Deposit and Current Accounts - (31st Dec., 1912) £89,832,381 3 4 Cash in hand, at call, and at short notice , 24,029,468 7 6 Bills of Exchange , 9,481,148 0 9 Investments , 10,939,332 19 7 Advances and other Securities , 10,939,332 19 7 MIS BANK HAS OVER 650 OFFICES IN ENCLAND AND WALES. Colonial & Foreign Department : 60, Lombard St., London, E.C. PARIS AUXILIARY : LLOYDS BANK (FRANCE) LIMITED, 26 Avenue d e l'Opera.
SECURITIES. London Aug. 2 ritish Columbia, 1917, 41 pc. Closing Price 1914, 3 p.c. 76 78 anada 3 per cent. loan, 1938 82 84 Insc. Sh. 72 74	SHALL WE TAKE GOLD FROM EUROPE? "One of the uncertain factors in the situation," the London Statist believes, "is the distinct fall in the American exchange in the past week in consequence of the large arrivals of gold in Europe from South Ameri- ca and the expectation that money on this side will become distinctly TO THE MANUFACTURERS. The town of Windsor Mills, Prov- ince of Quebec, has a power and site to offer to manufacturers who wish to establish a business. A good distributing point having both the Grand Trunk and C. P. Railways. For further informations address the Mayor of the town.
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THE MOLSONS BANK.

132nd Dividend.

The Shareholders of The Molsons Bank are hereby notified that a Dividend of TWO-AND-THREE-QUAR-TERS PERCENT. (being at the rate of eleven per cent. per annum) upon the capital stock has been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at the Office of the Bank, in Montreal, and at the Branches, on and after the FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT, to Shareholders of record on 15th September, THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-1913. ING of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at its banking house, in this City, on MONDAY, the 20th of October next, at three o'clock in the afternoon

By order of the Board, JAMES ELLIOT, General Manager.

Montreal, 26th August, 1913.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

ISSUE OF \$60,000,000 ORDINARY CAPITAL STOCK.

SPECIAL INTEREST PAYMENT.

In accordance with the President's Circular to the Shareholders, dated January 3rd, 1913, an Interest Payment at 7 %, or \$3.6 7164 per share, will be paid on October 15th next, on the first four instalments (\$140). from the due date of each instal-ment, to September 30th, 1913, on the shares of the above New Issue represented by the Certificates of Subscription, to holders of record at the close of business August 18th next, who have paid these instalments on or before their respective due dates. Notice is hereby given that this Interest Payment will be mailed from New York to the registered addresses of holders, or their duly appointed Attorneys, on October 14th, 1913.

For the purpose of this Payment the Certificate of Subscription Books will close August 18th at 3 p.m., and re-open September 18th, 1913.

All the shares of this Issue, when paid in full, will rank with the existing Stock for the full dividend accruing for the quarter ending December 31st, 1913, which dividend will be payable April 1st, 1914. W. R. BAKER,

Secretary.

Montreal, July 31st, 1913.

TWO "RECORDS." "In the fiscal year just ended," the IRON AGE points out, "iron and steel exports comprised a larger proportion of our total exports than in any previous year, and this despite the fact that the total exports were by far the largest on record."

AFTER THE BALKAN WAR

"According to the law," an English critic points out, "the 'mortaoriums whereby Balkan merchants were allowed to suspend payment on their debts will expire very shortly after the arrangement of peace. But there are things stronger even than the law, and one of those things is There is no use in suing poverty, a man for a debt due by him if palpably he has not the means of paying. Therefore it is reasonably certain that as the summer is drawing to a close neither Austria-Hungary nor Germany will be able to get in the debts due to them.'

NEW ZEALAND-GANADA TRADE

Consul Charles M. Freeman, Sydney, N. S., advises, the State Department that one of the New Zealand Company's steamships was in that port loading wire and nails for Australia and New Zealand. This company, under a subsidy from the Canadian Government, will make regular trips from Montreal, calling at Sydney en route to New Zealand. Should this route prove profitable, it is expected that sailings will be made via the Panama Canal. The Waimate, the first vessel covering the route is of 10,000 tons. The next sailing from Sydney, N.S., is scheduled for September .- (American Consular Report).

THE SWEET POTATO CROP.

Each year the sweet potato is becoming of greater importance as a money crop in the South. The value of this crop in the United States in 1909 was \$34,429,000, ninety per cent of which was produced in the South-ern States. The total area devoted to sweet potatoes in the United States increased from 537,000 acres in 1899 to 641,000 in 1909, and the yield increased from 42,500,000 to 52,200,000 bushels. The total value of the crop increased at a much more rapid rate than either the acreage or the yield, showing an increase of 78.3 per cent. in ten years.

GERMANY AND EASY MONEY.

"Apart," writes a Berlin correspondent to London, "from the unfavorable condition of the international market, crop-moving demands, the needs of our own traders in a Bourse which appears to be gaining steadily, albeit slowly, and the spectre of the war taxes forbid one to hope for relief'

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THE PRESSURE OF NEW LOANS

In July, issues of new securities at London were £9,500,000 below the same month in 1912, but £ 10,000,000 above 1911, and about £2,700,000 above the July average of the decade past. Issues of Government and municipal securities were £10,356,000, against £3,012,100 in July, 1912.

ACCOUNTANTS.

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AMONG THE BANKS.

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Canadian banks have \$43,121,384 loaned to municipalities.

The imports of gold into Montreal and Toronto from New York last week amounted to \$1,500,000.

The annual meeting of the Molsons Bank will be held on Monday, October 20 next, at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, at the head office, St. James Street, Montreal.

According to the STATIST, there is in the United States Treasury at the present time a stock of gold amounting to $\pounds 260,000,000$, in the Argentine Conversion Office $\pounds 52,000,000$, in Brazil $\pounds 20,000,000$, in Russia $\pounds 162,000,000$, and in India $\pounds 25,000,000$.

Latest available statistics show a considerable decline in exports of silver from London in the Far East as compared with last year, the outge up to the middle of August being over £1,000,000 less than in the same period of 1912. Shipments to India have decreased fully £600,000, while those to China are smaller by about £426,000.

London City and Midland Bank has passed the Lloyds Bank and is now the biggest bank in the world, with deposits of \$450,000,000.

Toronto Bank clearings for August were \$158,540,281 a decrease of \$9,400,000 from August, 1912.

A deposit of \$25 per annum made persistently for 20 years, and compounded at 3 per cent. amounts to \$691.

Montreal Bank clearings for August amounted to \$232,700,313, a decrease of \$21,000,000.

The net imports of gold into India in 1991 amounted to $\pounds 16,000,000$. In 1912 the amount rose to $\pounds 25,000,000$, and the amount of the present year is estimated at $\pounds 30,000,000$.

The present gold situation of Germany has been put in a rosy light by acting President Otto Von Glasenapp, of the Imperial Bank of Germany.

He said the situation fully justified a reduction of the bank rate, but the prospective demands on the Imperial Bank in the autumn rendered such a step inadvisable. The surplus of gold imports over gold exports in 1913, he said, had been \$44,250,000.

The Bank of British North America announces that the interim dividend less income tax, of 40 shillings a share, recently declared, will be paid on October 6th. No transfers can be made between the 22nd inst. and the 4th prox., inclusive, as the books must be closed during that period.

The Royal Bank of Canada has decided to extend its organization in the West Indies to Grenada, and a branch will be opened there towards the end of the present month or early in September.

Bullion amounting to £460,000 was taken into the Bank of England to-day, and £100,000 was withdrawn for shipment to Egypt.

A branch bank of the Bank of British North America will be open for business in the course of the next few days at the corner of Queen street east and Beech avenue, Toronto, under the management of Mr. Joseph Cant.

A branch of the Bank of British North America has been opened at 150 Mile House, B.C., under the charge of Mr. A. de C. Smith as Acting Manager.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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MEDICINE HAT AND ITS GAS.

(Special Correspondence Journal of Commerce.)

Medicine Hat, Alta. August 29. The International Supply Company of this city, has just finished repairs to the gas well used by the Alberta Clay Products Company, Limited, in the operation of that concern's extensive work here. It was found that the well had been clogged up somewhat at the bottom, and since this was discovered the company has been purchasing natural gas from the city. Now, however, the well is in the best of condition and is once more in use by the clay concern, furnishing all the gas required in making of fireproofing, hollow block, sewer pipe, etc., for shipments to all parts of the priarie province. The well now has its normal pressure and flow of the prairie provinces. The well now has its normal pressure and flow or morebetween two and three million feet daily—and is as good as the day it was first capped. W. R. Martin, in charge of the repair work for his company at the well, made some interesting notes regarding this well, which is typical of the gas wells in the Medicine Hat gas field.

It is now approximately four years since the well was drilled by this municipality and placed at the disposal of the Alberta Clay Products Company. Figuring on the average flow of the well, Mr. Martin states that the well has furnished about 2,400,000,000 feet of natural gas in that time, which has been used in the making of the wide variety of products which this manufacturer has been steadily turning out. Another notable feature is that if coal could have been bought here for \$5.00 per ton, it would have meant a cost or around a million dollars for fuel.

Canadian Express Co. will shortly sever its connection with American and National express companies, which will do an independent business in Canada.

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In consequence, I give POBLIC NOTICE to all who intend to proceed against any prisoners now in the Common Gaol of the said District, and all others, that they must be present then and there; and I also give notice to all Justices of the Peace, Coroners and Peace Officers, in and for the said District, that they must be present then and there, with their Records, Rolls, Indictments, and other Documents, in order to do those things which belong to them in their respective capacities,

L. J. LEMIEUX, Sheriff's Office, Montreal, 19th August 1913,

Exports of anthracite from the United States in the fiscal year 1913 were valued at \$24,523,800, of which all but \$399,041 was shipped to Canada.

marine business is divided between Japanese and British

companies. In the fire business there are 18 Japanese concerns. They received $\pounds 896,000$ in premiums, and paid

 $\pounds 289,000$ in claims. Their expenses of management were

 $\pounds 264,000$. There are 23 foreign fire companies in Japan, the majority British. "One of the new laws they have

to observe is that policies must be issued in the Japanese

language, unless a wish to the contrary is expressed.

Therefore the drafting has to be of a very careful order, for there is no doubt that in the Japanese courts of law

the native version would be relied on for settling any

dispute. This interesting country has many perplexing

problems, which the astuteness of its people in no way

lessens as time goes on."

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CANADIAN TINPLATE TRADE. (Chemical Trade Iournal.)

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A scheme is being promoted by a number of South Wales tinplate manufacturers for the establishment of tinplate works in Canada. The purport of the scheme is to effectively meet the competition of American manufacturers, who, since the five per cent. preferential rate extended to tinplate of British manufacture was discontinued, have secured a firm hold on the Canadian market. By establishing tinplate works in Canada. South Wales manufacturers hope to be able to defeat the American makers, for immediately there is a Canadian tinplate industry the antidumping law comes into operation automatically. This law prohibits the importation of any article at a price lower than that prevailing in the home market, and, as the United States have captured the Canadian tinplate market by dumping plates a price much lower than that at charged to United States tinplate consumers, it is confidently hoped that South Wales manufacturers will, by establishing works in Canada, and through the anti-dumping law, regain this trade.

A deputation of South Wales manfacturers is being organised to proceed to Canada to lay before the Canadian Government the claim for the restoration of the tinplate tariff preference which was formerly accorded to Great Britain, and which is still operative n the case of galvanized iron sheets.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. The Thirty-second Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company for the election of Directors, to take the place of the retiring Directors, and for the transaction of business generally, will be held on Wednesday, the first day of October next, at the principal office of the Company, at Montreal, at Twelve o'clock noon.

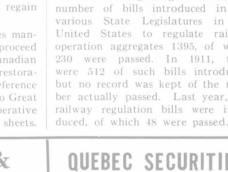
The Common Stock Transfer Books will be closed in Montreal, New York and London at 1 p.m., on Saturday, the thirtieth day of Aug-The Preference Stock Books will be closed in London at the same

All books will be re-opened on Thursday, the second day of October. By order of the Board,

W. R. BAKER, Secretary Montreal, August 11th, 913.

A WELL-REGULATED INDUSTRY.

Since the beginning of 1913, the number of bills introduced in the various State Legislatures in the United States to regulate railway operation aggregates 1395, of which 230 were passed. In 1911, there were 512 of such bills introduced, but no record was kept of the number actually passed. Last year, 272 railway regulation bills were introduced, of which 48 were passed.



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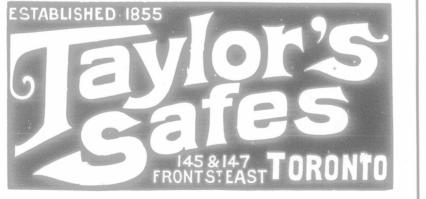
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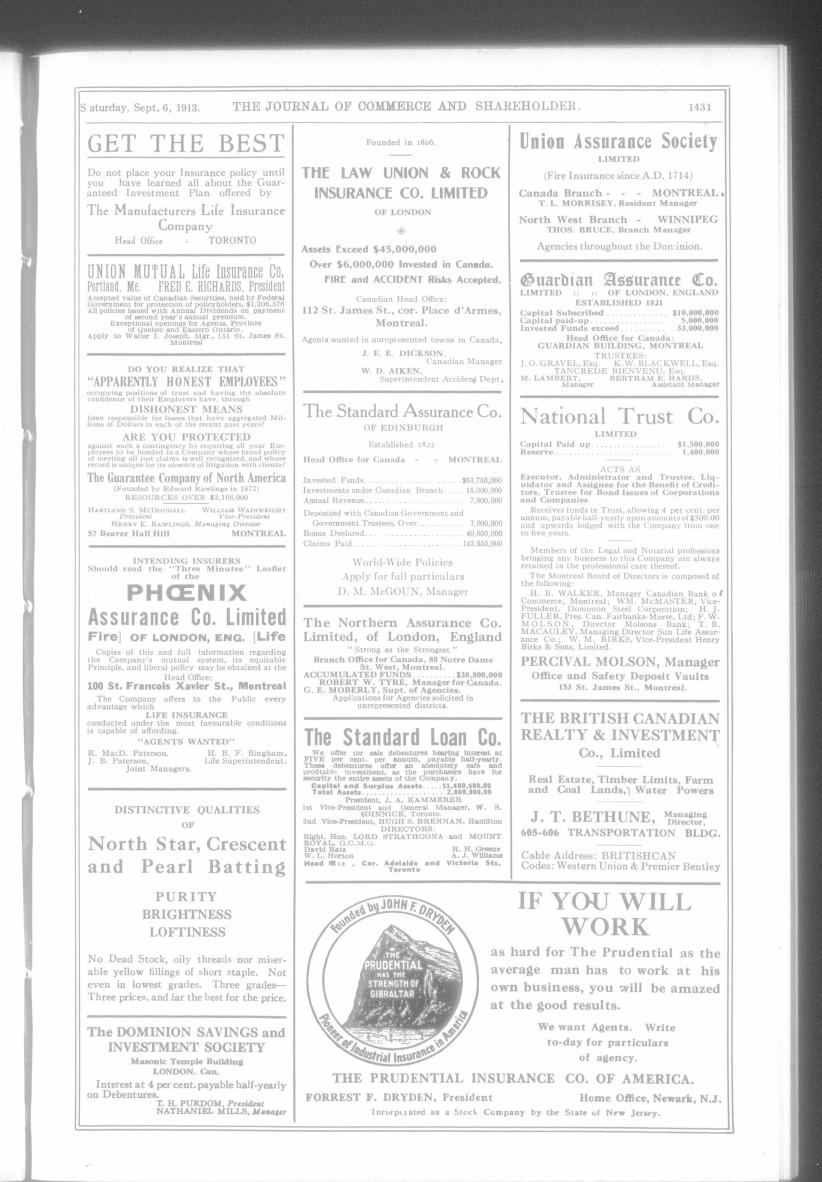
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