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The Fisheries of British Columbia, 1914-1915

Wm. Hamar Greenwood.

Output of the Province Is Approximately \$14,500,000, an Increase of \$1,185,065, and Comprises 41 Per Cent. of Production of Canada-Valuable Report Issued by Department of Fisheries, Victoria.

British Columbia fishery products for the year 1914-1915 have a value of approximately \$14,500,000. British Columbia leads all the provinces of the Dominion. Our

fishery products exceed those of Nova Scotia and New Bruns-wick combined by \$1,185,065, and comprise more than 41 per cent. of the total fishery products of Canada.

During the current year the catch of sockeye in northern British Columbia waters was considerably better than last year, while owing to conditions in Europe, increased value was given to halibut and herring.

These are a few salient facts from the admirable and encouraging report of the Hon. W. J. Bowser, Commissioner of Fisheries for British Columbia, just issued.

Reference is made in the re-Port to the efforts of the Hon. W. J. Bowser, working in con-Junction with H. S. Clements, M.P., to impress on the Federal Government the necessity of relaxing customs regulations at Prince Rupert in order to attract to that port the numer-Ous fishery vessels that operate from Seattle and Ketchikan. While the report does not note that such relaxation was achieved, still it is a fact; and as a result of it Prince Rupert has become an important fishing centre on the Pacific. More than a hundred United States

halibut schooners, it is claimed, have this year been out-fitting, buying stores and bait, and selling their fish at Prince Rupert. This activity, assisted by the through refrigerator car service of the Grand Trunk Pacific, has developed the fishing industry in northern British Columbia waters, with rince Rupert as its centre, in an astonishing way. And it beginning has been made; but that with careful attention business methods, fair dealing and civility, Prince Rupert will become the most important fishing centre on the Pacific,

a Place her geographical position reasonably entitles her to.
When Sir Richard McBride and the Hon. W. J. Bowser,
behalf of the people of British Columbia, made a con-

tribution of 25,827 cases of pink salmon to the Imperial Government for distribution in relieving distress in the crowded industrial centres of the old land, they wrought more wisely than they thought. It was a splendid advertisement of a grade of salmon that, properly packed of selected fish, has a high food value, but is strange to the British consumer. The report states that the shipment of pink salmon was found to be satisfactory, and further, and this is important, the War Office applied for 10,000 cases of

it for the forces. Once pink

salmon is placed on the list of supplies of the War Office, an excellent fish, badly named and treated in B. C., will come into its own, to the great profit of the fishing industry. While it is true that the Hon.

W. J. Bowser is Commissioner of Fisheries, yet he shows his singular genius for administration in no greater manner than in his ability to choose his coworkers, who, fired by his own tireless industry, work out in detail the plans of the Department of Fisheries. He is happy in having John P. Babcock as Assistant Commissioner and D. N. McIntyre as Deputy Commissioner. While no one will accuse Mr. Babcock of lack of versatility, yet it is conceded that his forte is on the biological and advisory side rather than on the administrative, which he cheerfully leaves to Mr. McIntyre, and makes the latter happy.

Splendid work in scientific research is being done by the Department of Fisheries, and this should be credited to Mr. Babcock, who has had the expert services of Dr. C. H. Gilbert, of Stanford University, these many years. The report

refers to the fact that Dr. Gilbert is continuing his study of the life-history of the Pacific Coast salmon with marked success. Dr. Gilbert is undoubtedly the world's greatest authority on the Pacific salmon, and his findings translated into legislation will do much to conserve the salmon wealth of this Province.

Dr. Gilbert, through scale-readings, has been able to analyze the runs in the principal sockeye streams, making tabulated statements of the proportionate number of fish of different ages which constitute these runs. The proportions of four and five year fish vary widely from year to year in the same river basin, and this fact has great significance in reference to the varying size of the runs. He concludes that

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each stream has its distinctive race of sockeye, the progeny returning at maturity to the parent stream, and that sockeye fry rarely survive when they proceed to sea within the year in which they are hatched. He further finds that seafeeding, with consequent rapid growth, produces early maturity, an equal number of years in fresh water producing comparatively little effect.

Dr. Joseph Stafford, M.A., Ph. D., Montreal, reports on his investigations into the life-history of the native oysters of British Columbia. During the summer he visited almost the entire coast-line of the Province, and observed the distribution of the oyster and its associates, and its spawning in northern waters. He collected plankton, temperatures and salinities and noted the physical features of the coastal areas where oysters occur. What he writes is authoritative, for he is America's first oracle on the oyster.

Perhaps the newest and most interesting portion of the report is devoted to the first systematic attempt anywhere made to trace the life-history of the halibut. This work was inaugurated by Mr. Babcock when he assigned W. F. Thompson, of Stanford University, California, to the task two years ago. All over the world Mr. Thompson's report will be read with engrossing interest by scientists and fishermen alike. He has opened up a virgin field and collected specimens on a scale never before attempted.

In his report, Mr. Thompson indicates that the best halibut banks are becoming exhausted by over-fishing, the supply is limited and is rapidly decreasing, and that if this source of food supply is not to be largely lost to the public some protection must be extended to the halibut in the near future. How necessary, then, to know the life-history of the halibut if protection is to be given in a rational manner and without unduly disturbing the industry.

In this connection it may be said that both Ottawa and Victoria, in conjunction with Washington, are considering the advisability of making a close season for halibut for certain months in the year, probably from December to

Some interesting facts have been disclosed by Mr. Thompson. The female halibut is always larger than the male; the fish from Hecate Strait are very much larger than those from Frederick Island and Kodiak Island; the age of the oldest halibut is about 22 or 23 years, and that of the youngest three years, among those whose ear-bones had been collected and examined. It may be stated with confidence that the half the fidence that the halibut breeds on this coast between the middle of December and the last of April or the middle of

There are few halibut that mature during the eighth year of their lives, and there are fish still immature in the 15th year of their age. The eighth is, however, the age of a large proportion of the fish in Hecate Strait at the time of their capture and observation. The evidence bears out the fact that a large special capture and observation. the fact that a large majority of fish caught do not reach maturity. These facts are of the utmost importance in judging of the methods to be used in conserving the fish and also in explaining the discounter that the same are supported in the same are support and also in explaining the decrease of fish in certain banks. Further investigation is needed along this line.

Mr. Thompson makes the definite statement that sea lions eat halibut. At various times, when he was on the halibut banks 15 to 20 miles off Frederick Island, in water over 100 fathoms deep, he saw sea lions apparently feeding on the halibut. At the same time he finds it hard to believe that the sea lion penetrates to a depth of 100 fathoms to feed on halibut. So do we. But Mr. Thompson had the halibut fishermen to reassure him of the truth of what he apparently saw. But we know those halibut fishermen; they are like all other fishermen, fluent but not necessarily veracious story tollars. veracious story-tellers.

However, Mr. Thompson is to be congratulated on the report that he has made on the halibut. He had an arduous task, having to share the hardships of many a fishing trip; but he has produced an invaluable report of tremendous

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economic importance to our national fisheries.

The Importance of Stimulating the Water Haul

T. W. B. London.

Placing a Canadian Customs Official at New York Would Permit Eastern Canadian Goods to Come in Bond by Water to British Columbia, and Permit Our Goods Being Distributed in That Territory by the Same Route, to the Mutual Profit of Both.

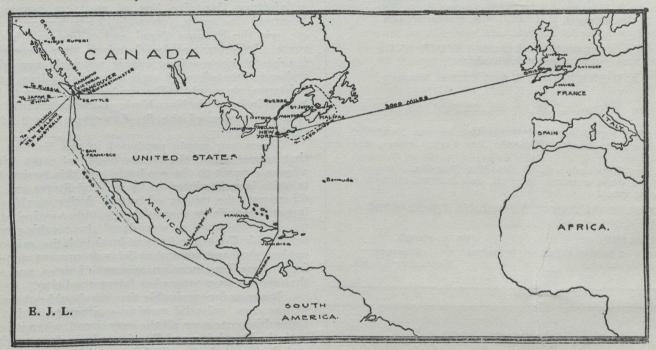
The Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster Boards of Trade have been recommending, during the past two years, the establishment of a Canadian Customs Office at New York, so that British Columbian products may be shipped by ocean to New York, thence in bond by rail (or water) to Eastern Canadian points; and equally that the

due allowances for the fact that they were not in position to decide what the actual findings of their association would be

Recently the Vancouver Board of Trade have addressed the Toronto Board of Trade, soliciting their active co-operation in urging the Government to grant their request, and expressing the well supported belief that the result would be mutually beneficial.

Let us now briefly consider the arguments for and against our proposal as we understand them. We think they can be outlined as follows, giving the opposition's

arguments first:-



products of Eastern Canada may have the opportunity of reaching British Columbia by the use of the same route.

Any question as to the advisability of adopting so simple an expedient for economically linking together the East and West of so vast a Continent, we think, should be quickly resolved in its favour, when the map of North America is examined in particular reference to the Panama Canal route.

But large opposition has developed, some of it governmental at Ottawa, but most of it emanating from the Canadian railroads. The important assistance of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has been invoked by our Boards of Trade. This association is Canada-wide, but bulks most largely, as may be well understood, in the Eastern Provinces, to which locality we on the Pacific Coast instinctively look for our buying market quite as much as for the disposal of most of our products.

It has been felt by us for some time that this very important body has not rallied to our support in a whole-hearted manner. We have just been favoured with a visit of several days by Mr. S. R. Pearson and Mr. J. E. Walsh, vice-president and traffic official, respectively, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The committees of the Boards of Trade of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster have had two important sessions with these gentlemen, besides the opportunity of individual conference. Due recognition of the uniform courtesy and attention extended to us by these gentlemen is gladly given, and also the fact that they state the matter will be very carefully considered by their association, which, we are given to understand, is generally in favour of the bonding privilege desired. It is most evident, however, that united aggressively active work by our local boards is most essential, as the statements of our Eastern guests, to our regrets, seemed lacking in indicating any real shoulder-to-shoulder support, even making

- (1) Transportation will be largely diverted from the Canadian railways all rail, Coast to Coast route, to shipping lines not owned in Canada, there being no Canadian steamship line in existence at present or likely to be established during the war, at least, covering the Coast to Coast route.
- (2) Rail business is dull and inadequate for the railroads already in operation in Canada; hence why seek to divert any of the traffic they now enjoy.
- (3) The Dominion Government has spent immense sums in connection with the building of transcontinental railroads, and in at least two instances the Government feels itself to be practically the chief responsible owner; therefore it feels it to be its duty to itself to protect these interests.

It is unnecessary for us to answer these arguments in seriatim, so we will do so collectively.

In the first place we do not ask from the Canadian railroads what they do not freely enjoy in the United States; in other words, by virtue of U. S. Customs officials being stationed at various Canadian ports, the C. P. R. and its competing Canadian railways are enabled to haul American goods in bond from various American ports over Canadian rail and lake lines, for hundreds and thousands of miles, to other American ports. This is a very valuable privilege, and we rejoice that our lines enjoy it. The right is resented by American railroads, and we cannot imagine that the U. S. authorities would have granted it and kept it in force for all these years if on the broad ground of national business policy it was not considered wise.

In the particular matter at issue, we are not asking our railway lines to give a quid pro quo to their American competitors, nor do we seek to pit our railways against theirs. We believe we are dealing with factors, unfortunately now

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almost unused, which can be developed to a very great degree to the lasting good of the people and interests of Canada, and we venture to include therein our railroads. We believe therefore the issue is:-

Shall we restrict our means of transportation between Eastern and Western Canada to rail lines, or shall we have the benefit of, in addition, using vessels of all nationalities, preferably, of course, Canadian and British (the latter in its

narrow sense) to carry our products?

Our greatest manufacturing centres are in Ontario and Quebec, and considerable quantities of such goods will always be shipped all rail to the Pacific Coast. In addition, the railroads, it is needless to mention, will always have the exclusive transportation of all freight destined to and from

the mid-Prairie Provinces, from both Coasts.

It is to be expected that in due course there will be a satisfactory Canadian line of steamers running between Montreal-Quebec-St. Johns-Halifax to Vancouver, Victoria, etc., via the Panama Canal, and calling at other points en route. It is our opinion, however, that commerce should not be unduly confined within narrowly prescribed lines; and even, therefore, if such a steamship line were now in existence, we would still consider it advisable to be allowed to ship in bond via New York, partly on account of the fact that navigation of the St. Lawrence is not open in the

There are goods produced in the Eastern Provinces that cannot stand the transcontinental rates and leave an adequate profit to the producer, and this business therefore is quite largely placed in the United States and elsewhere. Of course, the raising of import duties would adjust this, but at a penalizing cost to the consumer entirely unjustified

Equally must be considered the reaching eastward of our Pacific Coast products of lumber, laths, salmon, halibut, apples, etc., and several articles at present non-exportable from these Provinces on account of rates, and still others that are yet in a somewhat latent condition.

It seems inconceivable that we should not make due use of our own splendid maritime situation with the British Columbia ports open all the year round, when it is seen what both the Dominion and Provinces have done on the Atlantic and Pacific, and are still doing, to improve port facilities in the way of elevators, docks and other harbour improvements.

Particularly is any other action to be marvelled at when we observe that the United States and other nations are constantly improving old water courses and building new ones. Canals built 20 to 50 years ago are being widened and deep ened, and river bars and rapids removed, so that the cost of transportation may be reduced to the minimum, for the good of the manufacture of of the manufacturer, farmer, miner, and consumer, and the body politic.

The railroads have never looked upon the extension of such facilities with a friendly eye; their opposition, some times active and open, frequently otherwise, has continuous ly been in evidence. To their powerful influence can be laid the delay of at least the delay of at least a generation in the building of the Panama Canal, and very many less noted, but important aids to commerce on this continent, such as the great in provements of the Mississippi and Columbia Rivers, now in advanced stages of completion.

We do not presume to think we can teach any class of men their own business, least of all our particularly astute railroad friends, for whose talents we have the greatest re spect. Yet we cannot dispossess ourselves of the thought that what is for the benefit of the commonwealth, makes for the eventual good of the country: that in the great clearing house of the nation's business. house of the nation's business this is always found to be the case.

We know that better wavs of doings things have heen

constantly fought by those who feared that any change in the existing state of things would be to their disadvantage In many cases it is true that hurt to certain interests and classes has occurred but this classes has occurred, but this has usually been temporary.

Our railroad friends Our railroad friends may perhaps be pardoned for being

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The proposal to establish a Canadian Customs official at New York for the purpose of sending Eastern Canadian goods from New York in bond to British Columbia ports by water transportation has received a great impetus during the last few months, and has gathered such force that during ing the next session of the Dominion Parliament the House will likely be memorialized on the subject. We present on another page an exposition of the position which British Columbia takes on this question which means much to the trade of this Province and at the same time to Eastern manufacturers if the advantages accruing to both East and West will be adequately availed of.

It is undoubtedly true that the long haul freight cost of transportation across this Continent precludes the consumption and use of a considerable list of commodities and articles manufactured in Eastern Canada by the people of British Columbia, and points on the Prairies tributary to Vancouver. The people of this territory are compelled to use either British goods imported direct from Liverpool and Other British ports, or to import them from the United States, despite the discouragement of the use of the imposition of duties. This is a distinct loss to the Eastern Canadian manufacturer, without compensating advantages to the people of Canada or the transportation systems of Canada.

It has also the effect of shutting out to a very large extent the products of British Columbia from the markets of astern Canada; markets which we need and products which the people of Eastern Canada are anxious to use, other things being equal.

Shipped in bond from the manufacturing centres of Ontario and Quebec to New York, involving in a few cases not over hundred miles of rail haul, and in the vast majority of cases not involving over five hundred miles; thence transhipping by steamer, via the Panama Canal, to Vancouver, whence they could be distributed all through the Province ince and to many sections of Alberta.

Conversely our lumber, fruits, fish and, to some extent, metals and other British Columbian commodities could be shipped back via New York, thus ensuring full cargoes both ways. By the adoption of this expedient freights would be reduced from fifty per cent. to seventy per cent., and trade between the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the Dominion would not arise from the very would be developed such as could not arise from the very cost of rail transportation to the railway companies.

It is stated that the transcontinental railways operating in Canada will oppose this proposal tooth and nail. While some opposition is to be expected, it is not likely that the

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railways will oppose as seriously as many of our business interests fear.

It must be admitted that the adoption of this measure will at first result in the loss to the railways of a small amount of through freight, and it is natural from this fact that this will not be pleasing to them. Yet it will soon become evident, after the return to normal times, that the business created through this bonding privilege will result in a very great increase in short haul business which will more than compensate for the slight loss in transcontinental freight.

It must be borne in mind as an elementary fact in commerce that business created, or subject to a very remarkable extension, benefits every element in the commercial and industrial structure, and among the least of these to be thus

benefitted is not the transportation system.

The case of the United States is one in point, although not so obvious as it will become ten years hence. After a generation of opposition, mostly engineered by the railways, the "ditch" was built. The tariff before the Canal was built was adjusted to the cost of water transportation from coast to coast via Cape Horn, plus adjustments of benefit by way of time accruing to the shipper by rail haul. When the Canal was opened to transportation the railways sought to lower the through rate to compete with the shortened water route, and sought to raise the interior rates. In the latter they did not succeed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and in the former they could not compete; thence arose a mighty wail of lamentation. But somehow the disaster did not follow. There resulted a material diminution in through haul, but the short haul, strange to say, made up the loss. Then, as the readjustment became complete, it was found that the business created by the cheaper means of transportation actually induced an increase in through haul of higher classification freight, although the low classification freight constantly tended to diminish. From analogous conditions we have reason to anticipate analogous results, and we do not think that Canada will prove an exception.

Much of the credit for this movement is due to Mr. E. J. Leveson, of Vancouver, who initiated it and has continuously supported it. He has been ably assisted by members of the Vancouver Board of Trade, which a short time ago took action and is now pressing for a favorable decision at Ottawa. Most all the Boards of Trade and the general business interests of the Province have joined in furthering this end.

Mr. Andrew Stewart, liquidator of the Dominion Trust Company and of the W. R. Arnold estate, received from the Canada Life \$14,113 and from the New York Life \$97,373 on policies taken out by the former managing director. Mr. Stewart is expecting shortly the payment of \$100,000 from the North American Life. All other policies, amounting to about \$200,000, are being resisted on the ground of suicide, and misrepresentation and suppression of material facts.

In addition the Canada Life paid a policy of \$25,000 to the mortgagees of the Dominion Building which was given

by the late Mr. Arnold as security for that loan.

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WALLACE FISHERIES, LIMITED. Registered Office, 513 Pacific Building, Vancouver.	THE YORKSHIRE GUARANTEE & SECURITIES CORPORATION, LIMITED.
Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1914.	Extra-Provincial.
	Head Office, Huddersfield, England; Provincial Head Office,
Share Capital\$1,500,000.00	Yorkshire Building, 525 Seymour Street, Vancouver.
6% Debenture Stock	Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1915.
Interest Accrued on Debentures 54,581.00	LIABILITIES—
Notes and Accounts Payable	
Reserve for Taxes, Auditing and Bad Debts	Nominal Capital£500,000 par £10 Issued 26,499 ordinary shares £5 paid up£132,495 $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Depreciation and Reserve Account	
Total\$3,287,311.26	
	Loans on Debentures
ASSETS— Properties, Licences, Fishing Rights and Good Will\$2,693,530.63	
Furniture and Fixtures	Sundry Creditors
Accounts Receivable 49,432.42	Revenue Account—
Inventories 527,642.97	Bal. from last year's a/c £14,517 7 7
Unexpired Insurance 8,043.78	Income for year after de-
Cash on Hand	ducting exp 12,365 5 1
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THE METROPOLITAN BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.	eration 550 0 0
Registered Office, 1022 Metropolitan Building, Vancouver.	Int. on Debs. and
Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1915.	Loans 4,546 12 9
	7,596 12 9
Capital authorized\$500,000.00	7,596 12 9 19,285 19 11
Capital Subscribed and Paid up\$199,409.00	TOTAL £313,252 8 5
Mortgages and Loans	
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Accounts Payable	
Accrued Interest and Taxes	Sundry Debtors
Accrued Wages 295.00	Assets per Canadian Office Bal-
Profit and Loss 56,613.86	ance Sheet£297,699 9 11
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Total\$582,330.35	400,012
ASSETS—	The above consists of—
Property (actual cost) \$572,082.38	Real Estate£ 17,534 13 1
Office Furniture 283.91 Furniture on Hand for Sale 241.50	Invest's in Yorkshire Bldg. Co 30,762 15 5 . Instalments owing on property
Building Supplies 473 55	sold 13,403 10 4
Bills Receivable	Loans on mtgs., cash, etc
Unexpired Insurance	Current accounts
Rents in Arrears 4,000.00	Cash in bank in trust for clients 4,589 11 11
Suspense Account	Furniture
Accounts Receivable	
Cash on Hand and in Bank	£297,699 9 11
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Total\$582,330.35	TOTAL £313,252 8 5
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Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1915.	
	OKANAGAN FALLS LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.
LIABILITIES—	Registered Office, Kelowna.
Debentures and Accrued Interest	Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1915.
Guaranteed Mortgages and Accrued Interest	
Sundry Creditors	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Capital Stock Authorized \$500,000.00	
Capital Paid up and Outstanding	
Reserve Fund	Mortgages Payable
Unappropriated Profits 920.60	Loans Payable
Dividend No. 11	
(Total	Creditors on Open Account
Total\$569,673.87	Total
ASSETS—	ACCIONO
Cash on Hand and in Banks\$ 14,961.37	ASSETS— Property Development and Irrigation Project \$383,362.34
Loans 538,171.94 Sundry Debtors 14,142.94	ASSETS— Property, Development and Irrigation Project\$383,362,34 Implements and Tools\$383,362,34
Real Property	Implements and Tools 20,878.37 Debtors 51.79
Furniture and Fixtures	
	Deferred Charges to Income
Total\$569,673.87	Total
Trust Accounts\$38,399.25	Total
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Halibut Arrivals at Pacific Coast for September

*American vessel.

FRESH HALIBUT LANDED AT PACIFIC COAST PORTS. September, 1915.

	Pounds.
By independent schooners at Seattle	1,316,611
Dy independent schoolers at Seattle	985,000
By company vessels at Seattle	298,300
By regular steamers at Seattle	18,000
Arrivals at Oregon and washington porcession	305,000
Arrivals at Ketchikan, Alaska	1,003,000
Arrivals at Vancouver	467,000
The state of the s	2,090,000
Arrivals at Prince Rupert	
	6,482,911
Total	

HALIBUT ARRIVALS AT PRINCE RUPERT, B. C. August 25 to September 25, 1915.

Arr.		Fare.	
Aug		Lbs.	Purchaser—
25	*Aurora		Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
25	*Sitka	70,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
25	Chief Skugaid	28,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
25	Chief Zibassa	20,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
25	Tide	1,000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited
26	Andrew Kelly	100,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
26	*Jennie F. Decker	15,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
27	Borealis	20,000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited Atlin Fisheries, Limited
27	Gilford	6,000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited
27	Daisy	6,000	Rorvik Fish Co
29	*Constance	28,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
29	*La Paloma	9,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
29	*Decorah	45,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
30	*Seymour* Polaris	75.000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
31	*Olympic	26.000	San Juan F. & P. Co.
Sel	*Olympic	. 20,000	
1	Geo. E. Foster	60,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
1	*Alaska	14,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
2	Jas. Carruthers	.120,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
3	*Myrtle Endresen	. 35,000	Rorvik Fish Co
3	*Corona	. 40,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
3	Lillian M.	. 8,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
4	Zorra	5,000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited
	Haysport No. 2	12 000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
5 7	*Vansee	35,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
7	*Stranger	6,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
7	*Theckla	12,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
8	*Sitka	67.000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited
8	*Shamrock	25,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
9	Iskum	20.000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
9	*Lister	. 10,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
9	*Sea Gull		Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
9	Grier Starratt		Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
11	*Tom & Al		Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
11	*Venus	10,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
11	Chief Zibassa	. 40,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
12	*Alten		Atlin Fisheries, Limited
12	*Aurora	7.000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited
12	*Rainier	. 5,000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited
12	Chief Skugaid	30,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
12	Andrew Kelly	100,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
12	*Seymour	10,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
13	*Jennie F Decker	. 8,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
14	*Idaho	55,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
17	*Lincoln	10,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
18	*San Jose	10,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd. Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
18	*Tordenskjold	10,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
18	Jas. Carruthers	120,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
20 20	*Stranger	18,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
21	Tuladi	6,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
	*Agnes B	0,000	
22 22	*Alten	20,000	San Juan F. & P. Co.
	*Orient	20,000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited
22 22	*Lief E.	90,000	Atlin Fisheries, Limited Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
22	Geo. E. Foster	7,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
22	*Lister*Shamrock		Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
23	Gilford	8,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
23	Grier Starrett	20,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
23		8,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
24		15,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
24		30,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
24	*La Paloma	4,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
24	*Constitution	55,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
24	Chief Zibassa	45,000	Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.

25 25	*Tom & Al *Republic *Rainier *Albatross	50,000 45,000 7,000 25,000	San Juan F. & P. Co. Nat'l Independent Fish Co. Nat'l Independent Fish Co. Can. F. & C. S. Co., Ltd.
	Total 2,	090,000	

HALIBUT ARRIVALS AT VANCOUVER, B. C. August 26 to September 25, 1915

Arr.		Fare,	
Aug.	Vessel—	Lbs.	Owner
27	Manhattan	100,000	New England Fish Co.
Sept			
4	New England	125,000	New England Fish Co.
6	Flamingo	100,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
7 8	Carlotta G. Cox	100,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
8	Celestial Empire	100,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
10	Emma H	50,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
11	Manhattan	100,000	New England Fish Co.
11	Pescawha	50,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
11	Trapp	18,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
16	Carlotta G. Cox	10,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
21	Flamingo	60,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
24	Celestial Empire	90,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
	Boxed Fish	100,000	Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd.
	Total	1,003,000	

HALIBUT ARRIVALS AT STEVESTON, B. C. August 26 to September 25, 1915.

Arr. Aug. Vessel— 26 Roman	Fare, Lbs. 126,000	Owner Columbia Cold Storage Co.
Sept. 15 Onward Ho 18 Roman	440 000	Columbia Cold Storage Co. Columbia Cold Storage Co.
Total	467,000	Pacific Fisherman

BRITISH COLUMBIA DEEP-SEA SHIPMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Flag and Rig.	Vessel.	From.	Destination.	Feet.
Br. S.S(range Rive	r,Vancouver, I	3. C. England	840,559
Br. S.S(Drange Rive	rGenoa Bay, I	3. C. England	600,000
Br. S.S)range Rive	rNanaimo, B.	C England	226,245
Br. S.SI	ena	Vancouver, I	3. C. England	1,616,635
Jan. S.S.S	Seattle Mary	Vancouver, I	3. C. Yokohama, Japan.	16,185
Jan. S.S.S	Seattle Mari	Vancouver, I	3. C. Kobe, Japan	95,799
Br. S.SI		Vancouver, I	3. C. Liverpool, Eng	106,219
Br. S.SI		Vancouver, I	3. C. Glasgow, Scotland	122,669
Br. S.S1		Vancouver, I	3. C. United Kingdom	13,093
Br. S.S		Vancouver, I	3. C. London, Eng	50,054
Br. S.S		Vancouver, I	3. C. Kobe, Japan	12,730
Br. S.S		Chemainus, 1	B. C. United Kingdom	998,381
Br. S.S		Chemainus,	B. C. United Kingdom	30,450
			-The Timber	man.

Mr. P. M. Wickham, Canadian manager of the Yorkshire Insurance Company, Limited, left during the week for Montreal after an inspection of the company's business in Western Canada. While in Vancouver he was the guest of Mr. R. Kerr Houlgate, manager of the Yorkshire Guarantee & Securities Corporation, Limited, who are the Provincial agents.

Another Canadian manager, Mr. Charles H. Neely, of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, with headquarters at Montreal, was a visitor to British Columbia recently. After looking over the field and inspecting the business of the company in this Province, he spoke before a group of insurance men on developing business. Mr. Neely is considered a high authority on accident insurance.

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Company \$ 20,000
Company \$ 20,000 "Noonday Mines Company" (N. P. L.), Head
Office, 704 Paulsen Building, Spokane, Wash-
ington, U. S. A.; Provincial Head Office, San-
don; Bruce White, Miner, Sandon, is Attorney
for the Company \$ 250,000 "Federal Rubber Manufacturing Company of
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Illinois," Head Office, 1434 Michigan Avenue,
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drew McGavin of same address is Attorney for the Company
for the Company
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fice, 1121-24 White Building, Seattle, Wash-
ington, U. S. A.; Provincial Head Office, care
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Company, New Westminster; F. B. Stevens is
Attorney for the Company\$ 3,500
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Duchesnay Packing Company, Limited, Vancouver 50,000
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Sid R Smith Lumber Company Limited Vancous
ver 10.000
Anglo-American Corporation, Limited Vancouver 250,000
Crain-Eckert Company Limited Chilliwack 100.000
Vancouver Motor Supplies Limited Vancouver 10,000
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The Standard Trusts Company (Head Office, Winnipeg, Manitoba), has been registered under the Trust Companies Act. The Provincial Head Office is located at Vancouver Block, Vancouver. James G. Forrester of above address is Attorney for the Company.

COMPANY CHANGE OF NAME.

The Progressive Towing Company, Limited, has applied for a change of name to The Progressive Steamboat Company, Limited.

TRUST COMPANY CHANGES.

The following Companies, which enjoyed Trust powers, have deleted same: Anglo-British Columbian Securities, Limited; Hood's Limited; Overseas Securities, Limited; Trites, Limited; Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Limited; Gillespie's Limited; Irwin & Billings Company, Limited; National Mortgage Company, Limited; North Vancouver Business Properties, Limited; North West Securities Corporation, Limited; United Securities, Limited.

ASSIGNMENTS, CREDITORS' NOTICES, ETC.

William Albert Mercier, trading as retail dry goods merchant at 533 Broadway West, Vancouver, has assigned to Gavin Pettigrew, accountant, 803 Mercantile Building, Van-

Cole W. Owen, carrying on business as retail hardware merchant at 3643 Fourth Avenue West, Vancouver, has assigned to Frank Parsons, merchant, 573 Carrall Street,

Joseph L. Coyle, publisher, Smithers, has assigned to Louis L. De Voin, farmer, Smithers.
William F. Eve, 3637 Fourth Avenue West, dry goods

merchant, has assigned to C. T. McHattie, 361 Water Street,

Hotel Stratford Company, Limited, 1921 Government Street, Victoria, has assigned to W. H. Moore, Vancouver.

Joseph Clarke, carrying on business as a hardware merchant under the name and style of "Clarke Bros. Hardware," at 2280 Fourth Avenue West, Vancouver, has assigned to Alexander Dow, managing director Dow Fraser Trust Com-Pany, 122 Hastings Street West, Vancouver. William B. Cutler of Port Coquitlam, carrying on busi-

ness as a shingle manufacturer under the firm name and style of "Cutler Shingle Company," has assigned to James

Roy, 222 Pacific Building, Vancouver.

Clifford Norman Borton, Summerland, merchant, has assigned to Wellington C. Kelley, solicitor, Summerland. Frederick Lorne Roe and Gerald I. Roe, Maramata hotel-

keepers, carrying on business under the firm name of "Roe Brothers" have assigned to Wellington C. Kelley, solicitor, Summerland.

John Carelli, trading as a hotel and restaurant proprietor at the Klondyke Hotel, 218 Carrall Street, Vancouver, has assigned to A. H. Seymour, 601 Birks Building, Vancouver.

Samuel Benjamin Redburn, carrying on business under the firm name and style of "S. B. Redburn & Company" as a dealer in paints, oils, wall paper, etc., at 2317 Main Street, Vancouver, has assigned to Robert W. Chambers, manufacturers' agent, 424 Cordova Street, Vancouver.

WINDING UP PROCEEDINGS.

By order of Mr. Justice Macdonald on petition of the National Mortgage Corporation, Limited, the Acadia, Lim-Ited, is ordered wound up. George L. Schetky, accountant, London Building, Vancouver, is appointed provisional liquidator.

At an extraordinary general meeting of The Ship Poltalloch Company, Limited, Victoria, special resolutions were Passed calling for the voluntary winding up of the company and the appointment of J. H. Lawson, barrister, Victoria, as liquidator.

At an extraordinary general meeting of The Victoria Shipping Company, Limited, Victoria, special resolutions were passed calling for the voluntary winding up of the Company and the appointment of J. H. Lawson, barrister,

Victoria, as liquidator.

By special resolutions of the shareholders of "The Star Mining and Milling Company, Limited Liability," and confirmed at a general meeting of the Company, it was resolved that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that John M. Harris and Fred T. Kelly Sandon be appointed liquidators.

Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Annual Meeting

Report of the Directors Presented to the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company, Held at the Office of the President, in the City of Vancouver, B. C., the 26th Day of October, 1915.

Of our securities guaranteed by the Province of British Columbia there were outstanding at June 30, 1914, \$13,991,-475; on July 17, 1914, an amount of £50,000 (or \$243,330) of the First Mortgage 41/2 per cent. Guaranteed Debenture Stock of the Company was sold at 96½, making the total securities disposed of \$14,234,805.00. Since July 17, 1914, the date of the last sale of the Company's securities, there has been no market consequent upon the world war. The total securities guaranteed applying on the main line amount to \$16,800,000, secured by a first charge on the line, and \$3,360,000, secured by a second charge, making a total of \$20,160,000.00 of which, as above stated, \$14,234,805.00 have been issued. The balance of the above securities, \$5,925,-195.00, has been pledged to secure a loan of \$4,800,000.00 obtained by the Company in pursuance of the authority granted the Directors at the last Annual General Meeting.

Applying on the Peace River Extension, securities to the extent of \$11,550,000.00 have been guaranteed by the Government, but on account of the adverse conditions no disposition could be made of them; and it has been impossible to start work on the grading of this extension. At the next session of the Legislature, your Directors propose to apply for an extension of the time in which to commence and carry on that work.

Satisfactory progress, notwithstanding present financial conditions, has been made with the work of construction on the main line. The Chief Engineer reports that the grading of the entire line is finished with the exception of the Howe Sound section between Horseshoe Bay and Squamish, about 30 miles, and about 30 miles of comparatively light work near Horse Lake. During the past year, track has been extended north of Squamish to some miles beyond Lillooet and the Company has been authorised by the Minister of Railways to carry traffic over it between the above named towns. The contractor is operating this train service under his agreement with the Company. He is also maintaining train service on the North Vancouver-Horseshoe Bay section to comply with our agreements with the Municipality of West Vancouver and various property owners there.

Tracklaying is still in progress, but the work is proceeding slowly of necessity on account of our having to haul to the site of the structures by rail material for the construction of the bridges in the line, the cost of hauling such a large amount of material by teams, in order to have the structures completed by the time the track reached their sites, being absolutely prohibitive. The track between Squamish and Lillooet has been ballasted. A six-stall engine house has been erected at Squamish and our terminal yard at that place laid out.

Those studying the situation appear unanimously to have reached the conclusion that on the cessation of European hostilities Canada will benefit largely by a great influx of

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Financial Statement of the B. C. Electric Railway and Allied (Companies for Septer	mber, 1915.	
Approximate Income and Expenditure— Gross Earnings Operating Expenses, Maintenance, etc.	1915. \$517,022	1914. \$650,516	Decrease. \$133,494
Operating Expenses, Maintenance, etc	477,206	509,626	32,420
Net Earnings	\$39,816	\$140,890	\$101,074
Gross Earnings ————————————————————————————————————	1,534,871	2,015,351	480,480
Operating Expenses, Maintenance, etc.	1,448,478	1,548,805	100,327
Net Earnings	\$ 86,393	\$466,546	\$380,153

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high class British emigrants. Many of these on account of the climate and other advantages that this Province affords, will be attracted to British Columbia. As no other line of railway serves the central portion of the Province, the importance to the country of the completion of our line is manifest, if British Columbia is to be in a position to take advantage of this expected immigation.

The early completion of the railway will continue to be the time of those charged with that responsibility.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors:

(Sgd.) J. W. STEWART, Chairman of the Board.

At the meeting of the shareholders the old Board of Directors was re-elected, namely: J. W. Stewart, Chairman; D'Arcy Tate, K.C., T. Foley, F. Wilson and E. F. White. After the meeting adjourned the Directors met and re-

appointed the officials of the Company to the respective

positions as follows:
J. W. Stewart, President; D'Arcy Tate, K.C., Vice-President and General Counsel; T. Foley, Vice-President; R. D. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer; John Callaghan, Chief Engineer; A. H. Sperry, General Manager; F. Wilson, Land Commissioner.

The Importance of Stimulating the Water Haul

unwilling to possibly jeopardize certain immediate interests entrusted to them, for the eventual good that will ensue two, three, or more years hence, when perhaps in some cases their successors in office may reap the benefit. We, however, beg to suggest that the proposed facility would build up so greatly the East and West Provinces that the increased tonnage haul to and from Montreal and New York, etc., and from Western Alberta and British Columbia points and return, would much more than compensate for the loss of a portion of the Coast to Coast long haul low rate business.

What applies to the railroad companies as such must also apply as directly, and at least as pointedly, to the acquired interests of the Dominion therein. It does not seem to us at all wise to seek to force business to even Government controlled railroads that economically does not belong there; it is artificial and not in pursuance of lines of least resistance. It is making water run up hill, which, of course, can be done, but with the inevitable constant expense of sustaining the effort.

To sum up this quite inadequate presentation:

No experiment is desired, merely the extension to our commercial interests of such Customs facilities as have been long established elsewhere and which no one would dare to think of curtailing.

We shall be only too pleased when a Canadian line via the Canal can be secured. Meanwhile we feel sure that the lines running between this Coast and the U. K. which are now coming westbound, almost empty, would welcome the opportunities of booking bonded cargo at New York.

We feel the asked for facility to be essential to our growth and material welfare, and the suitable utilization of our exceptional deep-water situation, which is the envy of many other fine cities on this Coast.

We also believe it will work for the material welfare of

the Dominion of Canada.

TRUST COMPANY CHANGE OF NAME.

The directors of The Yorkshire Guarantee & Securities Corporation, Limited (head office, Huddersfield, England), have changed the name to The Yorkshire & Canadian Trust, Limited. The change in name was approved October 8th, 1915, by the Registrar of Joint-stock Companies, England, and application has been made to the Registrar of Joint stock Companies, Victoria. Permission to use the changed name has been given by the Provincial Registrar pending the necessary legal formalities being complied with.

The only change instituted is that of the name. The company retains the same directors, shareholders, management and policy. Mr. R. Kerr Houlgate is the British Columbia and Canadian agent as well as manager of the company. The Provincial head office is Yorkshire Building, 525 Seymour Street, Vancouver.

Mr. M. D. Hamilton, for several years assistant manager of the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been appointed manager of the Ottawa branch, succeeding Mr. C. Cambie, who becomes manager of the London, England, branch. Mr. A. C. Steven, of the San Francisco branch, becomes assistant manager at Van-

Service Performed by Life Insurance Companies

From a Paper by Haley Fiske, Vice-President Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Read at the World's Insurance Congress, San Francisco, October 5, 1915.

Consider first how widespread in the community is the insurance of lives. At the end of 1914 there were 40,391,856 policies in force in the United States and Canada, as compared with a population of, say, 110,000,000. We estimate that these forty millions of policies were upon twenty-five to thirty millions of lives, and, therefore, that about a quarter of the population is insured. These are the figures of 244 regular reserve companies. The insurance in force was \$22,342,611,750. The companies are exceedingly active and energetic in prosecuting the business. There was a gain of nearly two and a half millions in number and nearly two billions of dollars in amount of insurance in force during the year 1914.

To realize the significance of these figures, consider next what life insurance is. Fundamentally it is the association of numbers of people who realize that while nothing is more certain than death, nothing is more uncertain for each healthy individual than the date of death; that death is a pecuniary loss to the dependents; that there is a necessity to tide over a period during which new adjustments can be made in the lives of the survivors; that for this period assistance is needed. The contributions of these numbers of people go into a fund out of which this help is furnished. Though the date of the individual death is uncertain, the number of deaths in the year among the contributors is quite certain. There is, therefore, a mathematical relation established between the amount agreed to be contributed and the amount of the fund to be drawn upon death. The uncertainty of the date of death makes life insurance a very human thing. It used to be called a gamble. Surely it is not that. We have a right, after all these years and the tremendous extent of life insurance, to say that the system is the result of conscious mutual helpfulness. It is a social institution. The family which draws a death benefit after a single premium is not drawing charity. The obligation of the holder of the policy was undertaken in good faith with the view of helping others, and the help from others arising from the unexpected death is the mere fulfilment of an obligation which was reciprocal. No doubt when a man insures his life he does it to protect his family in the event of his death; but he neither expects nor desires his own death, and he has a consciousness that he is making a mutual bargain to give or take help as the event may prove. Life insurance is, therefore, a brotherhood whose operations are intensely

These companies distributed during 1914, \$527,535,935. Somebody has said this is over one-half of the national debt. Think of the excitement the Government would arouse if it undertook to pay its debt in a single year! Think of the taxation necessary to enable the Government to do such a thing. Yet the distribution by life companies of over half a billion dollars in a year causes no comment. It enters into the common life of the people, affecting enormous numbers of them. We may take it that this money went to the families of nearly a million persons, and, therefore, affected four or five millions of individuals. And this is an annual experience. Multiply it by ten years and consider what a common daily experience is the knowledge by our people of the results of this system of association for mutual help.

It would be mere commonplace to dwell upon the good done by this enormous distribution of money, in relieving want, paying debts, furnishing future support.

It is probable that 35 per cent. of these assets are loaned on bonds and mortgages. That means that communities have been built up by insurance funds. It is estimated that 10 per cent. of the funds are invested in state, county and municipal bonds and bonds of public improvements. That

means that communities have been furnished with the convenience of modern life and with material facilities for the education of children by the insurance companies. This constructive work is continuous. Under the reserve system of insurance more than four-fifths of the assets are subject to reserve liabilities—the total reserves of the companies amounted to over four and a third billions of dollars at the end of 1914. The investments are stable. They increase automatically, like the rolling of a snowball. More than three-quarters of the semi-annual interest receipts are added to the reserve and in turn invested and held. Moreover, the investments are made where they are most needed. This arises from self-interest, because obviously the best rate of interest is obtained, as a rule, where capital is scarcest.

-Coast Review.

INSURANCE NOTICES.

"The Union Marine Insurance Company, Limited," has been licensed under the British Columbia Fire Insurance Act to transact in British Columbia the business of fire insurance, limited to insuring automobiles against loss or damage by fire, and under the Insurance Act to transact marine, inland marine, inland transportation, accident and automobile insurance. The Provincial Head Office is located at 414 Seymour Street, Vancouver. C. H. Macaulay of the same address is attorney for the Company.

INSURANCE COMPANY IN LIQUIDATION.

Notice is given by the liquidator, Theodore Meunier, 2 Place d'Armes, Montreal, to creditors of The Rimouski Fire Insurance Company to file claims.

RECENT FIRE LOSSES.

Recent fire losses reported to Superintendent of Insurance, Victoria B C:-

Chilliwack, Sept. 30.—Owner, Fanny A. Hemphill; occupant, Thomas Hemphill; wood dwelling; value of building \$2,200, insurance on same \$1,400; value of contents \$1,500, insurance on same, \$1,000. Total loss, \$3,600. Cause, unknown. Aetna-Phoenix-Fidelity.

Vancouver, Sept. 14.—1936 White Avenue; owner, Mrs. Payne;

occupant, D. Galloway; one-storey frame dwelling; value of building \$600, insurance on same, nil; value of contents \$600, insurance on same \$600. Total loss, \$498. Cause, wallpaper in contact with stove-pipe. Anglo-American.

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—2306 McDonald St. Owner, H. Shultz; occupant, R. A. Ballentine; two-storey frame dwelling; value of building \$3,600, insurance on same \$2,500; value of contents \$3,000, insurance on same \$1,500. Total loss, \$425. Cause, defective wiring. Fidelity-Phoenix, Germania.

Vancouver, Sept. 24.—North end Rupert St., Burrard Inlet. Owner and occupant, McDonald. Frame and corrugated iron sawmill; value of building \$1,500, insurance on same \$1,000; value of contents \$3,500, insurance on same \$2,000. Total loss, \$5,000. Cause, unknown. Anglo-American, Factories, Minnesota.

Victoria, Sept. 15.—Harriet Road and Burnside Road. Owner,

Victoria, Sept. 15.—Harriet Road and Burnside Road. Owner, J. G. Miller (Saskatoon, Sask.); occupant, F. J. Burr; one-storey frame bake shop; value of building \$350, insurance on same, nil; value of contents \$350, insurance on same \$350. Total loss, \$600. Cause, bake oven insufficiently protected. Svea Ins. Co.

Victoria, Sept. 17.—148 South Turner St. Owner, James Lauder-dale (Caveross, Yukon); occupant, Henry Hobbis; two-storey frame dwelling; value of building \$3,500, insurance on same \$1,500; value of contents \$1,200; insurance on same \$1,000. Total loss, \$300. Cause, sparks from bonfire in yard. Norwich Union, Western Ins. Co.

Burnaby, Oct. 7.—Queens Ave., corner McGill St. Owner and occupant, Oscar M. Winthers; wood dwelling; value of building \$600, insurance on same \$560; value of contents \$400, insurance on same, \$240. Total loss, \$990. Cause, elbow becoming detached from stove pipe. Commercial Union.

Vancouver, Sept. 17.—71 Hastings St. West. Owner, A. Grossman; occupants, King Footwear Co., Royal Jewelry Co., and others; one-storey brick bldg., stores; value of building \$15,000, insurance on same \$12,000; value of contents \$27,700, insurance on same \$20,000. Total loss, \$2,361. Cause, unknown. Union Insurance Co. Contents, 71 Hastings St. West: King Footwear Co., value of contents \$7,000, insurance on same \$5,000, loss \$1,636; Philadelphia Underwriters, Commercial Union. Royal Jewelry Co., value of contents \$2,000, insurance on same \$1,500, loss \$125; Royal Ins. Co.

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Point Grey, Oct. 6.—32nd Ave. Owner and occupant, P. S. Smith; wood dwelling; value of building \$1,000, insurance on same \$500; value of contents \$700, insurance on same \$700. Total loss,

\$200. Cause, lamp explosion. Niagara Ins. Co.

Delta Municipality, Oct. 5.—Owner, W. J. Holden; occupant,
W. W. Sharp; wood dwelling; value of building \$300, insurance an
same nil; value of contents \$400, insurance on same \$350. Total
loss, \$650. Cause, sparks from chimney. Ins. Co. not mentioned.

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South Vancouver, Oct. 13.—220 39th Ave. East. Owner, Jos.
Royle; unoccupied; one-storey frame dwelling; value of building
\$400, insurance on same \$400. Total loss \$400. Cause evidently
incendiary. London & Lancashire.

Vancouver, Oct. 7.—1317 Richards St. Owner and occupant, Mrs. M. Hughes; two and a half-storey frame dwelling; value of building \$2,500, insurance on same \$1,500; value of contents \$1,000, insurance on same \$1,000. Total loss, \$355. Cause, unknown. Northwestern, Imperial Underwriters, National Fire of Paris.

Vancouver, Oct. 4.—1400 block, 12th Ave. West. Owner and occupant, Imperial Oil Co.; one-storey frame gasoline and oil supply station; value of building \$335, value of contents \$238. Total loss, \$435. No insurance. Cause, man stepped on match while filling gasoline tank.

Langley, Sept. 30.—Owner and occupant, Joseph Reeves; wood dwelling house; value of building \$1,500, insurance on same, nil; value of contents \$3,200, insurance on same \$1,000. Total loss, \$3,200. Cause, unknown. Mutual Fire of B. C.

MR. J. F. WESTON, OF IMPERIAL LIFE, VISITS B. C.

Mr. J. F. Weston, managing director of the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada, who has been on a tour of Western Canada, and at the same time making a comprehensive investigation of the affairs of his company as well as of conditions generally in that territory, arrived in Vancouver last week.

Speaking of his company's affairs, he said he found both the business of the Imperial Life and its investments in excellent shape. The Imperial Life has made a specialty of farm mortgages in the West, and its wisdom has been well attested by the fact that only three loans had to be foreclosed. This year's crop has swept away the last vestige of concern and placed Western Canada in a position to move forward in the march of progress. The investments of the Company in this Province are not large, and those that were made in Vancouver and Victoria were made some years ago, so that our mortgages held here were always in excellent shape and well secured. Business, too, in British Columbia has been satisfactory to the company.

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Mr. Weston was of the opinion that a marked change has come over the Dominion. He expressed himself very strongly that the tide had actually turned in business, and from now on business would be on the up grade. He based his opinion on three factors. The first was the phenomenal crops throughout the West. In the territory for the past two years that has felt the drought most, Southwestern Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, the crops are really remarkable. In many places oats have yielded 120 bushels to the acre, and wheat 60 bushels. Manitoba has had a splendid crop, and Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan have materially increased their yields, not so much per acre as in increase in acreage. The full effect of the crop won't be felt until the end of November and December, and its beneficial influence will stimulate trade for many months longer.

The second factor was the stimulation to business of war orders. While the disruption of peace has brought about industrial paralysis, the injection of war orders has hastened a recovery in every factory capable of being used to the production of war munitions. Nevertheless there was considerable hesitation in those lines that could not be turned into war production. However, increasing consumption of ordinary commodities was overcoming this inertia.

The third factor, and one which augurs much for the future, is the practice of economy, either voluntary or forced, which seized the people of Canada on the outbreak of war. All forms of extravagance and reckless expenditure were stopped, and the public ever since have been nursing their resources and conserving their financial strength. The cumulative effect of this economy and saving is exerting a tremendous influence on our economic position, and is certainly hastening the day of our commercial and industrial recovery.

PROVINCIAL FORESTRY RETURNS FOR SEPTEMBER

RETURNS OF TIMBER SCALED AND EXPORTED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1915.

FOREST DISTRICT.	Sawlogs, No. of Feet B. M.	Poles and Piles, No. of Lineal Feet.	Railway Ties, Shingle Bolts, Fence Posts, Cordwood, No. of Cords.
Vancouver	53,001,924	14,394	16,264
Island	5,307,218	2,520	75
Cranbrook	21,595,575	15,013	7,815
Kamloops	352,296		
Nelson	7,135,290	328,304	1,100
Vernon	3,349,603		
Prince Rupert	954,135	1,680	1,204
Lillooet	143,785		
South Fort George			2,854
Tete Jaune Cache	<u></u>		
Hazelton	240,667		
Total Scaled, all Districts	92,080,493	361,911	29,312

TIMBER SALES COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Timber Sale No.	Situated in Land District.	Estimated Amor Timber.	int of	Rate of Stumpage.	Rate of Royalty.	Total Estimated Sales.	Sold To:
495	Coast, Range 1	Shingle Bolts	500 Cords	\$.30 per Cord	\$.25 per Cord	\$ 355.46	T. M. Beamish, Vancouver, B. C.
393	Coast, Range 1	Fir Spruce Cedar Hemlock	249,000 Ft. B.M. 50,000 " " 68,000 " " 357,000 " "	1.00 per M. Ft. B.M. 1.00 per M. Ft. B.M. 1.00 per M. Ft. B.M. .50 per M. Ft. B.M.		1,062.09	D. J. O'Brien, 470 Granville St., Vancouver, B. C.
467	Coast, Range 1	Shingle Bolts	2,530 Cords	.45 per Cord	.25 per Cord	1,938.48	Champion & White
444	Coast, Range 1	Fir	1,114,000 Ft. B.M. 850,000 " " 80,000 " " 260,000 " "	1.00 per M. Ft. B.M. 1.25 per M. Ft. B.M. .50 per M. Ft. B.M. .50 per M. Ft. B.M.	.50 per M. Ft. B.M.		Vancouver, B. C. P. F. Mullen, Vancouver, B. C.
X 429	Coast, Range 1	BalsamCedar	240,000 " "	.75 per M. Ft. B.M50 other species		394.54	Fred Hausen, Roy P.O., B. C.
X 484	Kootenay	FirLarch	468,000 " " 520,000 " "	.50 per M. Ft. B.M.	.50 per M. Ft. B.M.	1,052.80	Ross-Saskatoon Ll Co,Ltd, Waldo, B.
X 483	Kootenay	FirLarch	418,000 " " 550,000 " "	.50 per M. Ft. B.M.	.50 per M. Ft. B.M.	1,032.80	Ross-Saskatoon Li Co,Ltd, Waldo, B.
X 475	Kootenay	FirLarch	573,000 " " 370,000 " "	.50 per M. Ft. B.M.	.50 per M. Ft. B.M.	1,007.80	Ross-Saskatoon Lt. Co,Ltd, Waldo, B.
X 326	Coast, Range 1	FirCedarHemlock	549,000 " "	1.00 per M. Ft. B.M. 1.00 per M. Ft. B.M. .50 per M. Ft. B.M.		1,879.82	G. Fox & D. Ericks Thurlow Isd., B.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY, Deputy Minister of Interior. N.B.-Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.-58782.

The Fisheries of British Columbia, 1914-15

(Continued from Page 2) The important work of surveying the salmon spawning beds in British Columbia was continued by the department. The Fraser River survey showed that the number of sockeye that passed above the fishing limits at Mission Bridge was less than in any year of which there is a record. Northern British Columbia spawning beds proved they were adequately stocked, and an excellent run in this section in 1918 is thus indicated.

Altogether the fisheries report is a most informative volume, illustrative of one of the greatest industries of Canada, which, by wise regulation and proper encouragement, will never grow less but should continue ever to grow greater.

How Provincial Fisheries Compare.

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British Columbia	\$13,891,398
Nova Scotia	. 8,297,626
New Brunswick	. 4,308,707
Ontario	. 2,674,685
Ouebec	. 1,850,42/
Prince Edward Island	. 1,280,447
Manitoba	. 606,272
Saskatchewan	. 148,602
Alberta	. 81,319
Yukon	

Value of Fish Marketed. The value of the salmon pack for the year mentioned totalled \$10,243,670, an increase over the preceding twelvemonth of \$391,873.

The total value of the fish marketed during the fiscal

year 1913-14 is comprised as follows:-

Salmon	.\$10,243,670
Cod	258,885
Herring	955,583
Shad	110
Halibut, used fresh	1,734,200
	44 400
Flounders	04 000
Smelts	7 210
Trout	HH 401
Oolachans	
Octopus	2,329
Sturgeon	. 16,350
Bass	. 3,955
Tomcod	. 3,344
Mixed fish	. 61,549
Oysters	
Clams	. 64,491
Dulse, Cockles, Shrimps, etc.	38,000
Fur-seal Skins	100
Hair-seal Skins	(20
Fish-oil	11/100
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Whale-oil	170
Whalebone	
Whalebone-meal	F0.251
Fertilizer	59,254
	\$13,891,398

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Mining Throughout British Columbia

Receipts and Shipments at Trail Smelter-Granby Consolidated Annual Report-Zinc Shipments for Septem-

The following is a statement of the ore receipts at the Consolidated Mining Company's smelter at Trail for the week ending October 16th, and the total shipments for the

year up until that date:-

Nelson.		
Emerald		934
Other mines		1,715
Total		2,649
Rossland.		
Centre Star	3,612	175,517
Le Roi*		124,256
Le Roi No. 2		12,984
Other mines		17
Total		312,774
East Kootenay.		
Sullivan	846	23,099
Other mines		345
Other miles		
Total	846	23,444
		20,111
Slocan and Ainsworth		1,203
Rambler Cariboo		683
Slocan Star		
Standard	463	4,821
Other mines		10,571
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Total	5,697	17,289
Consolidated Mines.		
Centre Star	3,612	175,517
Le Roi	2,483	124,256
Le Roi No. 2		12,984
Sullivan		23,099
Emerald		934
Slocan Star		683
Rambler Cariboo		1,203
Standard		4,821
Ben Hur		12,210
San Poil		1,590
Knob Hill		2,205
Iron Mask		1,005
United Copper		3,413
Other mines		17,520
other mines		
Total	8 875	381.504
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The Granby Consolidated Mining, S		
Company, Limited, reports for the year	r ended In	ine 30th
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\$4,086,441	\$4,504,766	
2,745,882	3,882,694	
\$1,340,559	\$ 622,072	
270,419	182,519	
\$1,070.140	\$ 439,553	
\$ 929,168	\$ 439,553	
	899,900	
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2,738,028	3,199,270	
\$3,668,086	\$2,738,922	
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It will be noticed that the above statement shows net Profit for 1915 of \$929,168, which, added to the deficit of last year, gives a gross increase of \$1,389,515 for the past year.

By deducting the dividend of last year, amounting to \$899,-900, an actual increase is shown of \$489,615 for the fiscal years of 1914 and 1915.

President William H. Nichols, in his report to the stock-

holders, says:-

"It will be observed that since the last report operations have been resumed at Phoenix and Grand Forks, and that operations at those points, as well as at Anyox, are going steadily forward. The result so far obtained confirm our belief, previously expressed, that no insoluble problem exists with respect to operations of the new properties; and while those results are highly gratifying, it is reasonable to expect that good progress will be made in the line of further reduction of costs. Fundamental conditions, both as to property and organization, continue to be highly satisfactory."

The report shows that shipments from the Phoenix last year were 611,000 tons. Development work at these mines added 152,872 tons to the tonnage reported last year, so that the new tonnage at these mines on June 30 last was 4,232,405 tons. Shipments from the Hidden Creek properties during the year amounted to 477,435 tons. Little development was done at these properties, but, despite this fact, 187,500 tons were added to the reserve, so that at the end of the year there were 9,205,937 tons of ore averaging 2.2 per cent. copper, and 8,628,000 tons of low grade, averaging .63 per cent. copper, on reserve. At the Bonanza mine there are 414,775 tons of 2.6 per cent. copper roughly blocked out, with 489,580 tons of .7 per cent. low grade ore also on reserve. From the smaller mines of the company 15,000 tons of ore were shipped during the year, and the reserve amounts to 130,000

During the year 1,098,020 dry tons of ore were smelted, from which were recovered 26,638,912 pounds of fine copper, 377,881 ounces of fine silver and 31,388 ounces of gold.

The Granby Company resumed payments on August 3 after passing its dividends since June 15, 1914, and it is predicted by stockholders that regular quarterly disbursements will be made from now on for an indefinite period, with possibility of an extra declaration before the end of the year. The coming distribution will make \$45,000 paid by the company in 1915, and will make the grand total \$5,675,000.

A comparative table of zinc shipments for the months of September, 1914 and 1915, shows an increase in this year's shipments of 307 tons over the tonnage shipped during the

same period in 1914. The statement follows:-

Standard	1914. 453	1915. 930
Hewitt	353	74
Surprise	********	70
Whitewater	*******	39
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Total	206	1112

The Standard Milling Company, with property at Silverton, has declared a dividend for the month of November amounting to $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per share.

The Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, announces a public domestic loan, particulars of which will be made

public at the end of November.

The delegation from the B. C. Manufacturers' Association and the Vancouver Board of Trade, representing Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver, to the Dominion authorities succeeded in obtaining orders for 300,000 shells for Vancouver, 200,000 for Victoria, and 150,000 for New Westminster, in addition to 6,000 pairs of shoes and 10,000 sweaters.

Mr. John B. Laidlaw, Canadian manager of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Limited, is on a visit to British Columbia in the interests of his company. Mr. J. J. Banfield is the Mainland general agent of the company, and Heisterman, Forman & Co. are the Vancouver Island general agents.

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1909	2,652,024
1910	5,480,991
1911	6,980,758
1912	5,992,318
1913	7,918,971
1914	4,118,797
Total for Seven Years	\$34,664,867

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