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An English contemporary and his Training for correspondents have discussed the Managerships. question of training insurance officials in preparation for managerships. The discussion was suggested by its being stated that a recent amalgamation was effected because of the difficulty of finding a competent manager

for one of the companies. A writer in "The Policy-Holder" has the following remarks in reference to the editors query : " Are there no available men left who are capable of filling the chief positions in the fire insurance world ?" "Your query, Mr. Editor, is, I venture to say, the spoken thought of all insurance men to-day. If there are no such capable men, are not the directors and general managers themselves to blame for bringing about this state of things. Are they not reaping what they have been sowing for some years, viz., giving the high places in the profession to gentlemen who have had no insurance training whatever, but who simply step into such positions as branch managerships on the strength of the promise of business from their commercial friends? What consideration have directors had for the trained man ? Are their not plenty of such menenergetic, hard-working, and quite capable of procuring business, and at the same time holding their position with dignity to the profession ? What is the ambition of the rising insurance generation ? Of what use are Institutes and Federations when directors draw the limit line for the trained man, and what is the prospect if directors take such an immoral course The immorality of directors appointing of action." such managers as they regard most suitable is not apparent. As a rule the directors of an insurance company are the most largely interested in its affairs, and are not likely to make managerial appointments from improper motives. The future, however, is the trained man's, and the Institutes are doing an invaluable service to the young officials by giving them opportunities for training as a preparation for responsible positions.

A The Montreal Butter and Cheese Dairy Circular. Association has favoured us with a circular, publication of which is desired. The object of the circular is to persuade the Dairy men of Canada to discontinue the manufacture of cheese entirely after 1st Nov., for six reasons. The pith of them being numbers 4 and 5, which read :

4th. That the price of butter is higher on an average all the year round than cheese, for the finest qualities.

5th. That the manufacture of butter is more profitable than cheese, not only in the comparative price, but in that the farm stock and the land are better sustained.

We endorse with emphasis the statement in the circular, "that in order to maintain high prices there must be a continuous supply of finest butter." Indeed, such supplies of high quality are essential to Canada's holding a profitable place in the English market. Our dairymen's aim should be to make the brand "Canadian" an assurance of high quality, Such a reputation when once established would be invaluable to Canada's dairy interests.

British Friendly The persistent and misleading statements made in this country and

the States in regard to the great Friendly Societies in Great Britain that they had prospered for centuries under the assessment system induced us to give an emphatic denial to these statements, first because no such society exists in England with a history of centuries—though the principle was recognized by the old guilds—second, because those societies are not on an assessment basis. Our esteemed and especially well-informed English contemporary, " The Review," London, uses the following severe language in confirmation of our statement.

"There are no such societies as the Assessment

companies of the United States in operation in this country, in any shape or form. The only societies which work on an extensive scale and which have any elements of stability in them at all are those which, like the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Hearts of Oak, and other societies, work principally on the premium system. For American speculators to assert that societies are working in England, and have worked solvently and honestly for a long period of time, upon principles similar to those of the assessment life insurance societies of the United States and Canada is nothing more nor less than a deliberate falsehood, invented and circulated for the sole purpose of swindling those who may happen to believe in it."

Such misrepresentations, we prefer to believe, were originally made from ignorance, but, now their incorrectness has been exposed, those who repeat such statements are open to the censures of "The Review."

#### Health Insurance Declining.

The business of health insurance is reported to be declining, owing to the dissensions that have

arisen in regard to claims under this class of policies. The policies issued are averred to be open to such interpretations as create difficulties in determining whether the particular ailment from which a policy holder claims to be suffering is covered by his policy. The refinements of modern medical science have caused many diseases to be classified under a variety of names. A health insurance policy so drawn as to specifically include all the disorders now recognized would be a voluminous document. In the absence of the organization necessary for testing the bona fide nature of claims under health policies it is believed that there have been numerous fraudulent ones, as it is so easy for a policyholder to get an allowance for sickness when he is malingering. The sick benefit societies require members to employ the society's doctor, and when a member declares himself " on the box " as sick, he is frequently and systematically visited by officers appointed for that duty, who are an effective check on imposition. Health insurance needs some such precautions, the absence of which has made the business itself unhealthy. The Supreme Court of Michigan has decided that the conditions of the health and accident policy, limiting indemnity to the time when the insured is confined to his bed and to the house, are invalid, the indemnity being due for the time he is unable to perform his regualr duties even though he is able to be up and about.

Amalgamations and Officials.

The once greatest of literary weeklies, the "Saturday Review," though its lustre has been dimmed in re-

cent years is still a journal of influence. In discussing the Phœnix-Atlas fusion the "Saturday" remarks:

" The only people to whom such a combination as that of the Phœnix and the Atlas is detrimental are the officials of the two companies. Experience has proved that amalgamations frequently tend to block promotion, and it is to be hoped that all possible care will be taken to prevent the change operating to the detriment of the officials. The staffs of our great insurance companies normally work in a very whole-hearted way in the interests of their offices. Their remuneration is not usually very large during the earlier years of service, and the prospects of ultimate promotion, and practically a position for life, are among the inducements to take up a career in a British insurance office. We feel sure that the proprietors of companies like the Atlas and Phœnix would wish every generosity to be shown to their officials, and every care to be taken that a change by which the shareholders will surely benefit should not involve the disappointment of any legitimate expectations on the part of those who contribute so largely to the success of the companies."

It would certainly cause much regret were this amalgamation and others of a like kind to prove detrimental to the interests of any of the officials. As "The Observer " says: "Both companies are opulent, and their shares are mostly owned by wealthy people who can easily afford to be not only just, but liberal;" generous treatment, therefore, of their officials may be fairly anticipated.

An Insurance The Alliance Insurance Company Octopus. has a remarkable record as an absorber. The 'Financier and Bullionist '' shows that the Alliance, during the past half-century, has absorbed no less than 14 other offices, most of them engaged in fire business on a local scale. The list given by our contemporary reads as under :--

1847. Insurance Company of Sci	otland		Fire
1849. Suffolk Alliance			Fire
1863. Sheffield Fire Office			Fire
1864. Birmingham District Fire	Office		Fire
1864. Hants, Sussex and Dorsel			Fire
1868. Western Fire Office of Ma	inchester		Fire
1873. King's Lynn			Fire
1874. Provincial Fire Office			Fire
1883. Norwich Equitable			Fire
1883. Scottish Imperial Fire			Fire
1888. Royal Farmer's			Fire
1889. Provincial Life			Life
1890. Salop Fire Office			Fire
1890. Shropshire and North Wa	les Fire	Office	Fire

The above companies were organized and entered upon the business of underwriting under the impresSion that it could be conducted profitably within a very narrow area. As experience went on teaching its unvarying lesson to these companies they each in succession saw the wisdom of amalgamating with a strong company which was operating in a field wide enough to be practically independent of the conditions of any one locality.

The Mutual Life's The addition to the building of Enlarged Building. the Mutual Life Insurance Company in New York is an engineering wonder. The foundations rest on bed rock 100 feet below the surface of the ground, the cellar floor being 55 feet below the sidewalk. There are dwelling houses in England having a cellar kitchen with ceiling flush with the sidewalk, a cellar used for brewing under it, and one for storage below that. The Mutual Life building is 18 stories high, one wall of which had to be underpinned while the excavations were in progress.

Caissons for ned of steel tubes three feet in diameter were sunk to support the adjoining buildings. and then work was begun on the foundations proper. A discovery that under the hardpan there was a formation of loose sand and crumbling rock in places thirty-two feet deep forced the excavators to go to solid rock with all the main caissons, and this was about one hundred feet below the sidewalk.

In the permanent foundations there are 2000 tons of steel, 20,000 barrels of cement, 10,000 yards og stone. The additions recently made will cost \$2,-500,000, and will cover an area of 16,000 square feet

#### U. S. NATIONAL BANKS,

#### With tables compiled from recent return of the Comptroller of the Currency.

To the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, U.S., we are indebted for a summary of returns of National Banks, just issued in advance of the full report that will not be ready for publication until near the close of the year. The summary includes a table giving the statistics of National Banks organized between March, 1900 and Sept., 1901. The expansion of banking facilities in the United States in the year and a half has been a remarkable financial phenomenon. In that period there have been 486 new National Banks organized each with a capital of less than \$50,000, and 229 others of the same class, each with a capital over \$50,000. The aggregate of the capital of these 715 new banks is, \$36,582,000, of which \$6,145,000 was contributed by converting a number of State banks into National. The chief development was in the Western and Middle States, in which 375 new

banks were opened in above period, with an aggregate capital of \$16,950,000. The Southern States follow with 171 new banks, capital, \$9,208,000; Eastern States, including New York, 135 new banks, capital, \$7,589,000; Pacific States, 22 banks, capital, \$1,635,000 and New England States, 12 banks, capital, \$1,200,000. The following shows :-

Number of National banks in existence, authorized capital stock, bonds on deposit to secure circulation, circulation secured by bonds, and by lawful money, on March 14 and June 30, 1900; June 29, and September 30, 1901.

	Mar. 14, 1900.	Sept. 30, 1901,	Increase or decrease.
Number of banks	3,617	4,254	637
Authorized capital	616,308,095	661,851,695	45,543,600
Bonds deposited Circulation secured by	244,611,570	330,721,930	
bonds	216,374,795	328,845,067	112,470,272
Circulation secured by law- ful money.	33,027,935	29,985,480	d. 8,042,455

One feature in above table exhibits in a very striking manner the defective currency system of the United States. In little more than a year and a half the authorized capital of the banks, privileged to issue notes, increased to extent of \$45,543,600 and the bonds deposited to secure circulation increased by \$86,110,360.

That is, the whole of the new capital was devoted to purchasing bonds to secure an equal amount of circulation. The banks had notes issued to extent of \$328,845,067, for which they had deposited bonds to extent of \$330,721,930, leaving only a margin of \$1,876,863 for increasing the circulation without a further deposit of bonds. If then, as there has been for some weeks past, a pressing demand for more currency for harvest purposes, the National banks can only put out more notes by depositing more bonds, which is an operation much like a man adding to the resources of his left hand pocket by transferring money to it taken from his right hand pocket. These banks must either keep on deposit an amount of bonds sufficient to provide a legal cover for protecting the maximum of their note issues required at some short season, as in the Fall, or they must be kept continually in the market buying and selling bonds in accordance with the fluctuations in their note issues. Whichever policy is pursued by a bank there must be a locking up of its resources from which a very small revenue is derived. If the note circulation of the American National banks were as large in proportion to their paid-up capital as is the note circulation of the Canadian banks, it would be not less than 150 to 160 millions larger than it ever rises to in the States. In July last, for instance, the Canadian banks had a paid-up capital of \$67,147,000 and

note circulation of \$48,948,000, the proportion of the note issues being 74.5 per cent. At the same date the U.S. National banks had an aggregate paid-up capital of \$645,719,000 and circulation of \$319,008,000, the proportion of note issues to capital paid up being 49.4 Now, if the American percentage of circulation to capital had been equal to the Canadian the note issues in July would have been \$481,060,700 which sum is \$162,051,000 greater than the actual amount of the circulation of American banks at that date. It is obvious that were the circulation of the U.S. National banks as elastic as that of the banks in Canada, there would not be such pressure on the New York banks for supplies to meet the needs of banks in the interior as periodically disturbs the money market.

The following table compiled from the form just issued by the "Comptroller of the Currency," Washington, gives:

ABSTRACT of Reports of Condition of National Banks in the United States on September 5, 1900, July 15, 1901.

	Sept. 5, 3,871 Banks.	July 15, 4,165 Banks.
RESOURCES.	1900.	1901.
I oans and Discounts	\$2,686,759,642	\$2,956,906,375
Overdrafts	23,130,598	24,147,213
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	294,890,130	326,971,080
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posits,	102,811,380	105,327,250
U. S. Bonds on hand	11,047,870	9,381,190
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	9,951,815	8,888,885
Stocks, Securities, etc	367,255,545	435,002,188
Fixtures Other Real Estate and Mortgages	81,209,233	84,647,346
owned	26,002,369	23,892,105
Due from National Banks	220,673,982	262,567,988
Due from State Banks and Bankers	64.972,431	71,581 761
Due from approved Reserve Agents.	450,714,269	454,077,288
Internal Revenue Stamps	1,470,910	680,696
hecks and other Cash Items	19,749,086	25,213,997
Exchanges for Clearing House	124,517,116	300,689,828
Bills of other National Banks Fractional Currency, Nickels and	25,416,666	25,258,411
Cents	1,241,387	1,311,546
Specie	373, 328,410	371,085,543
Legal tender Notes	145,046,493	164,929,624
U. S. Certificates of Deposit	2,085,000	4.785,100
Five per cent. Redemption Fund	14,244,066	15,933 782
Due from Treasurer U. S	1,620,111	2,630,946
Total	5,048 138,499	5,675,910,042
LIABILITIES,		
Capital Stock paid in	630,299,030	645,719,099
Surplus Fund	261,874,067	274, 194, 175
Undivided Profits, less Expenses		
and Taxes.	127,594,908	142,545,641
National bank Notes outstanding	283,948,631	319,008,811
State bank Notes outstanding	52,231	52,231
Due to other National Banks	609,652,961	645 038,393
Due to State Banks and Bankers	243,805,378	275,928,820
Due to Trust Companies and Sav-		
ings Banks	215,898,530	250,222,981
Due to Approved Reserve Agents.	27,209,179	35,626,197
Dividends unpaid	1,171,983	2,555,706
Individual Deposits	2,508,248,557	2,941,837,428
U.S. Deposi s Deposits of U.S. Disbursing	87,596,246	93,825,077
Officers	6,221,742	5,247,189
Notes and Bills rediscounted	6,000,740	5,899,688
Bills payable	10,645,714	11,751,607
Liabilities other than those above.	27,918,602	26,457,019
Totals	5,048,138,499	5,675,910,041

#### THE MOLSONS BANK.

The 46th annual meeting of The Molsons Bank was held on 21st inst. The report, as is the established custom of this bank, was highly satisfactory. The net profits last year amounted to \$353,890, which exceeds 14.15 per cent. of the paid-up capital. From this there has been paid two half-yearly dividends of four per cent. each, and a bonus of one per cent. These absorbed \$225,000, leaving \$128,890, out of which \$100,000 was transferred to Reserve Fund. \$15,364 devoted to alterations and improvements of the Head Office and branches, \$9,011 paid as business taxes, the balance of \$4,515 being added to credit of Profit and Loss Account, \$31,506 being carried forward to next year. The business of the bank enlarged considerably since October, 1900. The deposits not bearing interest went up from \$2,206,058 to \$2,792,448, an increase of \$506,390; those bearing interest from \$10,639,500 to \$12,546,736, an advance of \$1.907.236. These additional funds found employment by an increase in current loans amounting to \$1,262,544, and in call loans to extent of \$576,226, which together took \$1,838,770. A further sum of \$447,332 was invested in municipal, railway and other securities. The assets immediately available amount to \$7,370,598, an increase of \$1,237,346 over those held a year ago. The President, Mr. William Molson Macpherson, conducted the meeting like a veteran, his address to the shareholders being practical, showing a thorough grasp of the situation, and, though sanguine, had a touch of caution and prudence. He pointed out the desirability of safeguards against what must come, sooner or later, "for we cannot have good times always, and we feel it our duty to protect the shareholders all we can." With that protection in view he favoured the policy of raising the Reserve Fund to an amount equal to the paidup capital, \$2,500,000, the amount at present being \$2.150,000. It seems probable, therefore, that the dividend will not be increased for several years to come. Mr. John Crawford expressed regret at this determination, but the wisdom of the policy enunciated by the President is generally admitted. Reference having been made to a Pension Fund for the staff, the General Manager explained that the nucleus of such a fund had been laid aside, and when all arrangements had been made the Fund would be placed on a proper basis. The bank has opened a branch at Jacques Cartier Square, and the one at Valleyfield has been closed. Highly eulogistic remarks were made by Mr. S. H. Ewing and others in regard to the services of the General Manager, Mr. Elliot, and those of Mr. Pratt, Local Manager, Mr. Durnford, Chief Inspector, and the whole staff were warmly commended. The retiring directors were re-elected, viz., Messrs. James P. Cleghorn, S. H. Ewing, Samuel Finley, F. C. Henshaw, H. Markland Molson, W. Molson Macpherson, W. M. Ramsay. Mr. W. M. Macpherson was re-elected President, and Mr. S. H. Ewing, Vice-President.

### INSURANCE & FINANCE CHRONICLE

#### THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF TORONTO.

The Insurance Institute of Toronto opened its session for 1901-2 on the 18th inst., the inaugural meeting being well attended. The address of Mr. Laidlaw, President, was much appreciated. Mr. Thomas Hilliard, of the Dominion Life Assurance Co., read a paper on "The Ethics of Life Insurance," which held the close attention of the meeting, the matter having been carefully prepared and the delivery unusually excellent. Mr. Hilliard hails from Waterloo, Ont., which has acquired quite a high reputation in insurance circles. A paper was contributed by Mr. J. T. Naylor, one of the staff of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, on "Sprinkler Equipment," which, in his absence, was read by Mr. Robins, the Secretary of the C.F.U.A. The paper was full of valuable information and points. The menu provided

was so judiciously arranged as to cater to the tastes of both classes of members, life and fire representatives, who will be none the worse for learning something of each other's business. One of the snags in the course of the Insurance Institutes will be found to be the division of interest at the meetings, caused by the presentation of technical papers that appeal to only one section of the members. The Executive Committee of each Institute should keep this in mind, or there will be disruptions owing to dissatisfaction on one side or the other. Members of Insurance Institutes should also bear in mind that in such associations there must be a certain amount of "give and take," of readiness to subordinate individual tastes to a policy designed to promote the general welfare, and to bring all classes of insurance officials into friendly co-operation.

# STATISTICAL AESTRACT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1901, OF THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA.

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Current Loans in Canada 22	44,316,826	36,999,603	30,786,953	Inc.	1,159,250	Inc.	7,371,900
		42,343,373	29,749,949	Inc.	1,983,453	Inc.	
	86, 195, 554	280,758,805	272,020,391	Inc.	5.436,749	Inc.	14,576,87
Overdue Debte	27,306,614	27, 373, 521	18,650,178	Dec.			14,175,16
Overdue Debts	2,033,105	2,111,695	2,391,949	Dec.	66,907	Inc.	8,656,43
Other Assets	23,223,001	23,715,245			78,590	Dec.	358,844
Total Amoto	and the owner of the owner of the owner of the	the same state of the same at a strend way to same the same		Dec.	492,244		
Liabilities.	53,954,790	544,147,899	487,670,752	Inc.	9,806,891	Inc.	66,284,038
Notes in Circulation							
Notes in Circulation	56,027,407	51,352,309	50,387.070	Inc		-	
Due to Dominion Government	2,621,608	2,460,890		Inc.	4,675,098	Inc.	5,640,333
Due to Provincial Governments	3,304,435		3,095,600	Inc.	160,778	Dec.	473.932
Deposits in Canada Davable on demand	96,860,910	3,226,871	2,421,272	Inc.	77,564	Inc.	883,163
Deposits in Canada Davable after notice	90,000,910	93,945,799	101,911,549	Inc.	2,915,111	Dec.	
	28,015,362	228, 174, 215	183,662,013	Dec.	58,853		5,050,639
Loans from other Banks in Canada secured 3	31,405,489	29,788,014	21,313,758		11 655 455	Inc.	44,953,349
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Deposits by and Balances due other Bks. in Canada	3,603,170	3,129,569				Dec.	813,447
out to banks and Agencies in United Kingdom	0,410,010	6,569,418	3,462,114	Inc.	474,661	Inc.	141,056
Due to banks and Agencies elsewhere	881,627	0,509,410	4,998,675	Dec.	153,399	Inc.	1,417,344
		803,896	\$67,283	Inc.	77,731	Inc.	
Total Lightities	1,167,536	11,359,546		Dec.	192,010		14,344
Total Liabilities 44	1,047,760	431,466,589	378,603,318	Inc.	9,581,171		
Capital.			37-1 3,310	· ····	9,301,171	Inc.	62,444,442
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Deposits with Dominion Government for security of note circulation, 5 per cent. of maximum circulation, being the amount required tor year ending 30th June, 1901, \$2,568,918.

#### THE SEPTEMBER BANK STATEMENT.

The in-gathering and distribution of the crops always contributes largely to the banking business of September. The circulation has gone beyond any on record, and is rapidly approaching the limit, the margin now between the capital paid and the note issues of the banks being only 11,400,000, whereas in Sept., 1896, the margin was \$29,100,000. If the note issues increase as much in the next two years at the ratio they have since 1893 there will have to be more capital paid in, or some banks will have a stop put upon any further increase of circulation. Already there are 15 prominent banks whose circulation to day is within a small amount of being equal to their respective capitals. The gross circulation of those banks is within \$800,000 of their aggregate paid up capital of \$20,500,000, At the end of this month several banks will find themselves at the end of their circulation tether, and for any increased demand they will have to utilize their neighbours' notes. At the same time there are several of the banks whose note issues fall considerably below the limit, four of these having an aggregate margin of \$9,300,000. An arrangement seems probable by which the notes represented by this large amount could be util zed by banks whose limit of circulation has been reached. The amount of notes out at end of Sept. was \$56,027,000, against \$38,616,000 in Sept. 1897, \$40,071 000 in 1898, and \$16.682,000 in 1899, the increase in four years having been \$17,411,000, or 45 per cent. The increase in Sept. last was \$4,675,000. A proportionate advance in next four years would raise the circulation to \$81,-240,000, which is \$13,740,000 above the present limit. The demand deposits increased last month by \$2,921,110 and those payable after notice decreased by \$158,853. The drain on time deposits has been heavy for the needs of harvesting movements. As these funds have increased in the last year to extent of \$44.953,000 there was a full reservoir to draw from. The current loans and discounts went up from \$280,758,805, to \$286,195,554, an increase of \$5,436,749. The total increase in current and call loans in and outside Canada in September was \$8 .-\$11,000, which took up more by one million than the extra amount of the deposits and of circulation. The Molsons Bank statement is a good indication of the experience many other banks have had been this year. They are likely to have better reports at close of the year than any on record ...

#### FIRE AT SYDNEY, C.B.

Sydney, C.B., was nearly cleared away by a conflagration on the 19th inst. The fire started about 2 p.m. when a gale was blowing that caused sparks

and embers to carry fire over a wide area. Over 60 buildings are reported to have been totally destroyed. and a large number seriously damaged. The town consisted mainly of wooden buildings that were burnt up like kindling chips. The heat was so suddenly generated and so intense that it was found impossible to save the contents of houses and stores that took fire. Within half an hour after the fire com. menced one-fourth of t e business section of Sydney was blazing fiercely. Dynamite was used to blow up several buildings in the hope to check the conflagration, but without any effect, as the wind blew the flames and embers over the cleared area and across the streets. The building of the Union Bank of Halifax was totally destroyed, as also were several churches. The town was rapidly enlarging, and its people were prospering from the new enterprises established in the locality. It is not known positively how the fire originated, but the overturning or bursting of an oil-stove is believed to have started the trouble. The following list of the insurance companies interested has been published, the amounts being estimates :

Phœnix of London, \$20,000; Imperial, \$15,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$10,000; Western, \$15,000; British America; \$14,000; Nationa', \$2,000; Sun, \$7,000; Queen, \$11,000; Union, \$8,000; Guardian, \$9,000; Scottish Union, \$15,000; Norwich Union. \$13,000; Canadian, \$12,000; Phœnix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Northern, \$2,000; Quebec, \$8,000; Anglo American, \$6,000; Halifax, \$3,000; Ottawa, \$2,000; American, \$5,000; Law Union and Crown, \$3,000; Ætna, \$5,000; Hartford, \$7,000; Caledonian, \$5,000; Phœnix of Hartford, \$6,000; Royal, \$17,000; Commercial Union, \$4,000. Total, \$226,000. The total loss is estimated at \$450,000 to \$500,000.

#### NEW PRESIDENT OF THE TRAVELERS'.

The Directors of the Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford have elected Mr. Sylvester Clark Dunham, President of the Company. Mr. Dunham was elected by the late Mr. Batterson as legal adviser of the Travelers', with a seat on the Board as Vice-President, doubtless with a view to his succeeding him in the presidential chair. Mr. Batterson's sagacity in the choice of officials is an assurance of his successor's worthiness to fill so important a position. He was born in 1846, and claims direct descent from one of the Pilgrim fathers who came out on the May Flower, the descendants of whom are as proud of their ancestry as the British nobles are who claim descent from one of the soldiers of William the Conqueror. Pride in being one of the May Flower stock is reasonable, whatever pride in the other may be, for the Pilgrims, with all their faults, took with

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them the qualities that, to this day, are the strength and honour of the United States. Mr. Dunham, after a course of legal studies, was admitted to the Bar of Hartford County, where he soon made his mark as an able lawyer and shrewd man of business. Mr. Batterson's shoes 'were of a very large size, but his successor will fill and wear them with credit to himself and advantage to the Travelers' Insurance Company.

#### PROMINENT TOPICS.

The excellent statement of the Molsons Bank has been generally commented upon since the meeting on Monday last, the high rate of profits, 14.15 per cent., being somewhat exceptional. Though some shareholders would like to have had a 10 per cent. dividend, for providing which the profits were ample, there seems a general feeling that building up the Reserve Fund to an amount equal to the capital paid up is a policy that will add prestige to the Bank and enhance the value of the stock.

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Insurance circles in the old land have had a mild social sensation by a son of the Marquis of Exeter marrying the daughter of an insurance agent. As he is a ward in Chancery, he may get into jail, as it is an offence to marry while a ward without the assent of the Lord Chancellor. His wife also is a culprit amenable to the law. But as he is a relative of Lord Salisbury it is not likely there will be a prosecution. There have been Cecil's who were quite unworthy to be the husband of an insurance agent's daughter, despite their noble connections.

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A step towards the annexation of a suburb was taken this week by the city electric cars extending their trips at the one fare into the town of St Louis. The right of way has been formally granted, so the St. Louis suburb is now joined to the city by the street car system.

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The motion made in the City Council to investigate a statement made by Alderman Clearihue that he had been approached with an offer of a bribe to secure his vote in favour of a certain company tendering for a city contract has been set aside as not in accordance with the city's Charter. It would be better to say nothing about such a matter until it was known what course could legally be taken to have it investigated. Throwing out a vague, unspecified charge against some unnamed company or person is calculated to injure many most unjustly. The City Attorneys declared that the resolution of the City Council approving of an investigation being held was insufficient and such an enquiry illegal on the following grounds :

"We submit that the practice recognized by the legal advisers of the city since twenty five years in accordance with parliamentary usages, sanctioned by the courts and confirmed by numerous decisions, based upon the administrative law and parliamentary customs, is the following: In order that accusations may be susceptible of an intelligent examination, of such a nature as to afford full guarantee of, justice and impartiality, to the interested parties they must be formulated in a definite manner; they must not be general nor anonymous ; they must, on the contrary, make known the name of the accuser and the accused, the precise nature of the complaint, however grave it may be, and all other informatiou sufficient to show that they concern matters within the jurisdiction of the council."

The directors of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company held a prolonged meeting in this city on the 23rd inst. Considerable interest was taken in the meeting as shareholders and others had acquired the impression that it meant a new issue of stock. This proved to be incorrect. That more money would soon be required is highly probable. There is no form of enterprise with a larger appetite for capital than the making of iron and steel, it is almost insatiable. The business is one in which the running expenses can be more materially reduced in proportion to the output than perhaps in any other industry, hence the constant tendency to expansion. Then the periodic necessity or advisability of accumulating large stocks of raw miterial and finished products takes considerable capital, and the nature of the works call for continual outlays for re. newals, repairs, adaptions to modern needs, etc. It is reported that experts declare that steel will be made at Sydney several dollars a ton cheaper than at any other point on the American continent, while the demand for pig iron is not only on the increase, but the reports as to quality are all that can be desired both in the local and foreign market. All of which it is to be hoped, will be proved true by experience. The furnaces are expected next month to turn out 1,500 tons of pig iron per day. It can be readily seen from this item how much depends upon a continuous demand to that extent, as stacking pig iron when not wanted by the market is a serious business, and calls for capital or a liberal supply of credit to enable such stocks to be carried until the demand revives.

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The vital necessity of enlarging the market for Canadian manufactures gives great interest to a communication sent to the Chamber of Commerce in

reply to one enquiry from Jamaica in regard to Canada's boot and shoe trade. The excellent exhibit of Canadian made boots and shoes at the Glasgow Exhibition is regarded as strong evidence of the capacity of the manufacturers of this country to build up a large export trade. The best boots sent to South Africa for the troops were made in Montreal. The supply of leather is likely to be very large as ranching increases and dressed meats. displace exports of live cattle. The Government cculd help the trade by giving free entry to all the raw and partly manufactured materials and all the machinery used in making boots, shoes and other leather goods. In 1900, Canada exported hides to value of \$1,322,040, sole and upper leather valued at, \$1,540,-414, other lotther goods, \$262,975, and only \$86,118 worth of boots and shoes, principally to Australia, Newfoundland, and the West Indies, with \$17,510 worth to Great Britain. The hides now exported ought to be tanned in Canada, and the leather exported worked up here, by which a considerable addition would be made to our industries, and the manufacturers would be greatly helped by having a continuous demand for their out-put. The leather trade, including boots and shoes, seems to have possibilities that need attention and cultivation.

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A scheme is talked of to establish a new marine insurance company especially for the St. Lawrence trade, in connection with which the names of Sir Christopher Furness, and Mr. Clergue, of Sault Ste. Marie are associated. Talk is also riviving of a new scheme to establish a fast Atlantic service. The conditions this year have not been very encouraging for the former scheme, and for the latter to be carried beyond the stage of talk to some more practical phase, there will need to be such improvements made in the St. Lawrence route from the coast of Newfoundland onwards to this port, as will remove the present reproach resting on the lighting and buoy and signal service for the guidance and protection of vessels.

### Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for views expressed by correspondent

#### TORONTO LETTER.

Our Welcome to the Duke and Duchess-The Humourous Side of Things-A Splendid Military Spectacle-Not forgetting the Toronto Fire Brigade-The Autumn Opening of the Insurance Institute.

Dear Editor, --Once more we Torontonians have settled down to our usual pursuits, the daily grind, whereby we derive the means to satisfy our necessities and procure superfluities. But we have had a grand time of it during the half week Royalty, and its retinue were in our midst. Such an event as this Royal progress happens but once

in a lifetime for the majority of us, and we flung ourselves into the whirl and glitter of it all regardless of consequences to person or pocket. The street parade in the west end, of some 11,000 of our soldier boys, horse, foot and artillery, was one of the supreme plea. Sures to most of us, a delight, too, free to all, and that came to many in the nature of a recompense or consolation, because thousands of people could not possibly get even near the grand stand to see the military review and the presentation of medals. Personally, I would have much regretted it had I missed this sight. It was a feature in the festivities that was Toronto's very own ; her one contribution to the Royal pageant in which, so far as the rest of Canada was concerned, she was unique. We congratulate ourselves, too, in the knowledge that all arrangements in connection with the welcoming of the Duke and Duchess went off smoothly, and that no accident occurred to mar the pleasant ever-memorable occasion. Rather humourous for onlookers was the hesitation manifested by the members of sundry delegations in moving off after presentations of their several addresses to the Duke. In twos and threes they deposited their unread documents in the Royal hands, but they remained around the Royal feet in such a group as to obscure the view of the elect spectators in the front seats below. I believe that finally they had to be steered by some high functionary off the scene. The trouble, of course, with them was how to get to, "as you were," without turning backs on Royalty. Going down steps backward, and gracefully when you are perhaps well on in years, is an art not acquired in a day. Well, good nature, our exuberant loyalty and our martial spirit had all a good outing on that memorable day when our probably future King and Queen came to see us and our city.

Our fire laddies were duly inspected and as always, made a brave show, being a fine body of men, as good to look upon in holiday array, as they are when in the eager discharge of their dangerous duties in fighting fires. On three or four occasions fire alarms were rung, but the incipient blazes were happily soon quelled. Underwriters feel relieved to think that we have passed through a time of extra fire hazard consequent upon the quantity of temporary electric wiring in use, and illuminations of one kind or another, without any serious accident.

On Friday evening, the 18th inst., the opening meeting for the season of the Insurance Institute of Toronto, was held with a goodly attendance of members. The younger men predominated, which I was glad to see because it manifested the interest taken in the Institute and its work, by those who are expected to benefit most by its existence. The meeting was a very enjoyable one. The reading of President Laidlaw's address was listened to with evident interest and pleasure. "The Ethics of Life Insurance," a paper read by Mr. Thomas Hilliard of the Dominion Life Assurance Co., was not, from its title, expected to sppeal to the Fire Insurance men or hold their attention, yet so ably prepared and delivered was it, that I do not think anyone present missed a single word of it. Even a dry class subject cleverly handled can be made to yield profit and entertainment to all. I may add that Mr. Hilliard is a Waterloo man. That little village up west, off the Grand Trunk Railway, has sent in to Canadian Insurance ranks everal of its sons, and their lights are not hid under bushels either.

Berlin is not in it with Waterloo, and yet there is a plank sidewalk all the way between the two places. A paper on Sprinkler Equipment by Mr. J. T. Naylor, of the C. F. U. A. staff, in the absence of the writer, was kindly read by Mr. Robins, Secretary of the C. F. U. A. This contribution bristled with informaticn for the fire people, but the life men did not quite gather it all in, though looking wise, as is their wont. After these readings and a few remarks in connection with the subjects treated the members passed into the so cial and final stage of the function, when assisted by light refreshments and good fellowship, a pleasant evening was pleasantly wound up.

I see the Montreal Institute has opened up quite in a manner of style. Are you really striving to go Toronto one better? That we are going to hold up over end you may rest assured and for the rest, let results tell.

#### Yours,

TORONTO, 22nd October, 1901.

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#### LONDON LETTER.

#### FINANCE.

#### Oct. 10, 1901.

Whilst Sir Thomas Lipton has been interesting two hemisphers in his plucky attempts to win the blue ribbon of yachting it has fallen to the lot of the shareholders in " Lipton's, Limited," to receive their half-yearly dividend. Last year, it may be remembered, that only by diligent screwing was the to per cent. per annum dividend raid for the first half of the year, and the comparatively small sum of \$75.000 put to the eminently necessary reserve. This year the distribution falls to 8 per cent. The market price of the \$5 shares when the company was so en husiastically formed in 1898 was \$1314 ; today it is down to something under \$6. The reserve fund of \$375 000 is looked upon here as totally inadequate for this great company, especially when it is known that the said " reserve" is invested in the business. We must wait for the completion of the second halfyear next March to hear exactly how the company stands, but the general opinion here is that to declare even the present reduced dividend the directors are dividing up to the hilt. The public is learning what exaggerated market capitalization means.

Another opportunity for the big financial houses here to lay out some of their surplus funds to good advantage was given last week by the issue for tender of \$15,000,000 of Local Loan stock at a minimum price of 98. During the last two years altogether \$60,000,000 of this stock has been issued with a minimum price of from 97 1/2 to 99. Each time there has been an over-subscription.

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A night or two ago the evening papers waived all their other contents—bill scare heads in favour of "Heavy fall in trade." Compared with September of last year last month's imports show a decline of \$15,000,000 or 7% per cent, and the exports of \$12,900,000 or 10%per cent. On the nine months to date the imports show an incraese of \$260,000,000 or 1% per cent., whilst the exports unblushingly recede 4 per cent. of \$45.500,000. These are suspicious figures, and point to an obvious slackening of speed in industrial matters which betokens good to nobody except army contractors.

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Notwithstanding its great success from the passengers point of view it is becomingly increasingly evident that the "Twojenny Tube" is not all that its shareholders could do with. There is the question of undue vibration which, arising from the heavy engines used, threatens to render inscore the houses over the railway, and thereby involve the company in costly actions for damages. Secondly, in the opinion of experts the trek is wearing out unusually fast. Perhaps both are questions of the variety of traction used, and, anyway, nothing but a large expenditure of money on new light motors can selve the difficulties.

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Markets are as dull as ditchwater. Even the "Jungle" remains dormant. It appears as if—now that the Gold Coast is dead from the speculative gold-mining standpoint—the French Ivory Coast were going to give British investors further opportunities of losing money. In Paris since May last over 300 companies and syndicates have been formed to "work aurierous deposits" in the " ofte d'Ivoire," and British subscriptions are being asked,

#### INSURANCE.

I take it that you will have received through official sources copies of the long circulars issued by the Atlas, Pelican and Phoenix offices in reference to the amalgamation. I need not say more here than that high hopes are expressed for the progress of the new companies, and whils we shall be a bit awkward with the new names for a while we shall soon get to feel that they are still old friends.

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The fire offices are having their fill of conflagrations just now. Scarcely a week passes without there being recorded a series of large fires. The recent experience is calculated to pull ratios of loss quite in the wrong direction, and, now that the year is coming to an end, we may soon expect to hear some very lugubrious reports. Several \$75,000 risks have gone down this week, and all the principal offices are amongst the sufferers.

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Marine underwriters and their friends in their present period of stock business are again, to some extent, discussing whether or not general average should be abolished. Two very decided opinions are held. One is that general average is obsolete and a clog to business, a costly practice obviously out of date. The upholders of the new say very definitely that marine insurance will serve commerce best of all when it most readily and completely, and without circumlocution or anything else which is expensive and useless, replaces property lost by the perils of the sea. The other people negative al this, and especially want to know where the living of the poor average adjuster would he when these revolutionary changes had been made. But the reason of stormy and stressful weather is now at hand and the debaters will soon have something else to think about.

#### NEW YORK STOCK LETTER.

Office of Cummings & Co., 20 Broad Street, New York City.

#### New York, Oct. 23, 1901.

The dominant features of the week have been the Northern Pacific Great Northern deal, the investment demand and the Stirling Exchange market. The rumours regarding the former have been numerous and various, it is generally understood, however, that the newly incorporated Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company will play a not unimportant part in the final settlement of this question, whether the Northern Pacific preferred stock will be retired as some rumours state is a question of which the "Street" at the present time has no definite knowledge, but with the ability to handle enormous amounts of capital which has been developed within the past few years the successful handling of this \$75,000,000 should be easily accomplished. Until, however, there is a solution of this problem the general market is not likely to get very far away from where it is at present except perhaps in special cases.

As bearing upon the Northwestern situation some of the facts and figures brought out at the Bankers' Convention in Milwaukee are full of interest to the careful student of the development of this country. At this meeting it was stated that during the year 1900 (alifornia shipped East over 50, coo car loads of fruits, Oregon and Wa hington required over 40,000 cars each in which to transport their output of lumber to eastern markets. With this tonnage already in aight and the rapid and enormous growth which it is bound to show, it is not difficult to see the cause of the strenuous efforts being made to control the vast volume of trade which is bound to come to all the roads which have Pacific Coast connections.

More especially is this the fact when the possibilities of the Oriental trade are taken into consideration.

The investment demand in some lines has been quite pronounced. The main feature so far as the bond market has beer concerned is the ready absorption by the public of a large part of the \$20,000,000 Pennsylvania 31/2 per cent, bonds recently issued. In stocks the Vanderbilt group and St. Paul have been the most prominent. Chicago " Northwestern Preferred showing an advance of some 13 per cent. or the week, while the Common has moved up 7 per cent. ; Canada Southern shows an advance of 2% per cent., and New York Central a smaller advance of about 1 per cent. Chicago, Milwaukes & St. Paul, for which an active demand developed late yesterday afternoon, shows nearly 4 per cent. rise. The Coal stocks while quiet, have been very strong and this group of stocks should have a considerable rise. It is true that some of the mines have been shut down for a day or so and may from time to time make some curt, ilment of out put, but this is caused not by the lack of demand for the product but by the inabili ty to get a sufficient number of cars with which to fill their orders. This shortage of cars not only in this line but in pretty much all lines of business is steadily growing worse in spite of the recent additions of equipment. The various car companies are being taxed to their utmost, but are unable to satisfy the demands for new cars. It is said the orders for last week alone were for over 7 000 cars. In the Iron trade the reports are similar. Locomotive works are said to be full

of orders, both domestic and foreign, and bridge concerns claim to have a sufficient number of contracts to fill which will carry them well into if not past the middle of next year. It is claimed that nearly onehalf of the maximum rail product for 1902 is already sold, and that the orders placed are well known not to cover the year's requirements by the railroads for extensions and replacements.

To many the action of the Sterling Exchange market has been something of a disappointment, but when a careful, review of the question is made the causes for the present condition are quite apparent. It is now admitted that in the early month's of the year, large amounts of money were sent in to this market from abroad and the recall of these funds and the limited amount of cotton and other commercial bills offering at the present time are some of the reasons why this market keeps up. Notwithstanding, the demand and the requirements of several millions for the settlement of the Pocahontos purchase by the Pennsylvania Company the money market has been quiet and easy, and present appearences are that it will remains so for some time, to come for within the next week or two the return of some of the funds sent west should begin.

The market closes to-night with a very confident tone.

#### PERSONALS.

MR. J. GARDNER THOMPSON, formerly Canadian Manager of the Lancashire, has been appointed Resident Secretary of the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company for Province of Quebec with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Thompson will report direct to Liverpool. He will also look after the Montreal business of the Quebec Fire Assurance Company recently acquired by the London & Lancashire. Temporary offices have been taken in the Temple building. This change was made owing to the wish of the London & Lancashire to have its branch under a salaried official in this important field.

MR. MATSON, Managing Director of the National Life Association, has been visiting this city in the interests of his company, and reports that it is making satisfactory progress.

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At Home and Abroad.

THE CANADIAN ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY has made a five years' contract with the Quebec Ry. Light and Power Co., for one thousand horse power per annum.

SOME NOVA SCOTIA fruit farms have crops of apples that sell for from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO have the most favourable city record for fires.

OTTAWA CLEARING HOUSE—Total for week ending 17th Oct., 1901, clearings, \$1,911,881.36; balances \$452,744.92.

AMONGST THE PROPERTIES BURNT IN SEPTEMBER LAST there were 14 lumber yards and saw mills, and 10 wood working establisments.

CALIFORNIA last year shipped eastwards 50,000 carloads of fruits. Its bank deposits amount to \$350,000,000, and foreign trade over \$200,000,000. THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF IRELAND has elected Mr. Thos. M. A. Nolan, of the Equitable, as President, and Messrs. O'Reilly, of the Patriotic, and C. C. Cream, of the National, Vice-Presidents.

SHAMROCK IJ. WAS INSURED AT LLOYDS for 5 guineas per cent. per annum, including their voyage to America and back, and during the races at Sandy Hook. The yacht is for sale on the bargain counter.

TORONTO CITY COUNCIL proposes to put automobile cars on the streets to relieve the traffic which seems to exceed the capacity of the local street railway to handle.

THE AETNA LIFE OF HARTFORD, whose New York agent issued the circular reflecting on other companies, has ordered them to be withdrawn as it strongly disapproves of its representatives disparaging other companies.

AN INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORM-ED IN HOLLAND to organize a boycott against British vessels as a mark of sympathy with the Boers, This idiotic movement is significant of the order of mind possessed by Mr. Kruger's friends. They might as well try to boycott the planetary system.

GALVESTON CITY has adopted the system of placing disinfectants in the tanks of its watering carts for special service in lanes, low streets, around markets, wherever refuse accumulates. The local press speaks of the effect having been discernable in he better health of the city.

A CLEVELAND LOAN CO. has been robbed by its manager who drew out money for loans on houses that did not exist. He insured 136 of these bogus houses and then killed himself. For such frauds to be possible is a grave scandal to the Loan Co., and to the insurance agents that insured non-existent properties.

THE THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH OF OWENSBORO, Kv., is insuring the lives of twenty young men, who are its members, on the ten-payment-life plan for the benefit of the church. The church pays the premiums, and in the event of the death of any of the men the insurance goes to the church.

THE SALMON PACK OF THE FRASER RIVER, B. C., for 1901, will consist of 920,313 cases, which is far ahead of any previous year. The nearest was 1897, with 860,459 cases, but the average since 1894 was 438,000 cases. In last 7 years there have been 47,820,556 salmon caught, canned and exported, "chiefly to England" says the B. C. "Review."

MESSRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH & Co., patent solicitors, Canada Life building, furnish us with the following list of patents granted to Canadians in the following countries. Any further information may be readily obtained from them direct. Canadian Patents.—H. H. Cook, hot meal portable cabinets, American Patents.—A. Jarvey and A. Mitchell, floor raising tool; R. W. King, building construction; J. T. Martin, animal trap; J. H. Tanner, wire stretcher; G. Barrett, board. AN EMINENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY has given it as his opinion that the electric car service has had an appreciable effect in reducing the mortality in some cities by removing persons from congested and therefore unhealthy districts to more healthful surroundings.

A LOCAL ORATOR, A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT speaking in this city on 20th inst., spoke of the Hon ourable Joseph Chamberlain as "a former blacksmith of Birmingham." The orator seems able to invent facts to suit the occasion. Mr. Chamberlain comes of an old and prominent family in Birmingham. He was brought up to no mechanical business, but had his independence secured in early life. He is a far more highly educated man than the local M. P. who sneered at his antecedents. From his youth up Mr. Chamberlain has mixed with a circle of friends who would disdain to associate with persons of such low ideas as the local orator.

THE PERCENTAGES OF DEATHS BY AGES from familiar diseases is given below from returns publish ed by the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York.

	Per cent. Under 45.	Per cent. 45 to 60.	Per cent. Above 6c.
Consumption		20	12
Other gen'l diseases. Apoplexy, paralysis, softening of brain, etc	20	36	34
Other nervous diseases		33	55
Heart disease	35	38	27
Pheumonia	20	33	56
Other resp'y diseases	24	35	36
Digestive diseases	20	30	46
Dright S Cisease	16	38	32
Other genito urinary diseases		37	47
Chelassined and ill-defined	14	231/2	77
Typhoid fever	68	23	9

THE FOLLY, AND SOMETIMES WORSE, OF ALLOWING A LIFE ASSURANCE POLICY TO LAPSE, IS THUS SPOK-EN OF IN THE "INSURANCE PRESS." "At this moment insurance policies are lapsing and to-morrow, next week, next month or next year families which might have had the substantial aid that life insurance gives will be without it.

"When a person permits his or her insurance to 'slip, slide or become of no avail,' he or she is piling up trouble for somebody, perhaps for helpless women and little children.

"Life insurance should be the first thing a person who is the breadwinner for others should obtain. It is the last thing he should let 'slip, slide or become of no avail."

"Don't lapse. No matter how dark to day may be, nor how downcast you are, keep your premiums paid. Sunny days will come again.

"Don't lapse. The man who leaves no insurance in this world for his family will not take much of a character into the next.

" Don't lapse. Hold fast to that which is good.

"Don't lapse. You will sleep better if you know your wife has an insurance policy on your life payable to her in case of your death."

AF'PLI CANT, AP'LI KANT, n. [Unfortunately we cannot give the derivation as our Greek type is pied with a font of Chinese type and a pound of tenpenny nails. From Rough Notes Insurance dictionary. A misnomer as used in life insurance phraseology. "Applicant" implies voluntary seeking. Few life insurance agents have been compelled to climb a tree to escape the pressure of an eager, surging mob of applicants On the contrary, it is often reported that some so called "applicant" has been discovered in a tree-top or behind the safe, where he modestly retired to escape—beg pardon—to avoid disappointing a large number of life insurance agents who happened to drop in simultaneously. In time possibly the term will be changed to "the persuaded," "the induced," "the allured,"or "the prevailed upon." Or more likely the wisdom of taking life insurance will dawn upon the enlightened human intellect and the buyers of life insurance will become "applicants" in spirit as well as in name.

"An agent went, an *applicant*, to see But found that 'divil' an *applicant* was he." —Anonymous

Mul' ti ple A' gen cies, mul'tipl agen cies (also pronounced a menace to local fire insurance agents), A habit of absent-mindedness sometimes afflicting n. companies, causing them to appoint one or more agents in towns where they are already represented. 2. Too much of a good thing. 3. Not long ago some of the companies became so afflicted with the malady that the position of distinction enjoyed by insurance agents in a community became threatened, and it looked as if every door-post was to be shingled with signs of fire insurance companies. With true zeal for the preservation of the dignity of the profession and an eye to the inevitable result of this general distribution of his daily loaf, the real agent rose to the occasion with sufficient emphasis to enliven the memories of the companies ; so, where their signs once appeared in blocks of five or more they are now found but one at a time.

"The little sign hangs not above the door For multiple agencies are not more."

#### STOCK EXCHANGE NOTES.

Wednesday, p.m., Oct. 23, 1901.

The erratic price movements in Dominion Cotton and the trading in Domion Coal Common this week were the only features of an otherwise narrow and uninteresting market. The downward trend of Dominion Cotton has forced the stock into prominence both as regards activity and interest, and the price of the stock to day touched the lowest point yet. There have been several rallies during the week, but the reaction after each recovery has recorded a new low level. At the special meeting of Directors held yesterday the Managing Director, Mr. Whitehead, resigned his seat on the Board ; retaining the Managership of the Company, and Mr. James Wilson was elected to replace him. The announcement of this in the morning papers seemed to have a strengthening effect on the stock and early sales were made at 63, but this price was not held and the stock gradually declined, the last sales this afternoon being made at 54, a net loss of 9 points in the day's transactions. The trading in Dominion Coal has been fairly active, and the demand for the stock around 46 seems to be good. C. P. R., while not active, has held exceedingly well. The rest of the market was dull and inactive, although the prices of the Steel Stocks show signs of a turn for the better. The Bonds are also in demand at a price slightly in advance of recent figures. In the mining stocks the trading was small, and Virtue, North Star and Payne were the stocks that figured in the business.

The New York market has been fairly steady all week, although the trading has been of a contracted volume until to-day, when a somewhat more active market was evolved and prices generally strengthened, the Railways in particular showing noticeable gains, St Paul being the leader in this respect. Amalgamated copper was steadier, and the market generally shows an improvement.

The demand for Internationals in London this week was indifferent, and the trading, following the lead of New York, was inclined to be narrow. There is, however, a fair undertone and the condition of the money market is fairly satisfactory, although the position in German and French centres is not reassuring.

The quotation for call money in New York to day is 3½ p.c., and the London rate is given as 1 to 1¼ p.c. The local rate remains unchanged at 5 p.c.

The quotations for money at continental points are as follows :---

	Market.	Bank.
Paris	. 27/8	3
Berlin		4
Hamburg	· 31/8	4
Frankfort	· 31/4	4
Amsterdam	. 23/	3
Vienna	. 378	4
Brussels		3
St. Petersburg	. 71/2	5%

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The sales of C. P. R. this week totalled 1,620 shares, which is the smallest week's trading in this security for some time past. The closing bid to day was 110¼, an advance of 1 point for the week. The London quotation to-day was 113. The increase in earnings for the second week of October amounted to \$184,000.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company's earnings for the second week of October show an increase of \$47,344. The stock quotations as compared with a week are are as follows:—

week ago are as tonous	A week ago.	To day.
First Preference	99	97
Second Preference	8618	86
Third Preference	3538	3478

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Montreal Street Railway is now selling X. D. and closed with 272 bid, which is equivalent to an advance of 5% of a point for the week. The stock was inactive, and only 1,588 shares changed hands. The earnings for the week ending 19th inst. show an increase of \$1526.06 as follows:--

		increase.
Sunday	\$3.527.94	*\$687.86
Monday	5,566.46	266.72
Tuesday	5,535.28	592.68
Wednesday	5,198.55	211.05
Thursday	5,280.70	443.91
Friday	5.311.20	408.07
Saturday	5.713.29	291.49
•Decrease.		

Toronto Railway has continued extremely steady and closed with 115 bid, at which price there seems to be a fair demand for the stock. This is an advance of ¼ point-over last week's closing quotation. The stock seems to be well held, and there is little coming out at present figures, the total transactions for the week being 479 shares. The earnings for the week ending 19th inst, show an increase of \$2,169.85 as follows:—

		Increase.
Sunday	\$2,975.46	\$619.00
Monday	5,320.83	1310.35
Tuesday	4,494.24	*144.70
Wednesday	4,588.45	319.15
Thursday	4,491.61	*598.79
Friday	4,398.24	160.44
Saturday	5,259.50	504.40
*Decrease		

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Twin City closed with 100 bid, an advance of 3.4 points for the week. The trading in the stock was on the light side, and only 275 shares changed hands. The earnings for the second week of October show an increase of \$7,429.50.

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Montreal Power was traded in to the extent of 2.486 shares, which is about up to the recent average of transactions. The stock closed with 96 bid, which is the same price as last week's quotation. There does not seem to be any general demand for this stock at present, the trading being confined principally to one house.

c Richelieu & Ontario is selling X.D. this week, and closed with 111 bid, which is equivalent to last week's closing quotation. The stock was only traded in to the extent of 120 shares this week.

Dominion Steel Common closed with 25 bid, an advance of 3 1-2 points for the week on transactions of 783 shares. The Preferred shows an advance of 3 1-2 points, closing with 77 bid, and the trading involved 70 shares. The Bonds are also stronger the closing bid being 78 1-2, an advance of 2 points over last week's quotation. The last sales were made at 79  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the Bonds were offered at 80 at the close, with 78 1-2 bid. In all \$25,000 changed hands.

By far the most active and interesting stock in this week's trading was Dominion Cotton, which opened at  $58\frac{1}{2}$  on Thursday last and subsequently sold up to 65, reacting again to 55, when a further recovery brought it up to 63 this morning, from which point it rapidly sold off to 54, and the closing bid this afternoon was  $53\frac{3}{4}$ , a net loss of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  points for the week and 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  points from the week's highest. The transactions totalled 10,211 shares, and the stock closed weak. Dominion Coal Common was traded in to the extent of 6,125 shares and closed with 45% bid, a gain of 1/4 point for the week. The Preferred was traded in to the extent of 60 shares and closed with 118 bid, but was not offered under 119.

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	Per cent.
Call money in Montreal	5
Call money in New York	31/2
Call money in London	1 to 11/4
Bank of England rate	3
Consols	92 9-16
Demand Sterling	9% to 95%
60 days' Sight Sterling	9 to 918

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#### MINING MATTERS.

The closing prices of the listed stocks and sales for the week were as follows :---

week ago.	To-day.	Sales.
10	121/2	
18	15	1,000
20	19	6,000
		4,000
	10 18  20	10 12½ 18 15  20 19

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The total sales of the mining stocks for the week amounted fo 11,000 shares.

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The trading in Virtue shows a heavy falling off, and only 6,000 shares changed hands. The stock closed with 19 bid, a loss of 1 point on quotation for the week. The last sales were made at 20.

In North Star 4,000 shares changed hands at 31. The stock was not bid for at the close.

The transactions in Payne totalled 1, c oo shares at 16, and the stock was bid 15 at the close, a loss of 3 points on quotation for the week.

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Centre Star (unlisted) changed hands at 43.

#### Thursday p.m., October 24th, 1901.

The feature of this morning's market was the continued decline in the price of Dominion Cotton which carried the stock down to 50, but a recovery then set in, the last sales were made at 51 5-8. The stock was fairly active in the morning, but was neglected during the afternoon session. Montreal Street was also a feature of the trading and a decline set in in the morning which was continued in the afternoon and forced the stock down to 26934 from which point a sharp rally forced it up to 274. Toronto Railway was inclined to be easier in the afternoon and sold down to 114 $\frac{3}{4}$ , but only 25 shares changed hands at this price, and the stock then sold up to 116 again. Good buying orders in the Steel Stocks advanced these securities, and the Common sold up to 28 $\frac{1}{4}$  and the Preferred to 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The Bonds were also stronger. a block of 39,000 changing hands at 79.

The statement of the Montreal Street Ry. income account for the year just ended presented to the Directors yesterday, is as follows as compared with last year: Income over and above expenses and fixed charges, exclusive of dividends, 649,251.51as compared with 647,246.64 last year. The dividends this year were 551,700 as compared with 5512,500 last year. 550,000 was transferred to contingent account being the same amount as last year's transfer, and a surplus of 447,551.51 was carried forward. This is a decrease of some 337,000odd from last year, the surplus carried forward then being 884,746.64.

The New York market was inclined to recede somewhat from yesterday's figures, and a somewhat lower level was established after yesterday's sharp advance.

#### MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1901.

#### MORNING BOARD.

No. of Shares.	Price.	No. of Shares.			Price.
50 C.P.R		125 De	minion Co	otton	50%
100 "	110	25	**		51
125 Montreal St. R	y 272	150	**		50
5 "	2721/2	50	••		50%
150 "	272	25	**		514
12 "	272 1/2	150	**		50
50 "	271	50	**		50%
250 "	270 %	25	**		5134
25 Toronto Ry	115	25	**		50%
	115%	50			51
50 Montreal Power	96	25	**		51 56
25 "	95%		om, Steel	com	26
25 "	95	25	**		26%
	95	25	**		26%
75 R. & O		25	**		263%
50 "	110	100	**		26 1/2
225 Dom. Coal Con	1 46	100	**		26%
25 Dom. Coal pre	f 118%	200	**		27
25 Dominion Cotto		25 Do	m. Steel p		78
25 "	52	100	**		78%
25 "	51	125	**		78%
75 "	50		Dom. Stee		
25 "	50%		nk of Mon		
50 "	50		ebec Bank		

#### AFTERNOON BOARD.

		IIO )	25	Toronto	Ry	114%
		109%	100	**		
Montreal St.	Ry	270	Ico	**		
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			50	Dominio	a Steel pref.	78
		273	25			781
"		274	25	**	**	78
Toronto Ry		115 16	76	Dom C	al com	46
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		115	•			
			20	Bank of	Toronto	231%
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The gross traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railways, and the Montreal, Toronto, Halifax and Twin City and Winnipeg street railways, up to the most recent date obtainable, compared with the cor-responding period for 1899, 1900 and 1901, were as follows:

#### GRAND TRUNK RALWAY.

Week ending.	1809.	1900.	1901. Increas	
Jan. 7	*\$348,708	\$465,284	\$ 501,640 \$ 36,355	ĴĴ
14	348,720	531,154	489,569 Dec. 41,589	
21	*382,668 *525,969	535,017 692,745	502,558 " 30,456 732,111 39,365	
Feb. 7	*374,225	463,723	477.094 13,371	
14	* 323,811	472,173	472,786 613	
21	371,599	501,078	520,144 19,066	
28	435,914	480,374	523,469 43,095	
Mar 7	*390,565	366,095 508,937	476,908 110,813 574,935 65,998	
.27	*393,813	506,291	543,183 36,892	
31	*595,272	807,312	777,954 Dec. 29,358	
Apr. 7	395,118	511,879	528,187 14,308	
14	401,318	557,252	587,796 30,544	
21	*382,148 *459,283	513,600	542,655 29,055 694,599 88,660	
30 May 7	• 362,297	605,939 467,728	510,321 42,593	1
14	* 392,718	487.043	507,162 20,119	
21	*401,904	512,643	515,674 3,031	
. 31	\$593,771	752,046	797.784 45.738	2 I
June 7	384,324	505.667 515,867	516,063 10,396 524,828 8,961	
14	*401,507	535,401		
30	*572,733	717.335	547,878 12,477 731,208 13,873	
July 7	* 385, 96	481,831	512,472 30.641	
14	*466,744	500,482	543,039 42,557	
21	420,136	494,796	517,149 22,353	
31	* 591,533 *444,168	700,389	793,310 92,921 566,144 28,168	
A ag. 7	*464,089	537,976 503,109	594,920 91,811	
21	*466,744	556,433	590,610 34,177	
31	*689,268	841,527	893,666 52,639	
Sept. 7	\$\$25,505	627,420	637,993 10,573	
14	*485,408	557,228	591,553 34,325	
21	*487,678	563,383	604,280 40,897	
30 Oct. 7	*679,712	720,917 545,914	794,947 74,030 597,239 51,325	
14	*498,871	565,415	612,759 47,344	
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Jan. 7	\$442,000	\$496,000	\$453,000 Dec. \$43,000	
14	416,000	497,000	459,000 " 38,000	
21	448,000	504,000	448,000 " 56,000	
31	558,000	654,000	691,000 37,000	
Feb. 7	428,000	486,000	489,000 3,000	
21	446,000	501,000	4:3,000	
28	449,000	490,000	499,000 23,000 542,000 52,000	
Mar. 7	482,000	412,000	532,000 120,000	
14	494,000	525,000	559,000 34,000	
21	449,000	529,000	575,000 46,000	
31	673,000	814,000	818,000 4,000	
Apr. 7	521,000 525,000	608,000 606,000	648,000 40,000 611000 5,0000	
21	502,000	575,000	613,000 38,000	
30	620,000	672,000	776,000 104,000	
May 7	538,000	605,000	544,000 " 61,000	0
14	537,000	584,000	565,000 " 19,000	
21	529,000	594,000	633,000 39,000	
June 7	554,000	856,000 591,000	884,000 28,000 605,000 14,000	
14	530,000	575,000	605,000 14,000 597,000 22,000	
21	538,000	594,000	631,000 37,000	
30	730,000	792,000	807,000 15,000	
July 7	22,000	575,000	599,000 24,000	0
14	567,000	569,000	635,000 66,000	
31	543,000 735,000	531,000	634,000 103,000 956,000 189,000	
Aug. 7	519,000	565,000	668,000 103,00	
14	\$67,000	571,000	701,000 130,00	
21	550,000	587,000	689,000 102,00	
31	793,000	846,000	999,000 153,00	0
Week ending.	1899.	1900.	1901. Increae	
Sept. 7	579,000	594,000	713,000 119,00	0
14	604,000	606,000	748,000 128,00 762,000 156,000	
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lantic	Oct. 7	695,000	651,000	795,000	144,000
c and	14	695,000	575,000	759,000	184,000
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e cor-	Month.	1899.		1001.	Inc.
ere as	January	\$ 617,53.		\$ 648,196 620,680	" 2,050
cic as	March	828,896		918,335	149,231
1200	April	920,303		1,120,808	153,741
	May			1,010,284	* 69,386
Increas	June		1,057,805	1,121,412	63,627
\$36,355	July	972,961		1,05,867	211,493
30,456	September			-,3-3,-3-	-3-,-30
39,365	October	1,411,01	6 1,078,174		
13,371	November	1,282,23	6		
613 19,066	December	1,375,98	1 1,438,366		
43,095	Total	12.140.1	64 11,857,58		
110,813					
65,998			I SHORE &	IGOL.	Increase.
36,892	Week ending Aug. 7	\$52,077	\$52,351	\$53,455	\$1,074
. 29,358	14	60,221	61,047	54,165	Dec. 6,882
14,308 30,544	21	56,663	51,588	\$3,670	2,082
29,055	31	76,898	89,424	82,22)	Dec. 7,195
88,660	Sept. 7	47,872	49,746	55,325	5,579
42,593	14	49,524 52,953	50,675	53,460	2,785 Dec. 2,614
20,119	30	71,078	53,349 68,313	81,920	13,607
3,031 45,738	Oct. 7	53,098	52,049	50,557	Dec. 1,492
10,396		WINNIPEG	STREET RAIL	WAY.	
8,961	Mont		1900.	1901.	Increase
12,477	May	5	\$18,080	\$20,992	\$2,912
13,873	lune		20,414	23,917	3,503
30,641 42,557	July		27,530	25,212	Dec. 2,318
22,353	Aug		22,389	26,013	3,624
92,921	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		STREET RAI		
28,168	Month.	1899.	1900. \$ 136,334	1901.	\$6,800
91,811	January \$ February	125,391	122,510	\$143,134	4,489
34,177 52,639	March	125,306	127,212	140,870	13,657
10,573	April	125,943	133,475	144,121	10,646
34,325	May	145,089	151,540	160,612	9,072
40,897	June	156,858	168,244	18.,370	6,251
74,030	July August	154,048	171,332	179,586	6,002
51,325	September.	145,185	161,526	182,584	21,058
47,344	October	145,875	158,442		
	November.	133,489	146,923		
	December.	137,682	147,979		Increased
	Week ending Aug. 7	z. 1899. 37,009	1900. 36,614	1901. 39,780	Increase 3, 166
\$43,000	14	36,504	39,229	39,688	459
38,000	21	38,216	40,151	41,611	1,460
56,000	31	52,061	57,540	58,507	917
37,000	Sept. 7	34,785	41,911	44.248	2,337
3,000	14	34,090 34,903	36,934 35,699	40,532 48,111	3,598
23,000	30	42,404	46,982	49,693	2,711
52,000	Oct. 7	32,719	37.953	37,765	Dec. 188
120,000	14	33,753	35,085	36,837	1,752
34,000	21	33,703	35,104	37,123	2,019
46,000			STREET RAIL		2 Child 1
40,000	Month-	1899.	1900.	1901.	Increase
5,0000		\$ 95,690	\$113,704	\$121,657	\$7,953
38,000	February	91,860	103,954	109,512	5,558 6,868
104,000	March	103,235 95,213	107,199	123,006	15,807
61,000	May	104,806	118,430	127,951	9,521
39,000	June	109.063	122,688	138,154	15,466
28,000	July	116,825	127,123	149,631	22,508
14,000	August	123,283	1 38,927	153.481	14,554
22,000	September. October	137,621	152,848	160,432	7,684
37,000	November.	102,502	128,549		
15,000 24,000	December.	119,363	127,096		
66,000	Week endin	g. 1899.	1900.	1901.	Increase
103,000	Aug. 7	27,992	30,216	34,226	4,010
189,000	14	24,732	28,418 29,490	31,482	3,064 3,082
103,000	31	26,913 45,004	50,802	32,572 55,200	4,398
130,000	Sept. 7	50,653	56,482	55,858	Dec. 614
102,000	14	27,110	32,: 59	35,134	2, 375
Increae.	21	24,789	27,715	30.844	3,129
119,000	30	30,484	35,192 28,188	38,596	3,104
128,000	Oct. 7		25,084	30,243 49,657	2,055
156,000	. 14		-3,004	439031	24,573

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-0		9.185	8.481	May		MPANY.	ANSIT CO	RAPID TR.	Twin City I
28		11.062	9,689	June	Inc.	. 1001.	1900	1800.	Month.
27		12,036	11,067	July	17,104		\$217,2	\$187,336	
1,65		14,680	13.743	August	16,518		107.3	171,114	February
78	16,547	15,761	14,745	September	18,295		222,3	188,000	March
10	-0,34/	10,995	9.714	October	17.130		213.3	187,051	April
		8,728	10, 328	November	26,258		223,60	195,210	May
		10,645	9.714	December	39.417	97 276,614	237,10	197,936	June
Inc.	1901	1900.	1,899	Week ending.	40,677	59 288,336	247,6	221,535	July
494	3,660	3,165	3.148	Aug. 7	28,529		252,69	220,073	August
642	4,019	3,375	3.037	14	36,377	3 306,470	270,00	241,638	September
408	3,628	3,226	3,098	21		85	239,08	226,835	October
103	5,022	4,914	4,461	31		16	238,21	207,782	November
342	3.743	3,401	2,853	Sept. 7		70	255,37	231,919	December
Dec. 795		3,974	2,548	14	Inc.	1901.	1900.	1899.	Week ending.
823	5,942	5,119	2,693	21	6,001	63,130	57,129	48,471	Aug. 7
415	3,683	3,268	6,652	30	4,338	63,692	59,354	49,505	14
338	2,751	2,413	2,477	Oct. 7	6,214	63,572	57,358	48,926	21
183	2,723	2,540	2,179	14	11,975	90,830	78,855	73,171	31
			ighting Rec	1	18,102	101,834		72,546	Sept. 7
inc.	1901	1900	1899		4,363	66,416	62,053	58,903	14
\$1,133	\$10,716	\$9,583		January	6,988	58,945	51,957	50,857	21
1,384	9,418	8,037	6,620	February	6,922	79,274	72,32	59,333	30
1,051	8,391	7,337	6,594	March	4,687	59,235	54,548	46,430	
1,253	8,092	6,839	5,976	April	7,430	62,330	54,9co	59,817	14
1,258	7,392	6,134	5,586	May		D., L.TD.	MWAY Co	TRIC TRA	HALIFAX ELEC
728	6,593	5,865	5,308	June			ipts.	ilway Rece	Fa
804	6,738	5,934	5,249	July	Inc.	1001.	1900.	1899.	Month.
1,212	7.774	6,542	5,927	August		\$9,544Dec	\$ 11,475	8,705	anuary \$
864	8,960	8,096		September	940		8,982	7.531	ebruary
		8,619		October	318		9,766	8,577	March
		1,418		November	12		9,359	8,461	April

# New York Stock Exchange Quotations

Revised every Wednesday, by CUMMINCS & Co., 20 Broad Street, New York City.

		Last		Range	for 1900	Range	for 1901	Wednesd	ay, Oct. 23
	Capital	Dividend	Date	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
American Barro Barro		p. c.							
American Sugar Refining Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Prefd	\$ 36,968,000 102,000,000 114,199,500	13 13 24	Oct. 2. '01 June 18, '01 Aug. 1, '01	149 493 895	951 188 581	153 91 108	1128 404 70	1213 79 973	1194 78 964
Baltimore & Ohio. Baltimore & Ohio, Prefd	47,874,000	22	Sept 3, '01 Sept 3, '01	891 90	551 721	114	813 834	1033	102}
Central of New Jersey	15,000,000 27,264,800	1	Aug. 1, '01 Aug. 1, '01	1501	115	88 168	541	837	83
Canadian Pacific	65,000,000	21	Oct. 1, '01	99	843	1173	87	1103	iiój
Chesapeake & Ohio Chicago & Northwestern	60,533,400 89,116,300	1 3	Nov. 26, '00 July 8, '01	422	24 150)	52§ 215	29 1684	453	45
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	110,688,800	2	June 15, '01	144	119				210"
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	55,821,800 59,902,400	$1\frac{3}{4}$	April 25, 01 Aug. 1, '01	1481 1224	1081 102	188	134 1167	1703	167 1425
Chicago, St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha Chicago & Great Western	21,403,300 21,315,500	3	Feb'y 20, '01	126	110	264	16	26	
Cieveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis	28,000,000	2	Sept. 2, '01 Sept. 16, '01	76	97 55	99	725	99 1	234
Delaware & Hudson Canal	35,000,000 26,200,000	11	Sept. 16, '01 July 20, '01	1844	1061	1853	105	1694	169 228
Erle. Erie, First Prefd	112,280,700	1.00	the bar	271	104	1454	241	412	41
		14	Aug. 30, '01 Aug. 31, '01	63	30 110	731	593 124	697 147	69]
Lake Erie & Western. Louisville & Nashville	11,840,000 55,000,000	21	Aug. 12, '01	52 891	201 683	74	394 76	1032	146
Manhattan Ry	48,000,000		Oct. 1, '01	117	84	1311	83	1214	1204
		11	July 15, '01	182	1433	177 354	150	158 261	156
Missouri Pacifie New York Central	76,049,100 115,000,000	24	July 20, '01 July 15, '01	724	383	1241	69 139]	97 1594	95 1571
New York Ontario and Wastern	58,113,900			32}	18	40	24	33	331
Norfolk and Western Norfolk & Western Prefd. Northern Pacific, Vot., Tr., Certif. Northern Pacific, Parid do do	66,000,000 23,000,000	12	June 20, '01 Aug. 23, '01	83	67	57 90	42 82	563	55]
Northern Pacific, Vot., Tr., Certif.	72,286,200 75,000,000	1	Aug. 5, '01 Sept. 5, '01	864	451 67	113	84		
Pennsylvania R.R.	202,178,450	24 14	May 31, '01	149)	1243	161 )	137	1484	146?
Pacific Mail	20,000.000		Dec. 1, '99	57 26	253	484	30j 244	44 8	11
Reading, First Pref'd, Reading, Second Pref'd.	28,000,000 42,000,000	2	Sept. 10, '01	711 391	49 234	80 59	75 38	768	76
it. Louis & San Fran	27,307,800	1		241	84	541	21;	423	41.
	14,277,000		Sept. 2, '01	55 283	31 10	76	58	423	42
exas Pacific	38,760,000 104,042,400	1. 11	Oet. 1, '01	26 81	13	52 133	231	103	1011
Inion Pacific, Pref'd.	99,514,700	2	Oet. 1, '01	85]	70)	993	81.	90	
nited States Steel, Pref'd	550,000,000					55 101 I	24 69	431	88 42
Vabash	28,000,000 24,000,000	1	April 15, '01 Sept. 14, '01	14 27	64 16	26 464	11	20	91 20 36
Vestern Union	97,370,000		July 15, '01	88)	77	101}	81	92	91)
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# STOCK LIST

Revorted for THE CHRONICLE by R. Wilson-Smith, Meldrum & Co., 161 St. James Street, Montreal. Corrected to October 23rd, 1901, P. M.

BANKS.	Capital subscribed.	Capital paid up.	Rest or Reserve Fund.	Per centage of Rest to paid up Capital	Par value one share	Market value of one share.	Dividend for last half year.	Revenue per cent. on inevestment at present prices	Closi pri- (per on pr	ces.	When Dividend payable.
							Per cent.	Per cent.	Asked.	Bid.	
British North America	4,866,066	4,866,666	1,703,333	35,00	243		3				April Oct
anadian Pank of Commerce	8,000,0001	8,000,000	2,000,000	25.00	50 40		31				
ommercial Bank, Windsor, N.S.	500,000	350,000	60,000 2,478,241	17.14	50		5		1		Feb. MayAug. No
astern Townships rehange Bank of Yarmouth	2,500,000	2,478,241 1,743.675	1.050.000	60.21	50						January .Jul
schenge Bank of Varmonth	280,000	263,270	30,000	11.39	70		2				February Aug
alifar Banking Co	600,000	600,000	475,000	79.17	20						February Au
am tou	2,000,000	1,999,910	1,500,000	75.00	100		5	1112	145		June Dec
am ton ochelaga	1,500,000	1,500,000	750,000	50.00	100	145 00	34	4 82	140	142	June Dec
nperial a Banque Nationale erchants Bank of P.E.I. erchants Bank of Canada	2,500,000	2,500,000	1.850,000 275,000	74.00 22.92	30						May Nor
Banque Nationale	1,200,000 800,013	300,013	149,996		32.44		4				January Jul
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oleone X D	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,150,000	86.00	50	105 00	441'	4 28	210	204	April Oct
ontres]	12,000 000	12,000,000	7,000,000	58.33	200	520 00	5	3 84		260	June Dec
ewBrunswick	500,000	500,000	700,000	140.00	100		6				
ova Scotia	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,600,000	130.00	100	123 00	1	4 06	1	123	June Petronary Aug
ntario	1,396,300 2,000,000	1,393,710 2,000,000	350,000	25.17 83.25	100	123 00	1				June De
eople's Bank of Halifaz	700,000	700,000	260,000	37.14	20		3				March Sep
eopie's Bank of N B	180,000	180,000	155,000	86.10	150		4				January Jul
rovincial Bank of Canada	873,487	817,924								:::*	June De
uebea.	2,500,000	2,500,000	700,000	28.00	100	111 00	3	5 40	180	111	
oyal tandard	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,700,000	85.00	100	180 00	34	3 88	100		April Oc
andard	1,000,000	1,000,000	750,000	75.00 22,50	100						April Oc
. Stephens	200,000 504,000	200,000 323,790	45,000		100						February Au
. Hyacinthe		262,299	10,000	3,81	100						
ammerside P. E.I	48,666	48,666	24,333	50.00	16.22		34				
oronto	2,396,800	2,352,180	2,335,218	100,00	100	240 00		4 16	240	231	June De
raders	1,350,100	1,346,090	250,000		100						June De Feb. 28 Aug.
nion Bank of Hallfaz	900,000	900,000	505,605		50 100	120 00	3	5 00	120		February Au
nion Bank of Canada	2,000,000	2,000,000 411,739	550,000	32.55	100	120 00					June De
armouth	500,000 300,000	300,000	30,000		75						Feb. 1 Au
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MISCELLANBOUS STOCKS.	3,960,000	2,564,000	910,00		100	175 00		4 57 6 15	175 65	171	
anada Colored Cotton Mills Co	2,700,000	2,700,000 65,000,000			100	110 50	2	4 52	110	110	Jan.Apl.JulyOd
anadian Pacific	65,000,000	10,000,000	3,475,631	34.75	100	182 00	11. 41		182	180	Jan. Ju
ominion Coal Preterred	3,000,000	3,000,000	592,844		100	119 00	4		46	45	
do Common	1 15,000,000	15,000,000			100			11 ii	54	53	Mar Jun Sep D
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tereologial Cost Co	500,000	500,000	1		100		55		50		Jan.
do Preferred	250,000	250,000	\$ 90,474		100		1 79	7 27	110	105	Feb. At
erchante Cotton Co.	600,000	600,000			100	110 0		6 61	121	117	Mar.Jun Sen I
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ontreal Light, Ht. & Power Co	17,000,000	17,000,000	373,035	7.46	50	136 3		3 66	272	272	Jan, Apl. Jul. Od
ontreal Street Rallway B.C.X.D.	5,000,000	5,000,000 2,000,000			40	70 0	20	4 57	175	171	
ontreal Telegraph X.D.		1,467,681			25				1		Jan Apl.JulyO
do Pref	5.642.925	5,642,925			100	65 0			65	60	
coule's Heat & Lght of Halifar	700,000	700,000			100	112 0		5 35	112	in	MAY Nov.
copie's Heat & Lght of Halifaz chelieu & Ont. Nav. Co. X. D	2,088,000	2,088,000	162,35		100	112 0		4 34	115	in	Mar.Jun.SepD
John Street Railway	500,000	500,000		7.98	100	115 2		4 34	115		Jan. Apl. Jly.0
ronto Street Railway	6,000,000	6,,000,000			100			3 95	100		Feb.Aug.
vin City Rapid Transit Co	15,010,000	15,010,000 3,000,000			100			100	1		Apl. July. Oct.
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		854,130		1	100	120 0	110	4 16	120	107	oun J.
Vinnipeg Elec. Street Railway Co	1,000,000										

BONDS.	Rate of Interest per annum	Amount outstanding.	When Interest due				Where Interest payable.	Date of Redemption.	Latest quota- tions.	REMARKS.
Commercial Cable Coupon. Registered Canadian Pacific Land Grant	•	\$18,000,000 2,831,000 2,000,000	11 Jan. 11 July 1 Apl. 2 Apl.	1 Apl. 1 Oct. 1 Oct. 2 Oct.	New York or London Montreal, New York or London Bank of Montreal, Montreal	1 Jan., 2397. Oct., 1931 2 Apl., 1902.	102 101 112 100	Redeemable at 110		
Can. Colored Cotton Co Canada Paper Co Boil Telephone Co Dominion Coal Co Dominion Cotton Co	55	200,000 940,000 2,704,500 £ 308,200	1 May 1 Apl. 1 Meh. 1 Jan	1 Nov. 1 Oct. 1 Sep.	Merchants Bank of Can., Montreal Bank of Montreal, Montreal Bank of Montreal, Montreal	1 May, 1917 1 Apl., 1925 1 Mcb., 1913 1 Jan., 1916	109 110† 91	Redeemable at 110. Redeemable at 110.		
Dominion Iron & Steel Co	5	\$ 8,000,000	1 Jan.	1 July	Bauk of Montreal, Montreal Bk. of N. Scotia, Hal. or Montreal	1 July, 1929	80 104	after 1st Jan., 1900 Redeemable at 110. & accrued interest. Redeemable at 10 <sup>5</sup> .		
Halifaz Tramway Co. Intereolonial Coal Co. Montreal Gas Co	1	\$ 600,000 344,000 880,074 £ 50,000	1 Apl. 1 Jan. 1 Meh.	1 Oct. 1 July	Company's Office, Montreal.	1 Apl., 1918 1 July, 1921	102 102	Constant and the second s		
Peoples Heat & Light Co First Mortgage.	5	£ 140,000 \$ 700,000 100,000	1 Feb. 1 Apl.	1 1	Merchants Bank of Halifax, Halifax or Montreal	1 Ap. 1917	30	Redcomable at 110		
Richelieu & Ont. Nav. Co. Royal Electric Co. St. John Kallway Toronto Railway		471,580 £ 130,900 \$ 675,000 600,000	1 Mch. 1 Apl. 1 May 1 Jan.	1 Oc. 1 Nov. 1 July	Bk.of Montreal, Mont'l or London Bank of Montreal, St. John, N.B.	Oct., 1914 1 May, 1925. 1 July, 1914	102	Redeemable at 110 Redeemable at 110 6 p.c. redeemable yearly after 1905.		
Windsor Hote'. Winnipeg Elec. Street Railway	4	2,509,953 450,000 1,000,000	28 Feb. 1 Jan 1 Jan		Windsor Hotel, Montreal	31 Aug., 1921. 2 July, 1912. 1 Jan., 1927.	103	1014-1-1-1210- 2-3-5-12-10-10-1		

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## THE MOLSONS BANK.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT.

#### LIABILITIES.

20rb S.	entember 1000		301	h September, 19	01	
Capital paid up       29th Se         Reserve Fund       29th Se         Rebate in full on Notes discounted       29th Se         Profit and Loss Account       29th Dividend         90th Dividend       20th Se         Bonus of one p.c. to Shareholders       20th Se	\$ 2,050,000 00 80,000 00 26,992 48 95,268 97	<b>\$</b> 2,466 040 00		<b>5</b> 2,150,000 00 80,000 00 31,506 47 100,000 00 25,000 00		0
Dividends unclaimed				130 00		
Interest, Exchange, etc., reserved Notes in Circulation Balance due to Dominion Government Balance due to Provincial Governments Deposits not bearing Interest	105,704 20 2,434,391 00 28,954 31 29,710 53 2,286,058 41			108,519 42 2,458,726 00 26,019 94 26,193 95 2,792,448 27	2,386,636 4	17
Deposits bearing Interest	10,639,499 97 302,676 12		·····	12,516,736 08 275,257 42		
Due to other banks in canada	302,010 12	15,826,994 54		210,201 12	18,233,901 0	18
		\$20,569,705 44			23,120,537 5	55
	ASSETS.					1
			\$ 358,171 24			
Specie			1,172,188 75			1
and the second se	- \$1,465,850 08	19 J 19 S.	1,11,100 10	\$1,530,359 99		
Deposit with the Dominion Government to secure Note Cir-				120 000 00		1
culation Notes and cheques of other Banks	102,500 00 630,184 55			$120,000 \ 00$ $897,416 \ 93$		
Due from other Banks in Canada				186,873 37		
Due from Foreign Agents				515,268 00		
Due fr m Agents in United Kingdom				594,120 47		
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities				324,157 90		
Municipal, Railway, Public, and other Securities	1,539,857 96			1,987,289 54		
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks	638,886 25	and the second second		1,215,112 00	here and a started	
		\$ 6,133,252 77			\$ 7,370,598	2
Bills Discounted and Current.	13,955,414 51		<b></b>	15,227,958 94		ŝ
Bills past due (estimated loss provided for)	66,849 87			87,268 10		
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	69,281 28			85,352 44		
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	12,800 00			38,992 30		
Bank Premises at Head Office and Branches	300,000 00			800,000 00		
Other Assets	32,107 01			10,367 57		1
		14,436,452 67			15,749,939	5
		\$20,569,705 44			\$23,120,537	5
PROPERTY AND A DESCRIPTION OF A	T AND 1000				and some	
PROFI	T AND LOSS	ACCOUNT.				ŝ.
Balance at credit of Loss Account on 29th September, 1901.					\$26,992	ŧ!
Net profits for the year, after deducting expenses of n arage exchange, and provision for bad and doubtful debts	ement, reservatio	n of interest acci	ued on dep sits,		353,890	5
					200 000	-
A					380,882	1
Appropriated as follows : 91st Dividend at rate of 8 per cent. per annum, 1st April, 92nd Dividend at rate of 8 per cent. per annum, 1st October	, 1901			\$100,000 00 100,000 00		
1 per cent. Bonus 1st October, 1901 Business Taxes				25,000 00 9,011 90 15 264 62		
Alterations and Improvements to Bank Premises at Montres Added to Reserve Fund				15,364 62 100,000 00		
Added to Acherve Pulktant and a state and a state and a					349,376	5
Leaving at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th Septeml	ber, 1901				\$ 31,506	47

Montreal, 30th September, 1901.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF 46th ANNUAL GENERAL. MEETING.

The forty-sixth annual general meeting of the Molsons Bank was held in the Board Room on 21st inst. The President, Mr. W. Molson Macpherson, occupied the chair. Among these present were: Messrs. S. H. Ewing, Vice President; J. P. Clegnorn, S. Finley, F. C. Henshaw, H. Markland Molson, W. M. Ramsay, directors; G. Filer, A. G. Watson, J. Crawford, J. Try-Davies, Hon. J. O'Brien, James Wilkon, S. W. Ewing, E. H. Copland, W. R. Miller, C. E. Spragge, G. M. Kinghorn, G. W. Rohinson, F. W. Molson, and C. McCuaig. The President. having called the meeting to order, requested Mr.

The President, having called the meeting to order, requested Mr. A. D. Durnford to act as secretary. After he had read the advertisement convening the meeting, the President named Messrs. J. Try-Davies and C. E. Sprage as scrutineers.

#### REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

The Directors beg to submit the following report for the year ending the 30th September, 1901 :--The net earnings of the Bank, after making full provision for bad

The net earnings of the Bank, after making full provision for bad and doubtful debts amounted to \$353,890 51, being equal to 14.15 per cent, on the Capital Account.

per cent, on the Capital Account. This has been distributed by two semi-annual dividends, of 4 per cent., and a bonus of 1 per cent. Included in the e-pendature of the year has been \$\$15,36.65 for alterations and improvements in the premises at Montreal and elsewhere. The Directors are confident that the a terations completed during the year at Montreal will have the entire approval of the Shareholders, adding as they have done so materially to the appearance of the effice and the convenience of the public and officials of the Bank. The Directors have been able to add \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund, making its present total \$2,150,000 and have carried forward \$31,506.47, to the credit of Profit and Loss Account.

The Bark acquired during the past summer previses in Jacques Cartier Square in this city, where a branch has been opened, known as the Market and Harbor branch, offering all the usual banking facil ties to the public.

As the growth of business at Valleyfied, Que, did not meet the All the branches of the Board, the branch there has been closed. All the branches of the Bank have been inspected during the year,

and your Directors have pleasure in once again bearing testimony to the zeal and efficiency with which the work of the Bank is performed by the officials generally.

On behalf of the Directors.

#### W. MOLSON MACPHERSON.

President.

Montreal, 21st October, 1901.

#### THE DISCUSSION.

The President then said :

In submitting to you the result of the year's work, I do so with the greatest satisfaction, knowing that you will receive it with feelings of approval. The annual meeting of the Molson's Bank occurs when all predictions respecting our harvest have become an established fact. Our country for years depended upon its wheat crop, and prosperity or depression throughout the country was largely governed by it, but now our older provinces have become firmly established as dairy and farm producing provinces. Our cheese, butter, cattle and hay con-tinue to find ready markets in Great Britain, our hay and oats are being shipped in large quantities to South Africa, and our Canadian horses are being largely used as remounts for the British troops in South Africa. Consequently our trade returns for the year are of a most satisfactory character.

The water powers of Canada and our valuable spruce lands have at-tracted British and foreign capital, resulting in the very large manufacture of pulp and paper, and in addition to this, our pulpwood manufactured for the United States has become a considerable article of export, and has given employment to labour, and the carrying trade of the country has derived great benefit therefrom.

The employment of labour through all our manufacturing sections, as well as through our farming districts, has been very satisfactory, the labour market being strained to its fullest extent ; consequently, our country offers great inducements to settlers.

The increased deposits in banks and financial institutions show how fully labour and capital have been employed and remunerated, the total amount now being over \$400,000,000.

The province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories have been bountifully blessed with the finest harvest that our country has ever enjoyed, greatly benefiting the business of the whole Dominion.

As a result of such prosperity, our Bank has derived its full ad-vantages, as our branches extend from Quebec to Vancouver, covering the whole country, and I am, therefore, enabled to place before you the handsome statement which shows 14 15 return on our capital.

We are continually strenghthening ourselves, and have added this year \$100,000 to the Rest, which now stands at \$2,150,000, or 86 per cent. of our capital; and have also increased our reserves by investing in bonds and securities, which now stand at \$2,311,447.

Feeling so sanguine of the continued good earnings of the Bank, the Directors have decided to recommend that the dividend be paid 44 per cent, semi-annually, that is 9 per cent, annually, instead of 8 per cent, with a bonus of 1 per cent, as formerly. I am sure that such a change will meet with general approval. The capital of the Bank has been employed to its fullest capa-

city, and the circulation has been kept to its fullest limit.

The Shareholders of the Bank have increased from 655 in 1900, to 747 in 1901, thus increasing the friends and supporters of the Bank. The general manager, inspectors, managers, and in fact, the whole

staff of the bank, have been most zealous and efficient, and the pleasing statement now submitted is the outcome of their exertions.

I don't know that I have anything further to add. The year has een a most prosperous one. The country, from one end to the been a most prosperous one. The country, from one end to the other, seems to be blessed with abundance; but we must safeguard against what must come sooner or later, for we cannot have good times always, and we feel it our duty to protect the shareholders all we can. Any questions the shareholders wish to ask I will be pleased to answer.

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. ames Wilson, Mr. Elliot general manager, said that a fund had been set aside for a Pension Fund, but we found that it required more than we had expected. We shall have to make an assessment on the officers, but it won't be much, probably 3 per cent. of their salaries, and if one of them leaves before he is en-titled to a pension he will get back the whole, or nearly the whole, of what he has been paid in, if he has behaved properly.

Mr, Crawford regarded the statement as satisfactory, but expressed

egret at the remarks of the President, that the Directors recommended dividend of 41 per cent, semi-annually, instead of 4 per cent., and a bonus, equal to 9 per cent. in the year. He had hoped that there would have been no difficulty in initiating, next October, a 10 per centdividend. Speaking of deposits bearing interest, and amounting to over \$12,000,000, he wished to know what profit the Bank made on them. He assumed that the maximum interest allowed by the Bank was 3 per cent.

The General Manager-"We have to keep a large amount of cash on hand, idle, at all the thirty-eight branches. There are \$1,500,000; of that cash lying in the vaults here, and in those of the different but has cash syng in the value with is difficult to say how much; we pay 3 per cent. and lend at 6, but we cannot lend all we have."

Mr. Crawford—"There are \$500,000 and odd with foreign agents I presume it is in New York?"

The General Manager-"New York, Germany, France, etc."

In reply to further questions, the General Manager said that the municipal, railway, public and other securities were principally railway bonds and British consols, of which latter the Bank had  $\pounds 40,000$ .

There were very few municipal Canadian bonds, except first class ones. Our bonds, amounting to about \$2,400,000, were of such a class that on them money could be borrowed tomorrow either in Londan or New York.

The President-"We are pleased to hear Mr. Crawford's remarks in reference to the statement, and I cannot say we are astonished to hear him in reference to the dividend, as I have known what his ideas were. Our intention has always been to make the Rest equal to the Capital, and the Directors have steadily gone on in that direction; it gives greater security to the Shareholders. I think Mr. Crawford would be the last one to advise us to do anything which would weaken the security of the Sharehold rs. As things look at present, it does not seem as if it would be long before we shall be able to pay 10 per cent. dividend. If we could see three or four years ahead, and if the years were like some we have had in the past, the matter would be easy. But we cannot, and I think we must go on making the Rest equal to the Capital, and protect the Shareholders. I beg to move the adoption of the annual report."

The motion was seconded by Mr. S. H. Ewing, Vice President, and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Crawford then moved : " That the thanks of the Shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their valuable services to the Bank during the past year." He spoke of the infinite pleasure it afforded him to make the motion, and of the great confidence he felt in the Bank. The statement which had that day been submitted to the Shareholders showed how diligent ly and faithfully the Directors had applied themselves to the interests of the Bank. With the motion he also coupled the General Manager, Inspectors, Manager and Officers.

The motion was seconded by Hon. James O'Brien, who expressed the opinion that the financial statement was a most satisfactory one.

The motion having bee unanimously concurred in, the President returned thanks, and said that, of course, the Directors and the officials should be linked together in the resolution. The Directors would be a very inefficient body without the Managers of the Bank. It was to them the bank was indebted for the handsome statement which had been placed before the Shareholders, and which had been so approved by them.

Mr. S. H. Ewing also said a few words of thanks. He remarked that he felt it a great honour to be a Director of that Bank. He had been there for quite a number of years now, and he thought that he was safe in saying that the whole Board did all it possibly could for the Bank. As to beginning to pay a to per cent. dividend at present, The Molsons Bank had always progressed, never gone back, had always increased its div dend, never decreased it, and he thought that if it kept on paying 41/2 per cent. semi-annually, until the Rest amounted to \$2,500,ooo, it could then safely go on ; aying a to per cent. dividend. He spoke of the diligence and close attention which the General Manager, Mr. Elliot, gave to the affairs of the bank. Mr. Elliot had been with the bank 42 years, and he seemed part and parcel of the institu-tion. To Mr. Elliot, to Mr. Durnford, the chief inspector, and to the whole staff the Bank was very much indebted. The staff was a splendid one.

The President in reply to a shareholder said :- The bank had 38 branches and there were four inspectors. Mr. Durnford, the chief inspector, usually remained in Montreal. It was explained that elecrical protection was installed wherever it could be obtained.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, and the scrutineers soon reported that the retiring Board had been re-elected, viz.:-Messrs. James P. Cleghorn, S. H. Ewing, Samuel Finley, F. C. Henshaw, H. Markland Molson, W. Molson Macpherson, W. M. Ramsay.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. W. M. Macpherson was re-elected President, and Mr. S. H. Ewing, Vice-President.

PROCRASTINATION has long had a vile reputation as "the thief of time." A case given in " The Insurance Field " shows that it is capable of even worse crimes. One, H. D. Cable, made application to the United States Life for a \$50,000 policy. It was forwarded on Jan. 16, 1899, and in Feb. the policy was presented to Mr. Cable for his acceptance. Here procrastination began. He asked to have it held up for a time. A friend of his, named Lord, also applied. Before Cable's policy was accepted he became ill. While in that condition, Lord, fearing his friend's death, paid the first premium on Cable's policy and took possession of it. The Company knew nothing of Cable's illness until he died shortly afterward. Then the facts came out and the Court of Appeals have just decided that the policy was null and void under the circumstances, thus affirming two previous decisions to that effect.

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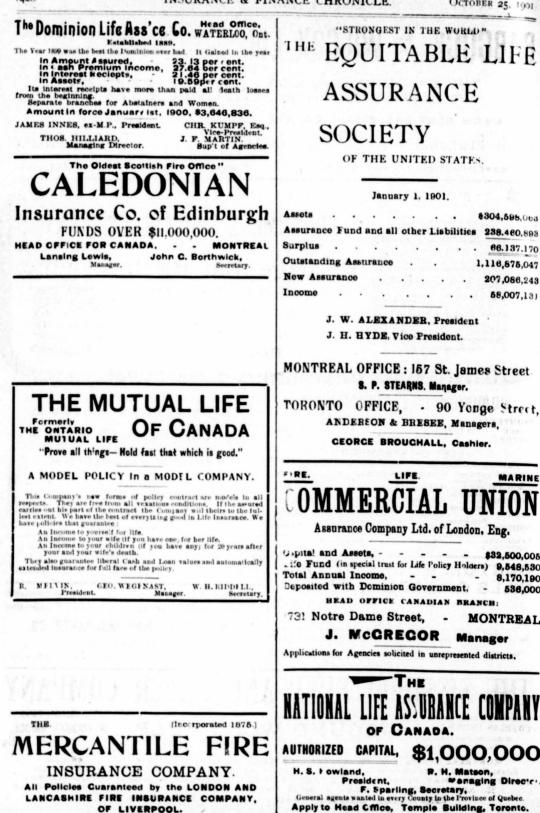
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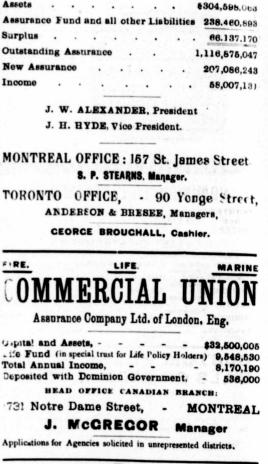
MR. WASHBURN, President of the National Association of Local agents, said in his address at Put-in-Bay: "Whether the ownership of the business obtained by an agent of a company for an agreed compensation carries a clear title to the renewals was a proper question to bring before the convention we leave for those to decide who listened to the address. The ownership of the renewals of a business thus obtained has long been an open question regardless of the laws bearing upon it, and it is likely to remain open so long as owners of property are allowed to choose for themselves the companies and agents with whom they will transact business. In view of rate wars, resulting from contentions over the title to renewals between companies and agents, it is not strange that the latter should agree among themselves that they will not seek to disturb each other's business in cases where, for any cause, companies change from one agency to another. Some rule relating to rights in renewals seems necessary, and agents able to secure business and retain the confidence of the owners of risks they write are so apt to hold the renewals that amicable arrangements among themselves seems better than fighting."



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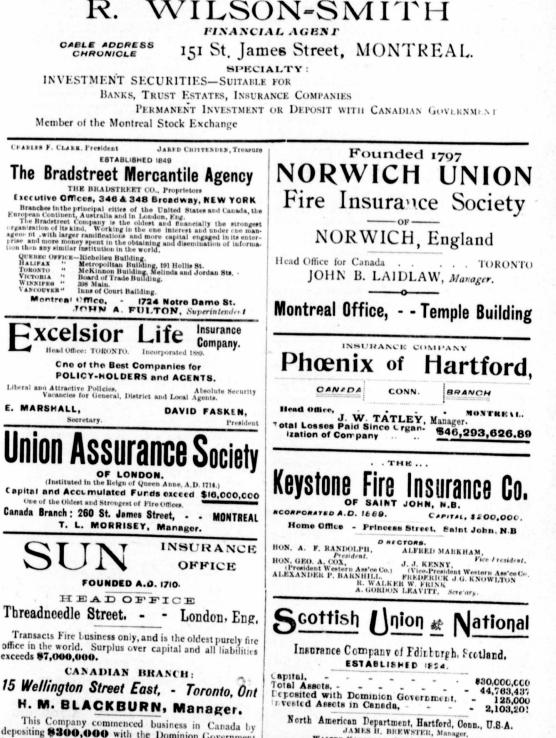
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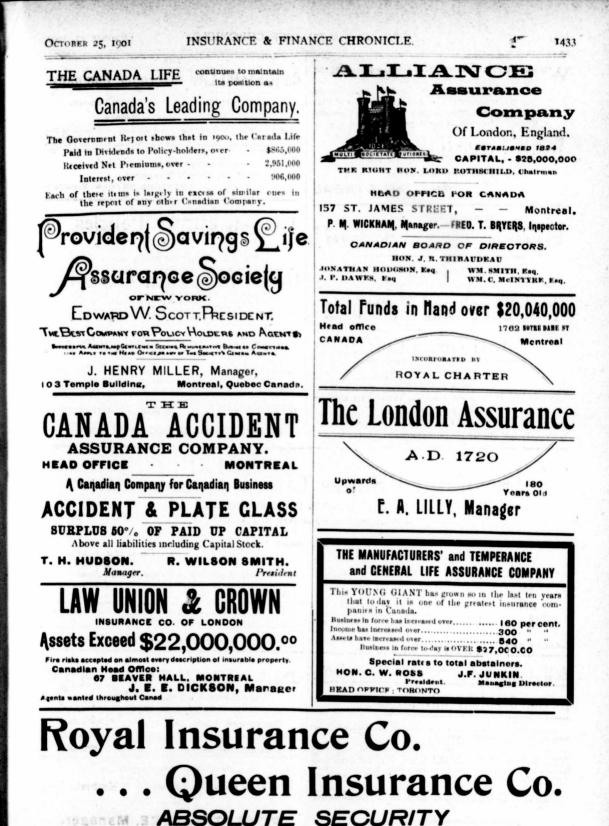
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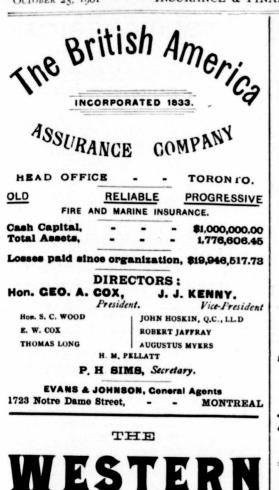
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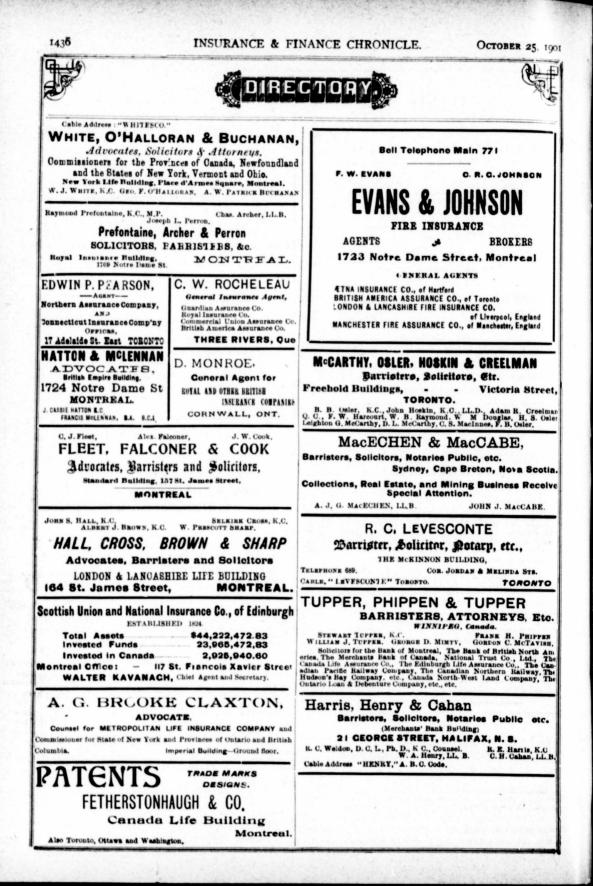
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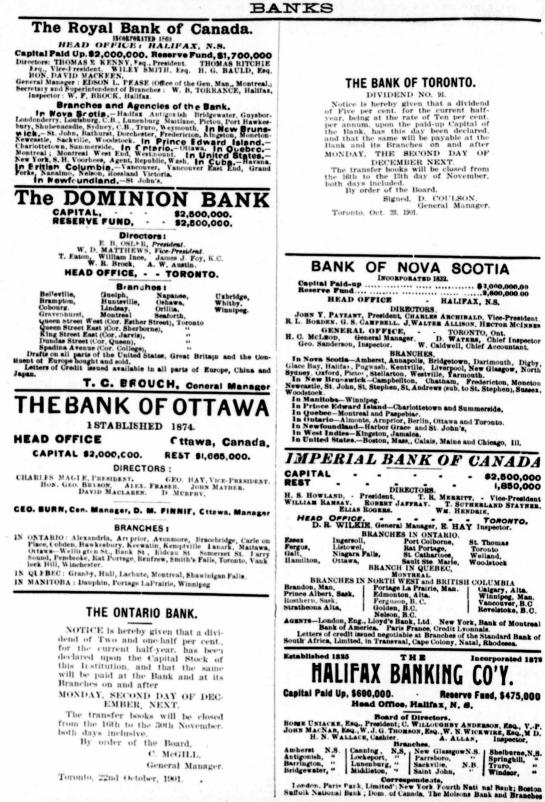
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