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Few Changes In February Bank Statement

Current Loans in Canada Increased, But Call Loans Decreased During Month—Call Loans Abroad Increased by \$14,000,000—Falling Off in Circulation and in Demand Deposits—Savings Deposits Continue to Increase

	February, 1919.	Jan 1
Deposits on demand	\$ 566,775,434	\$ 621,4
Deposits after notice	1,018,184,512	1,163,2
Current loans in Canada	1,095,301,791	1,226,9
Current loans elsewhere	130,590,063	182,5
Loans to municipalities	36,830,183	46,1
Call loans in Canada	79,154,121	132,0
Call loans elsewhere	155,983,681	170,2
Circulation	210,894,809	237,2

THE above are the principal changes shown by chartered banks' statements as at February 28, compared with one month and one year previous. Savings deposits continue to grow, though not so rapidly as last year. Demand deposits decreased slightly, along with a reduction in current loans in Canada. Additional funds have been placed on call in New York.

The following additions to paid-up capital and reserve were made during the month of February:—

							Capital subscribed.		Reserve.
Merchants							A	\$ 7,450	
Union								7,420	
Hamilton									\$200,015
Sterling					*	*		653	
								\$15,553	\$200,015

The figure of circulation quoted at the beginning of this article is the maximum for the month, showing a decrease of \$13,290,139, compared with the maximum for January. The total outstanding at the end of the month was \$223,377,781, compared with \$216,691,916 at the end of January. The balances due to the Dominion government have been reduced by \$7,500,000, and those to provincial governments by \$400,000.

The course of current and savings deposits for the past thirteen months was as follows:—

	Deposits payable	Deposits payable
	on demand.	after notice.
1919—February .	\$566,775,434	\$1,018,184,512
March	566,797,268	1,037,851,766
April	571,412,857	1,070,985,080
May		1,107,983,072
June		1,139,569,570
July		1,175,092,155
August		1,196,632,931
September	The second secon	1,277,437,715
October	705,280,241	1,262,746,984
November	728,657,589	1,137,858,277
December	703,329,292	1,138,086,691
1920—January .	621,408,024	1,163,297,037
February	222 222 222	1,187,027,307

January, . 1920.	February, 1920.	Year's inc. or dec.	Month's inc. or dec.
\$ 621,408,024	\$ 620,069,555	+ 9.5	16
1,163,297,037	1,187,027,307	+16.6	+ 2.06
1,226,962,963	1,257,015,902	+14.7	+ 2.6
182,533,124	180,711,238	+38.4	— 1.09
46,147,388	52,690,790	+44.4	+13.04
132,015,334	127,251,919	+ 6.7	— 3.7
170,206,805	184,469,882	+18.7	+ 8.2
237,269,805	223,979,666	+ 6.1	— 5.9

Deposits outside of Canada are \$277,478,631, compared with \$285,203,939 at the end of January.

The following table shows deposits for the past six years:-

Feb. 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919	430,331,801 569,266,642 566,775,434	After notice. \$ 671,088,613 827,242,609 880,456,637 908,822,988 1,018,184,512	Total. \$1,002,503,792 1,118,068,276 1,310,788,438 1,478,089,630 1,584,959,946
1920	620,069,555	1,187,027,307	1,807,096,862

The principal changes among the other items on the liability side are an increase of \$1,724,120 in deposits by and balances due other banks in Canada, an increase of \$3,168,630 in those due banks outside of Canada and the United Kingdom, and small reductions in bills payable and acceptances under letters of credit.

Turning to the assets statement, we find the following increases in holdings, of coin and notes:—

Gold and sub. coin in Canada Gold and sub. coin elsewhere	++	\$ 54,471 30,239
Total Dominion notes in Canada Dominion notes elsewhere	+	1,570,228
Total	+	\$1,570,032

There is no change in the deposits with the minister of finance for the security of note circulation, but deposits in the central gold reserve have increased from \$103,200,000 to \$104,450,000. Holdings of notes of other banks have increased by \$3,500,000, but holdings of cheques are \$2,000,000 less.

Amounts due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom have been reduced by nearly 50%, to \$16,241,197. Holdings of Dominion and provincial government securities, and of Canadian municipal securities and of those other than Canadian, are reduced by \$1,357,769 and \$14,804,712, respectively.

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Chartered Banks' Statement for February, 1920

LIABILITIES

		CAPITAI	L STOCK		nt.		Bal. due				
NAME OF BANK	Capital Authorized	Capital Subscribed	Capital Paid Up	Amount of rest or reserve fund	Rate per cent. of last dividend declared	Notes in circulation	to Dom. Gov. after deducting advances for credits, pay-lists, etc.	Balances due to Provincial Govern- ments	Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada	payable	Deposits elsewhere than in Canada
Bank of Montreal Bank of Nova Scotia Bank of Toronto. The Molsons Bank Banque Nationale Merchants Bank of Canada Banque Provinciale du Canada. Union Bank of Canada Canadian Bank of Canada Dominion Bank of Canada Dominion Bank Bank of Canada Dominion Bank Bank of Canada Dominion Bank Canada Dominion Bank Canada Dominion Bank Canada Bank of Canada Standard Bank of Canada Standard Bank of Canada Canada Bank of Canada Canada Canada Sterling Bank of Canada	15,000,000 10,000,000 5,000,000 15,000,000 15,000,000 15,000,000 25,000,000 25,000,000 10,000,000 5,000,000	\$ 20,000,000 9,700,000 9,700,000 4,000,000 4,000,000 8,400,000 15,000,000 15,000,000 4,000,000 4,000,000 4,000,000 4,000,000	\$ 20,000,000 9,700,000 5,000,000 4,000,000 1,999,975 7,9915,520 15,000,000 4,000,000 4,000,000 1,958,967 1,228,395 478,661	\$ 20,000,000 18,000,000 18,000,000 5,000,000 7,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 15,000,000 17,000,000 4,200,000 4,200,000 4,500,000	12 16 12 12 10 12 18 10 12 12 12 12 12 12 13 10 17 7	\$ 40,546,342 22,584,587 7,384,955 6,689,998 4,930,800 14,960,033 2,294,683 38,019,188 9,227,414 5,941,901 6,856,648 7,628,814 3,404,628 1,966,950 1,195,177 339,436	\$ 27.158,477 12,253,346 4,053,531 14,893,782 7,874,331 9,816,281 2,877,754 5,315,440 53,125,003 24,652,222 15,148,062 7,864,084 3,983,243 3,983,243 6,652,935 4,267,787 6,136,068 571,788	\$ 523,086 660,625 482,423 106,078 268,643 3,222,047 203,714 4,505,411 2,760,852 113,086 418,164 79,139 1,420,575 354,869 668,108 9,219	\$ 123,812,464 36,114,942 29,197,932 15,510,052 7,157,971 54,885,390 3,801,436 36,445,116 110,811,577 90,538,115 26,488,019 17,602,120 19,436,155 9,889,944 48,939 4,376,776 1,166,548	\$ 210,881,627 99,620,180 44,848,708 40,824,794 33,001,374 81,462,742 20,986,133 566,811,635 156,493,131 655,479,794 65,445,975 64,434,769 43,574,734 37,584,531 10,757,382 10,757,382 1,389,188	\$ 61,294,57; 26,985,66 4,023,93; 1,767,16; 8,274,65; 33,316,57; 140,229,32; 1,586,75;
Total	197,075,000	119,522,300	119,241,918	124,925,000		223,377,781	217,059,832	19,864,020	620,069,555	1,187,027.307	277,478 63

LIABILITIES-Continued

Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills re- discounted.	Deposits made by and balan- ces due to other banks in Canada	Due to banks and banking correspond- ents in the United Kingdom	Due to banks and banking correspond- ents else- where than in Canada or the U.K.	Bills payable	Accept- ances under letters of credit	Liabilities not included under foregoing heads	Balances due to the Imperial Govern- ment	Total Liabilities	Aggregate amount of loans to directors. and firms of which they are partners	Average amount of current gold and subsidiary coin held during the month	Average amount of Dominion Notes held during the the month	Greatest amount of notes in circulation at any time during the month
	2,295,717	37,757	5,780,789	3,539,218	7,285,559	867.122		484.022,736	828,072	24,676,021	46,038,039	40,584,57
********	1,732,236	430,819	3,972,422	*********	583,923	4,881		204,943,627	1,453,961	11,864,102	16,244,234	22,584,58
**********	219,106		1,032,816		865,290	150,541		88,235,306	495,123	966,041	7,414,040	7,483,00
	374,724	170,039	308,509		99,431	772,167	**********	79,749,578	305,245	581,675	4,508,138	6,689,9
***** *****	982		22,164	549,500		******** **		57,829.702	859,742	332,900	1,362,000	4,930,8
*********	2,564,064	72,774	2,700,500	*********	2.096,617			173,556,698	868,471	4,056,261	4,603,032	15,208,84
**********	**********	**********		**********		140,992	**********	30,304,715	*********	101,185	192,575	2,393,00
*******	399,862 182,529	3,965,307	3,911.939 7,528,645	1 120 212	4,053.551	301,606		144,290,493	1,299,803	958,205	13,353,760	11,021,63
*******	4,353	145,636	10,424,228	1,153,717	11,592,841	454,169	*********	408,827,313	569,272	21,951,000	25,982,000	28,284,60
******	287,472	923,884	1,676,376	213,540	16,793,973	526,584 533,881		491,491,248 122,985,272	765,501 932,041	14,117,369 2,071,000	21,139,715 10,292,000	38,019,11
	144,690	82,137	591,154	210,040	301.046	333,001		75,726,636	444,809	926,451	4,102,575	9,327,4) 5,941,90
	1,438,131	386,082	1,075,583	148,414	1,318,454			82.516,453	201.072	1,715,980	8,132,617	6.999,74
*********	3.264	89,118	561,414		49,717			59,869,186	307,000	456,133	2,076,251	7,628,81
*********	642,902	83,538	375.624		673,517			107,811,694	111,491	2,613,908	8,229,616	13,265,2
*********	9,269		789,138	*****		73,293		23,158,910	386.800	159,275	2,304,642	1,997,14
	280,056	*********	********	********	20,800	8,347	**********	23,442 717	644,331	105,981	935,493	1.237,3
**********			26,561			67,328		3,570,064	13,613	15,449	188,576	381,80
	10,579,357	7,766,201	40,777,862	7,521,364	46,900,376	3,909,995		2,662,332,348	10,486,347	87,668,936	177,099,303	223,979,

FEW CHANGES IN FEBRUARY BANK STATEMENT

(Continued from page 5)

The following table shows the principal loan accounts during recent years:—

	Current loans	Current loans	Call loans	Call loans
Feb.	in Canada.	elsewhere.	in Canada.	elsewhere.
1915	\$ 771,635,208	\$ 43,661,379	\$ 67,591,769	\$ 89,890,982
1916	760,873,181	56,099,719	81,949,125	139,138,651
1917	813,302,717	86,944,450	78,786,535	162,344,556
1918	859,363,147	109,678,140	76,722,163	160,239,494
1919	1,095,301,791	130,590,063	79,154,121	155,983,681
1920	1,257,015,902	180,711,238	127,251,919	184,469,882

The following table shows the call loans abroad over a period of four calendar years:—

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	155,747,476	132,687,066	140,819,656	170,206,80
February	162,344,556	160,239,494	155,983,681	184,469,882

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
March	161,616,735	167,296,701	160,116,443	
April	159,156,054	179,818,531	155,533,666	
May	168,692,675	172,259,879	157,176,325	
June	159,309,133	170,034,476	167,236,045	
July	151,875,676	167,112,836	178,098,434	
August	176,610,625	160,544,990	174,176,578	
September .	166,480,004	159,680,810	169,532,489	
October	151,018,747	157,040,858	158,194,085	
November .	139,832,552	171,035,732	169,626,880	
December	134,483,482	150,248,322	172,232,161	

The trend of the Canadian loans account for the past thirteen months is shown in the following table:-

Loans.	Current in Canada.	Call in Canada.
	\$1,095,301,791	\$ 79,154,121
	1,117,197,446	87,601,337
April	1,107,986,523	86,091,844

Chartered Banks' Statement for February, 1920

ASSETS

NAME OF BANK	In anada	Else- where				,	N S In	St	Motor	-	200	with	banks	bks. and
			Total	In Canada	Else- where	Total	Deposit with Minister of Finance for security of note circulation Deposit in central gold	Notes of other banks	Cheques on other banks	Loans to other Canada, secured ding bills redisc	from other banks	banking corres- pond'ts in the United King.	banking corres- pond'ns else- where than in Canada and U.K.	
Bank of Nova Scotia	\$, 609,245 3,796,966 956,252 570,285 337,650 4,117,649 114,094 964,044 3,671,328 2,092,162 929,035 1,765,410 461,425 2,613,032 159,242 109,460 15,226	1,489 3,811 17,738 6,970,292 7,692,678 1,361	\$ 24,566,203 11,830,198 956,252 570,285 339,140 4,121,461 114,094 981,783 15,641,620 2,093,524 929,035 1,765,410 461,425 2,613,052 159,242 109,460 15,226	\$ 60,064,838 15,196,641 7,371,720 4,328,571 1,323,637 4,704,080 203,034 41,554,539 17,111,268 22,844,582 10,058,751 8,236,369 7,238,534 1,602,869 7,508,322 1,811,048 1,246,827 187,197	\$ 741 ,697 6,329 4,472	\$ 60,065,580 15,200,338 7,371,720 4,328,571 1,323,637 4,704,080 203,034 11,554,539 17,117,597 22,849,054 10,058,751 8,236,369 7,238,534 1,602,869 7,508,322 1,811,048 1,246,827 187,197	\$ 1.038,166 525,710 247,412 231,000 100,000 377,000 68,000 260,000 300,000 200,000 175,000 200,000 401,975 105,000 66,826 21,550	1,750,000 3,500,000 3,300,000 7,000,000	2,536,087 18,927,473 1,093,828 616,659 458,085	8,268,175 3,593,245 3,809,918 2,532,475 6,961,662 1,567,966 13,685,602 20,704,006 4,428,540 2,925,419 3,031,400 2,430,709 5,108,067		\$ 3,026 21,054 1,054 12,667 2,676,261 74,782 3,664 8,595 3,627 663,515 568,730 555,742 116,060 5,145 535,645	\$ 3,546,267 3,880,497 338,882 7,361 12,828 1,773,048 147,159 1,821,057 1,591,307 1,591,307 22,503 366,572 26,845 914,077 112,688 44,188	7 3,970,565 747,134 1,331,487 1,018,087 1,695,085 2,261,345 6,280,965 7 18,834,375 1 1,378,848 2 733,144 6 631,811 2,075,686 3 408,637

ASSETS-Continued

	Domin'n Govern- ment and Pro- vincial Govern- ment securi- ties	Can. municipal securities, and Brit., foreign and colonial public securit's other than Can.	Railway and other bonds, deben- tures and stocks	Call and short loans in Canada on st'cks debentures and bonds (not exceeding 30 days)	Call and short loans else- where than in Canada (not ex- ceeding 30 days)	Other current loans and discounts in Canada	Other current loans and disco'nts else- where than in Canada	Loans to the Govern- ment of Canada	Loans to Pro- vincial Govern- ments	Loams to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	Over- due debts	Real estate other than bank pre- mises	Mort- gages on real estate sold by the bank	Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off	Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra	Other assets not included under the fore- going heads	Total Assets
9		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	. 8	8	8
11	4.875.447	42,607,351	6,147,354	2,277,349	89,927,981	186,639,118	15,221,485		6,341,011	15,733,791	691,617	38,600	72,596		7,285,559		532,139.048
	3,740,672		3,800,392		14,919,987		13,522,610			3,269,787	252,823	163,292	185,652		583,923	124,541	234,585,172
3	5,224,396		723,077	4,075,116	1,000,000	57,396,308				2,100,484	260,557			3,616,096	865,290		101,128,027 89,618,740
4		8,175,099	731,083		**********	51,599,044 32,765,797				529,092 1,270,558	115,719 30,373	77,472 507,158	6,748		99,431	342,676 81,410	63,057,641
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Of the deposit in Central Gold Reserves \$10,500,000 is in gold coin; the balance is in Dominion Notes.

T. C. BOVILLE, Deputy Minister of Finance.

	Current in	Call in
Loans.	Canada.	Canada.
May	\$1,071,447,686	\$ 89,187,032
June	. 1,043,712,932	95,852,728
July		93,587,497
August	1,011,785,424	95,899,836
September	. 1,058,572,202	96,912,709
October	1,104,940,160	100,549,390
November	1,189,408,423	121,754,469
December	. 1,207,109,046	125,888,760
1920—January	. 1,226,962,963	132,015,334
February	. 1,257,015,902	127,251,919

Loans to municipalities are increased for the month by \$6,543,402, and those to provinces by \$1,818,900, showing substantial increases over the same figures for one year ago.

TO DEVELOP NEW BRUNSWICK POWER

The New Brunswick government's policy with respect to the development of the water powers of the province, and the legislation to make that policy effective, have been presented to the legislature by Premier W. E. Foster, who also tabled the report of the New Brunswick Power Commission. In brief, the policy calls for development of three water powers in various parts of the province to supply the most pressing electrical needs of the larger centres. This work is to be carried on as a public enterprise by a permanent commission, and the sum of \$1,000,000 is to be set aside this year to meet immediate expenditures. The New Brunswick Power Commission has been investigating this subject for some time past, having been appointed because it was felt that full use was not being made of this resource.

RAILWAY DEFICIT LARGER THAN ANTICIPATED

Combined National System Did Not Meet Operating Expenses During First Year of Operation-Minister Submits Figures to Parliament

(Special to The Monetary Times.)

Ottawa, March 31, 1920.

RESULTS of the first year's operations of the combined national railway system were presented to parliament on March 30 by Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals. While earnings were considerably greater, a total deficit of \$47,000,000 was incurred, this figure including the deficit on the Grand Trunk Pacific, which was operated by the department after it announced its inability to meet bond interest. The deficit is made up as follows: Operating loss on Canadian Northern, \$6,500,000; operating loss on Intercolonial and Transcontinental, \$7,500,000; interest and fixed charges on Canadian Northern, Intercolonial and Transcontinental, \$19,000,000; operating loss on Grand Trunk Pacific, \$5,500,000; and fixed charges on Grand Trunk Pacific, \$8,500,000.

Freight Traffic Decreased

The minister regretted this bad showing, but stated that as the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Transcontinental were really colonization roads, he did not think it would be possible for them to pay expenses for many years. Although the freight revenue was greater, there was a falling off of three million tons in freight traffic. Eleven and one-half million passengers were carried, an increase of one and threequarter millions. The wage bill for the year exceeded \$73,-000,000, an increase of \$39,000,000. Dr. Reid explained that, whereas in 1914 the average wage per year of railway employees in Canada was \$700, in 1919 on the National system

Regarding a construction program, the minister said that again this year construction in western Canada would be confined to branch lines on which work was well under way. In all, 349.6 miles are to be built, and 123.4 miles are to be graded. While there were many branches in the west, as also some important connections in the east, which were needed, they would not be proceeded with until the financial situation improved. The Hudson Bay Railway would not be

completed this year, for the same reason.

While the management of the road took the position that, if rates were increased in the United States, probably by 26 per cent., they should also be similarly increased here, Dr. Reid said that he was not prepared to say that freight rates should be increased generally for the purpose of assisting the C.N.R. Another proposal to carry on the operation of the system was the continuing of the deficits for a few more years, which he did not think would be for long. It was his intention to leave it to the consideration of the House and the Canadian people to say which course they desired to have adopted. Dr. Reid said he did not think it would be practicable to tax out of the C.P.R. any increase in earnings.

GOVERNMENT BOND QUOTATIONS

The following quotations of active bonds are supplied by the National City Co., Ltd., and are in New York funds:-

	Bid.	Offered.	
Anglo-French 5% (Oct. 15, 1920)	9715/16	981/16	
United Kingdom 5 1/2 % (Nov. 1, 1921)	951/2	96	
United Kingdom 51/2 % (Nov. 1, 1922)	921/4	92%	
United Kingdom 51/2 % (Aug. 1, 1929)	89%	9034	
United Kingdom 5 1/2 % (Feb. 1, 1937)	881/4	88%	
City Paris 6% (Oct. 15, 1921)	90	901/4	
French Cities 6% (Nov. 15, 1934)	89	891/2	
Dominion of Canada 51/2 % (Aug. 1, 1921)	981/8	981/4	
Dominion of Canada 51/2 % (Aug. 1, 1929)	951/2	96.	
Japanese Govt. 4% (Jan. 1, 1931)	631/2	63%	
Japanese Govt. 1st 41/2 % (Feb. 15, 1925)	771/4	77%	
Japanese Govt. 2nd 41/2 % (July 10, 1925)	77	77%	

TRADE BOARD OPPOSES HEALTH INSURANCE

Compulsory Live Stock Insurance Again Discussed-Automobile Insurance Difficulties

(Special to The Monetary Times.)

Vancouver, B.C., March 27th, 1920.

THE Vancouver Board of Trade has gone on record as opposed to state health insurance by a vote of 41 to 19. By resolution, it was decided to take no further action until the Dominion government had reported on the matter, as they had decided to do some time ago. Mr. Winn, who was chairman of the state health insurance commission, was present, and again advocated the measure, stating, in the course of his remarks, that the Insurance Federation was the only body opposed to the Act. Representatives of several industrial bodies present challenged the accuracy of those statements. Mr. Winn concluded his remarks by saying that there would be no state health insurance legislation passed at this session of the British Columbia legislature.

Farmers' Insurance Company Probable

The proposal for a farmers' insurance company to insure the lives of cattle seems to be taking more definite shape. Hon. E. D. Barrow, provincial minister of agriculture, is said to favor the idea. R. H. Pooley, M.L.A., has advocated in the House some form of government compulsory insurance among dairymen. He was supported by David Whitesides, M.L.A., who said that another twelve months should not be permitted to pass without this step being taken. Mr. Barrow said that dairymen were gathering the necessary data, and that next year the necessary legislation would be passed.

The police of Vancouver have been instructed to make war on automobilists who break traffic regulations, owing to the very numerous accidents of late, some of them fatal. The last fatal accident, caused by a driver of a stolen car running down and killing a young woman, caused a great deal of indignation and many appeals to the police to be more strict in enforcing the law, while joint action is being taken by the Automobile Underwriters' Association and Automobile Club, requesting that a detective be assigned to the single duty of securing evidence in cases of stolen autos and tires.

The proposed amendments to the Motor Act are in print, and do not appear to be at all drastic. The speed limit remains at fifteen miles in the city and thirty in the country, so that the rumor that the provincial government were to remove the speed limit has been set at rest. The persistent rumor that the rule of the road was going to be changed to conform to the United States regulations is also without foundation.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Glazebrooke and Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, report the following exchange rates to The Monetary

i imes.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	8 9-16 pm	8 11-16 pm	
Mont. funds	Par.	Par.	1/8 to 1/4
Sterling—			
Demand	\$4.1850	\$4.1950	
Cable transfers	4.1950	4.2050	

The New York quotations on European countries, as supplied by the National City Co., Ltd., as at March 31, 1920, are as follows: London, cable, 3871/2, cheque, 386%; Paris, cable, 14.90, cheque, 14.92; Italy, cable, 20.55, cheque, 20.60; Belgium, cheque, 14.05; Swiss, cheque, 5.73; Spain, cheque, 17.30; Holland, cheque, 37; Denmark, cheque, 18.50; Norway, cheque, 19.40.

P. M. Liddell & Co., Vancouver, have been appointed British Columbia representatives of the Continental Guaranty Corporation, head office Toronto, with branches in New York and London England, to handle automobile financing, both wholesale and retail.

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FUNDS FOR MANITOBA RURAL CREDITS

H AVING failed to reach an agreement with the Canadian banks for loans to the rural credits societies of the province, the Manitoba government has decided to finance them itself, and to accept deposits from the public to secure the necessary funds. There has been some disagreement in the province regarding what should be done. G. W. Prout, M.L.A., has resigned from the office of administrator, but it is understood that the other officers will continue the administration of the Act. Mr. Prout had desired the government to make it possible for a member of the legislature to have charge of the operations of the act, and to receive a salary for this work.

The new legislation was introduced in the assembly on March 24th, by Hon. Edward Brown, provincial treasurer. The Act is entitled, "The Provincial Savings Act." Power to accept deposits is given in the second clause, reading as follows: "The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is authorized and empowered to borrow money from such persons, in such amounts, and on such terms of re-payments as may seem proper." The control is to be vested in a board of trustees, consisting of not more than ten and not less than three members, and local boards may be appointed throughout the province.

The money secured in this way is to be loaned under the Rural Credits Act, or may be invested in Dominion or provincial bonds, or bonds of Manitoba municipalities.

As previously reported in these columns, Hon. Edward Brown, after consulting with bankers in the east early in March, announced that the 6 per cent. arrangement would be continued this year, with the understanding that a higher rate would be authorized by the legislature at the next session. There was some misunderstanding, however, regard-

ing the terms of the agreements. In a letter to the provincial treasurer, F. L. Patton, chairman of the western sub-section of the Canadian Bankers' Association, said: "The council of the Canadian Bankers' Association having taken the view that the matter was one to be decided by each bank for itself, the western representatives of the banks have communicated with their head offices, and I am now advised that in the absence of a definitive understanding for an increase in the rate at the end of the present season, most of the banks are wholly unwilling to continue lending to members of the rural credit societies at the rate of 6 per cent. net now provided for by the act."

Mr. Patton, in his letter, then went on to explain that the banks had always protested against the fixation of the rate at 6 per cent. by the government, but had financed the banks in the expectation that the unfairness of this rate would be recognized in due course; that the societies had been organized as adjuncts to the banks, but that if public deposits were going to be accepted in competition with the banks, the latter could scarcely be expected to lend money to the societies at less than current rates; while 7 per cent. is considered a fair rate for such loans in the west, the banks had offered a compromise rate of 6½ per cent. and that the banks, like all other institutions, are meeting increased costs of operation, but money rates have not been raised. In conclusion, Mr. Patton said:—

"While each bank is entitled to act independently, I am of opinion that banks interested would grant approved credits for rural credit societies during the present year at 6 per cent. net, on receiving positive assurance from the provincial government, that at the next session of the House the Rural Credit Societies Act will be amended either by increasing the rates or by eliminating the fixed rate. Obviously, the amount of credit to be granted to any society or any individual member is a matter to be determined by the lender from time to time."

ADJUSTMENT-NOT READJUSTMENT

I Thas been repeatedly emphasized in political, commercial and financial circles that after the war conditions cannot revert to those of 1913—that the war has produced a permanent change. Nevertheless we persist in talking of "readjustment," viewing pre-war conditions as the goal towards which present developments should lead, although they seem to be working out in an entirely different way. This point was impressed by Alexander D. Noyes, financial editor of the New York "Evening Post," in an address before the Canadian Club, Toronto, on March 29. On the other hand he pointed out that the statements sometimes made that government authority had been destroyed as a result of the war was quite wrong.

Analysing the principal features of the present situation, Mr. Noyes dealt first with the political uprising. This had taken the form, first, of a downfall of practically all remaining monarchies, and second, the ambitions of organized labor as a class separate and distinct from the citizens as a whole. Direct action had been taken by labor in Russia and Germany, with unfortunate results in Russia at least. The possibility of any one class dominating politics and controlling industry he did not consider probable. The second phase of the present situation Mr. Noyes considered to be the greatly increased production brought about by the war.

In summing up, Mr. Noyes compared the effect which a league of nations would have in the present disorganized world to the effects following upon the adoption of a constitution by the American states in 1783. It would have a stabilizing effect, and he believed that when the transition period was once passed, the sequel would be better, not worse. The power of economic production, and of national revenue has been underestimated, he said, though Europe had not got on its feet as quickly as had been anticipated.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT BONDS

S ECURITIES based on agriculture, which is and for some time will continue to be the principal industry of Canada, should rank second only to those of governments and municipalities, which have all branches of industry for security. Bonds of stable farming communities such as Ontario counties have always been considered better than those of most urban centres. Bonds of an irrigation district, even if there is no provincial or Dominion guarantee, should, therefore, rank high among industrial securities and if the district has the power to levy taxes to meet its obligations it will virtually be a municipality, and its bonds municipal securities.

Canadian bond houses will do well to consider the merits of irrigation bonds, for it is probable that considerable amounts will be coming on the market during the next few years, and unless investors are educated as to the merits of the securities the business will go across the line. market is not now in a condition to encourage a bond house to introduce a new security, however, and such projects are, therefore, not likely to be received with favor. When a leading Canadian bond house was approached regarding financing one of these issues, it replied as follows: "When this proposition is whipped into shape, the legislation necessary obtained, and the legality of the bond issue passed upon, providing, of course, that the province guarantee the issue, we should be glad to be advised and consult with you as regards the term of the bond, the rate of interest it will bear, and discuss the price we are prepared to secure for you on the issue." Meanwhile, United States houses are actively negotiating for the issue. most of it would no doubt be sold to investors there, it would be desirable to have some part of the issue placed in Canada, and for this purpose it should be brought to the attention of the Canadian public through investment organizations on this side.

LOANING INSTITUTIONS IN THE WEST

WHEN the development of the Canadian west had reached a stage at which use could profitably be made of substantial amounts of capital, the financial institutions of the east were not slow in meeting the situation. The banks had been in the forefront of expansion, and the mortgage loaning institutions followed with the funds necessary for the improvement of property. With the increase in wealth in the west in more recent years, the trust companies of the east have established branches there, not only investing funds, but also offering their services as executors and administrators for the benefit of residents of the west.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Mortgage and Investment Association in Toronto a few weeks ago, Premier Martin, of Saskatchewan, acknowledged the important part which eastern financial institutions had played in developing the west. He also pointed out, however, that it had been profitable business, and there is no doubt but that, in spite of frequent differences of opinion on details, both the west as a borrower and the east as a lender have benefited by the transactions. Competition for funds in Ontario and Quebec has always been keen, and the success of a financial institution depended to a large degree on its ability to maintain high earnings. As the west was a new country, money rates have been highest there, and good connections with loan agencies in the west were, therefore, of great value.

The financial growth of the western provinces has now reached such a stage as to encourage the establishment of local institutions. The west now has a number of life and fire insurance companies, trust and loan companies, a bank in Saskatchewan, and one large bank some years ago moved its head office to Winnipeg, The main difficulty of the loaning institutions has been to secure funds to meet the demands, and this has been accentuated during the money stringency of the war period. This point was referred to by J. F. Bole, president of the Saskatchewan Mortgage and Trust Company, at their annual meeting on February 19. and he intimated that connections were being made to secure more funds. A. E. Whitmore, the vice-president, said: "In this western country a trust company should have funds for loaning purposes. This country is still a borrowing country and will probably continue to borrow money for an indefinite period. Money is required to develop our natural resources; it takes capital to transform the virgin prairie into improved productive farms. During the past we have not been able to meet the demand upon us and your directors are now trying to work out a solution of the problem."

CO-OPERATION IN MARITIME PROVINCES

A FTER being discussed from time to time for fifty years, a political union of the maritime provinces seems still impossible. A step in that direction will probably be taken in the near future, however, in the form of co-operation in certain lines of endeavor. The New Brunswick government was waited on by representatives of the Maritime Board of Trade on March 26, to discuss this subject, and Premier Foster undertook that New Brunswick would call a conference of the three provinces at an early date.

Among the subjects for joint action are representations which will be made from time to time, to the Dominion government, on commercial questions regarding which the maritime provinces are already in accord. Educational authorities have already expressed themselves in favor of standardization, and on such matters as road construction, railways, and the development of natural resources there is room for profitable co-operation. If benefits are derived in this way, the greater saving which would result from political union, by eliminating whole government departments and strengthening credit, will be more apparent.

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Aggregate Assets at 31st March, 1919	210,299,500

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PERSONAL NOTES

Major C. F. Hanson has joined the company of Hanson and Ferguson, Montreal stock brokers.

Mr. CHARLES BRUCE PITBLADO, Jr., connected with J. Pitblado and Company, stock brokers, Montreal, has been elected a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Mr. Gordon Taylor, connected with A. E. Osler and Company, was this week elected a member of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

MR. JOHN H. ROMIG, for several years connected with the head office of the Monarch Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg, has been appointed Ontario field secretary for that company, with headquarters on the third floor of the Temple Building. Mr. Romig's duties will be to look after the head office's interests in this province and to develop the field organization which is already assuming substantial proportions.

MR. EGBERT W. WEST, who was recently elected president of the Glen Falls Insurance Company, was born in Glen Falls and entered the service of the company in 1873. From time to time he was promoted and was special representative for a considerable territory for about twenty years. He also served as the company's general agent, secretary and vice-president. His connection with the institution covers a period of forty-six years.

MR. C. C. BALFOUR, Inspector of Branch Returns of the Union Bank of Canada, Toronto, Ont., has been appointed to the position of assistant chief accountant, to be resident



in Winnipeg, will leave Toronto early in April to take over his new duties. Mr. Balfour, who is well known in banking circles in the city, has been in the service of the Union Bank of Canada for a long period, most of which time has been divided between the Montreal and Toronto branches in varying capacities. He entered the bank at Montreal as a junior clerk in 1903. From 1912 until 1914 he was the assistant manager of the main Toronto branch, King and Bay Streets. From

1914 until 1918 he was manager of the St. Catharines, Ont., branch and was then transferred to Toronto and attached to the eastern superintendent's department as Inspector of branch returns.

MR. H. S. OSLER, formerly vice-president of the Canadian Mortgage and Investment Company, Toronto, has been elected to the office of president. He succeeds Mr. L. A. Hamilton, who has resigned. Mr. Hamilton's business connections require his absence from the city for a considerable part of the year, and it is for this reason that he requested to be relieved of his duties on the board. Mr. JOSEPH HENDERSON, who has been one of the directorate for some time, becomes vice-president. Two new directors have been elected in the presence of Mr. CHARLES BEATTY and Mr. GEO. PERRY.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ESTIMATES HIGHER

Increase of About \$4,000,000 in Revenue, and of About \$3,-000,000 in Expenditure, Anticipated by Finance Minister

ESTIMATED receipts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1921, of \$13,978,245, compared with the estimate made last year of \$9,985,390 for the present fiscal year; and estimated outlays of \$17,410,673, against \$14,137,485 for the present fiscal year, have been presented to the British Columbia legislature by Hon. John Hart, minister of finance. According to these figures the minister expects an increase in receipts during the coming year of \$3,992,855 with an increase in expenditures for conducting the business of the province of \$3,273,188. The expenditures on current account are estimated at \$13,960,711 and on capital account \$3,449,961.

The estimated revenues are set forth as follows:-

CURRENT ACCOUNT Department of Agriculture	\$ 45,000
Attorney-General	1,552,500
Education	45,500
Finance	7,689,715
Fisheries	
Lands	
Labor	30,000
Legislation	2,000
Mines	162,000
Provincial Secretary	
Public Works	
Railways	38,000
Total receipts	\$13,978,245

CURRENT ACCOUNT	
Public debt	\$ 1,838,378
Legislation	109,170
Premier's office	13,880
Department of agriculture	342,736
Attorney-general	3,487,884
Education	2,864,613
Finance	957,679
Fisheries	18,090
Fisheries	27,040
Industries	1,324,395
Lands	97,600
Labor	375,201
Mines.	2,013,086
Provincial secretary	2,745,233
Public works	49,900
Railways	45,500
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Railways	49,900
Total current account	\$13,960,711
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Sinking funds	\$ 1,183,761
Pacific Great Eastern	907,200
B.C. House, London	9,700
Songhees reserve	50,000
Johnson St. bridge	200,000
Roads, streets, bridges and wharves	116,300
Industrial school and boys' sub-normal	
school	250,000
Police station, bridge crossing	5,000
Police station, Kelowna	3,500
Police station, Clinton	5,000
Police station, elsewhere	5,000
Mental hospital, Essondale	81,000
Buildings, Pouce Coupee	12,000
Buildings, Williams Lake	AND THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
Buildings, Barkerville	3,500
Technical school	175,000
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THOUGH American industries may lose business as a result of the depreciation of the Canadian dollar, they may regain it by opening branches here. Discussing this phase of the exchange situation in the "Trade Bulletin" of the Alexander Hamilton Institute for February 25, E. L. Stewart Patterson, Eastern Superintendent of the Canadian

Bank of Commerce, says:-

"It is apparently not fully realized in the United States that, owing to exchange and other conditions, the trade with one of their oldest and best foreign customers, Canada, is gradually decreasing, and will in all probability reach an irreducible minimum of raw material requirements, unless immediate measures are taken to purchase more from Canada in the shape of merchandise or securities. During the last calendar year Canada imported from the United States \$740,000,000, but only exported to that country \$456,-000,000, leaving an adverse balance of payment for the year of \$285,000,000, which fully explains the heavy premium on New York funds in Canada or, conversely, the heavy discount on Canadian funds in New York. The United States has it in its power to correct this condition and retain this desirable trade either by buying more goods from Canada or extending long term credits until conditions become more normal. Under ordinary conditions Canada would correct an adverse exchange rate by shipping gold. This she is unable to do under present conditions, and her only alternative is to stop buying everything except raw and other materials essential to her industrial life.

Foreign Trade and Credits

"The position of Canada in general foreign trade is very satisfactory. Her total exports for 1919 were \$1,295,-000,000 against imports of only \$941,000,000, or a favorable balance of \$354,000,000. Canada has extended credit to Great Britain and other countries for some of these exports, consequently the proceeds are not presently available to liquidate her unfavorable balance with her neighbor. Otherwise New York as the exchange clearing house for Canada would be a debtor for the above amount and the exchange situation between the two countries would be reversed.

"Even before the war Canada was one of the best customers of the United States. A reference to the figures of the last normal year ending December 31, 1913, shows the

following foreign exports (in millions) :-

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Great Britain				*				*	*	*		*					\$ 591
Germany				*							*	*	*	*			352
France																	
All other European		*		*	*			*			*						403
Total Europe							*										\$1,500
Mexico, Cuba, etc.																	
South America					*		1										146
Asia																	126
Oceania															**		82
Africa																	
Canada																	

Canada is not only the second largest customer, but her trade equals the combined exports to all the countries of South America, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Practically the whole world, with the exception of Europe, representing a market of over a billion people, did not buy any more from the United States than Canada with her small population of less than eight million people.

"During the past year the papers have been full of the various methods that have been or are about to be put in force by American exporters to increase trade with countries, where they are confronted with long-term credits, strange languages, and unusual customs and conditions.

Canada is as much a foreign country as Argentine or China, although with practically all the advantages of a home market, speaking the same language with similar business customs and with facility of access, both for goods and representatives. The glamor of foreign trade with distant points, however, has apparently completely obscured the necessity of at least holding, if not increasing, the trade with a good neighbor. The old proverb 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush' is evidently considered to be out of date.

"If an individual, or a country, cannot pay for goods and cannot get credit, his, or its, purchases must perforce be curtailed or even cease. Canada must continue to purchase raw materials, such commodities as steel, iron, cotton, etc., but her purchases of manufactured goods and nonessentials from the States must practically cease, even if this has to be brought about, as in the case of Denmark, by the Canadian government placing an embargo on such imports. Such drastic though unavoidable cessation of exports in certain lines will involve a serious loss of business to many American industries, which loss will not probably be recoverable through other markets.

"Made in Canada" Campaign

"The slogan 'Made in Canada' was started some years ago, but was probably preached more than practised. Now it meets a condition instead of a mere theory, and will be more closely observed. A premium of 17 per cent., or more, for exchange on top of 30 to 50 per cent. of duty should convert the most heedless.

"It is apparent, therefore, that the United States, as a nation, must be prepared to see a steady diminution of her trade with Canada. To the individual manufacturer with enterprise and vision, however, the loss may easily be turned into a gain. If orders cannot come to the factory, take the factory to the orders. In other words, open a branch establishment in Canada. Before the war a large number of important American industries had located in Canada, and by so doing not only was the tariff eliminated (as an immediate benefit but the future expansion of Canada gave assured promise of a steadily enlarging market. Since the armistice this movement has been even more pronounced, and it is estimated that during the past year nearly 200 American firms have established branch factories or acquired an interest in existing Canadian industries. The undoubted great future of Canada with scarcely one-quarter of her natural resources developed, the tariff question, the exchange situation, her immense water powers, her satisfactory labor conditions, and last, but perhaps not least, the well founded belief that she will be in a preferential position with regard to the British Dominions, are all factors that have more or less influenced the decision of the wide-awake executives of these industries to come to Canada."

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On July 27th last this company received official notice from Ottawa that it could thereafter use its new name, under authority of legislation passed at the 1919 session of parliament. The name formerly was the Alberta Saskatchewan Life. While awaiting authority to use the name the company was not able to pursue a vigorous policy, and it was active, therefore, only five months of the year. At the beginning of 1919, 4,000 of the 10,000 shares of the company had been subscribed for; at the end of the year this had

been increased to 7,600.

New business to the amount of \$254,470 was written, making the total in force \$401,012. The mortality experience was nil. Receipts for the year were \$34,978, and disbursements, \$23,646. Total assets are \$95,428, and reserves on business in force, \$17,731. In addressing the shareholders at the annual meeting in Edmonton on February 20th, the president, Arthur Davies, referred to the fact that no losses had been incurred by the company so far, and he also complimented the shareholders on having as their general manager so able a man as J. W. Glenwright.

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COMBATTING THE FORGERY EPIDEMIC

Banks and Merchants Have Not Escaped Present Wave of Crime—Customer First Poses as Honest Depositor

BY A. B. BARKER

WHY is it, that at certain periods in the business life of a country, or community, forging is so much more prevalent thant at others? Is it a sort of chemical reaction due to the recurrence of certain economic conditions? Or is it simply that we have a new generation of seekers after easy money? Whatever the reason, there is, at the present time, a wave of this particular criminal effort in Canada, in the United States and in Europe. In Canada, the favorite method at present is either by raising the amounts of regularly accepted cheques, or by using facsimiles of the ordinary rubber acceptance stamps of the banks. The initial of the ledgerkeeper offers no difficulty, as anyone can scrawl a hieroglyphic in the upper left hand corner of the cheque, and no one is the wiser. In the United States, some of the banks now insist that such acceptance, to be valid, shall have the full signature of a senior officer.

Merchants Take Too Many Risks

In practice the banks will take the necessary precautions before negotiating a cheque, whether accepted or not, by insisting on proper identification; the ones who will be the losers, will be the merchants who, misled by a faked stamp, will take a chance rather than lose a possible sale. It is not only the small dealers who are caught. In one recent instance, a merchant accepted a marked cheque for \$6 raised to \$600 in payment for a \$350 fur coat and gave the forger his own cheque for \$250 in change, and apparently the man and woman who presented the cheque were quite unknown to him. True, he finally recovered his property, and the man got two years but a little ordinary precaution would have saved him a somewhat unpleasant experience, and possibly given the young man a lesson, which might have made him a decent member of society.

The class, against which the banks have to be on their guard, is that type of man or woman who will open an account with one of the branches, and maintain a fair balance for a time—possibly, depositing cheques on other centres, and suggesting at first that these be sent on collection, as the endorser is a new customer. Later on, as confidence is established, he may be able to negotiate a fraudulent cheque for an amount sufficient to pay him for his patience and then disappear. This method was explained at length in a series of articles, appearing recently in the "Saturday Evening Post," by a man who had fleeced banks, and others from coast to coast. In this article, he explained that, in every case his game might have been spoiled, if definite enquiries had been made from those in other cities, with whom he professed to have had business dealings.

At times, the fashion in forgery runs to letters of credit, but only the higher class of forgers will try this. It requires considerable address and skill to handle it successfully, as those who usually negotiate drafts under these instruments, would readily detect the ordinary crook.

Amateurs at Work in Canada

In Canada the class which has been working the public, so far, seems to be more of the amateur rogue than the skilled professional, and with proper publicity, as to their methods,

the game should soon be ended.

The banks in south Africa, before the war, used the finger print system of identification in the issuing of drafts to men returning to England, and taking their savings with them. These drafts were often for large amounts, and to guard against fraud, and to protect both bank and client, the finger prints of the purchaser—who would be the payee—were taken in triplicate, one copy of which went with the bank's advice to its correspondent. Some banks in Canada use this system with illiterate depositors. It would probably pay to extend its use, as it would prove a valuable deterrent—the one thing a crook is afraid of is to leave this clue where it is available to the authorities.

BANK BRANCH NOTES

Fifty-Two New Branches Opened in Month of February— Change in Sterling Bank Management at Regina

THE only new branch announced this week is that of the Sterling Bank, at Richmond Hill, Ontario.

It was announced recently that the Dominion Bank of Canada has leased property at 181 N. Front Street, Sarnia, Ont., and will open a branch there about May 1st. H. S. Smith has been appointed manager of this new branch.

The Royal Bank of Canada has purchased property in Cloverdale, B.C., and will shortly erect a bank building.

A wire from our Regina correspondent states that H. R. Warren, former manager of the Sterling Bank of Canada, Almonte, Ont., has been appointed to the Regina branch to succeed Major Complin, who has occupied the post for a year. The latter came to Regina from Toronto and has resigned to engage in other business enterprises.

Mr. Clark, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, Magrath, Alta., has been transferred as manager, to the branch

at Saskatoon, Sask.

Fifty-two branches of Canadian banks were opened in February, distributed among the various banks as follows: Merchants, 4; Union, 6; Royal, 13; Standard, 3; Hochelaga, 5; Provinciale, 4; Sterling, 2; Dominion, 3; Hamilton, 2;

Nova Scotia, 2; Nationale, 3; Commerce, 5.

The following is a list of branches of Canadian banks which were opened in February, and which have not already been mentioned in *The Monetary Times*: *Artley, Alta., Merchants; Bristow, Sask., Standard; *Bruxelles, Man., Hochelaga; Burstall, Sask., Standard; Caimanera, Cuba, Royal; *Claire, N.B., Provinciale; Clarkstown, Ont., Hochelaga; Corunna, Ont., Royal; *Hilda, Sask., Standard; *Huntingdon, B..C, Royal; *Kazabazua, Que., Provinciale; *Labroquerie, Man., Hochelaga; *Ladysmith, Que., Merchants; Nanticoke, Ont., Hamilton; *Notre Dame de Lourdes, Que., Hochelaga; *St. Prime Lac St. Jean, Que., Commerce; Shippegan, N.B., Provinciale.

BANK OF HAMILTON HAS GOOD STATEMENT

In respect to increase in profits the financial statement of the Bank of Hamilton for the year ended 28th of February, 1920, has one of the best of the year. Net profits were \$847,104, compared with \$571,226 for the preceding year. The paid-up capital of the bank was increased during 1919 from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000, the new stock being issued at a price of \$150 per share. \$500,000 paid in as premium upon this stock together, with the net profits for the year, and a balance of \$85,114 brought forward, made a total of \$1,432,219. The sum of \$700,000 is transferred to reserve fund, \$100,000 to bank premises account, \$469,183 paid out in dividends at 12 per cent. per annum, \$40,317 transferred to pension fund, \$37,468 set aside for war tax bonds and war circulation, and the balance of \$85,249 carried forward.

The balance sheet, like that of other Canadian banks shows substantial increases in the volume of business, total assets being \$84,134,109 compared with \$77,404,120 on February 28th, 1919. Circulation has increased from \$5,354,902 to \$5,941,901. Both demand and savings deposits also increased, the total now being \$68,665,705. The bank's reserve fund has been raised to \$4,200,000, exceeding the paid-up capital by \$200,000. On the assets side, holdings of coin and government notes have increased, but the deposit in the central gold reserve is \$1,750,000, a reduction of \$750,000. Call and short loans have increased from \$4,421,377 to \$8,169,905, and other current loans in Canada are now \$45,318,138, an increase of \$7,600,000.

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Annual Provincial Budget Reveals Large Increases in Both Capital and Income Accounts — Bonded Indebtedness Nearly \$35,000,000 — Co-operative Credit and Farm Loans Acts—Ability and Extent of Taxation a Valuable Asset

LARGE increases in capital and current expenditure for 1920 was the feature of the annual budget presented to the Alberta legislature by the Hon. C. R. Mitchell, provincial treasurer, on March 18th. While the expenditure side is increased, estimated revenues for 1920 show like increases, so that the treasurer was enabled to forecast an estimated surplus of \$27,095 for the coming year. How small this is in comparison to the sums involved is seen from a review of some of the items. Under income account in 1919, the actual expenditure was \$9,525,784; for 1920 the estimated expenditure is \$10,555,507, or an increase of \$1,029,759 over the actual expenditure for the previous year. Under income account, in 1919, the actual revenue was \$9,642,739, and for 1920 the estimated revenue is \$10,582,602, an increase of \$939,863.

Still greater estimated expenditures are shown under capital account, where the estimated capital expenditures for 1920 are put at \$9,334,686, as against \$3,992,293 for 1919. The provincial treasurer, however, pointed out that there were two items under capital expenditure for 1920 for which allowance should be made. These included \$750,000 for aid to the dairy industry, which will be repaid by the end of the year, being a bookkeeping transaction to a large extent, while \$1,200,000 put in capital account for relief to the farmers in the drouth area, being secured by liens, will be largely repaid. Subtracting these two items, Mr. Mitchell pointed out, would bring the capital expenditures down to \$7,384,486 for the year 1920.

Cause of Increases

The increases in capital and income expenditure are attributed to largely increased programs of public works and public services, together with bonuses and salary increases. But the provincial treasurer sounded a note of warning that the increase was bound to continue for at least another year, even if there were no further extensions of service programs and social legislation, which always involves the expenditure of money.

The list of what all the departments are asking for in total expenditures chargeable to capital and income are as follows: Public debt, \$1,475,000; civil government, \$682,502; legislation, \$160,105; administration of justice, chargeable to income, \$1,449,169; to capital, \$15,150; public works, to income, \$1,563,226; to capital, \$2,454,626; educational department, to income, \$1,825,090; to capital, \$220,000; agriculture and statistics, to income, \$540,310; and to capital, \$1,371,500; public health department, to income, \$440,025; and to capital, \$50,000; railways and telephones, to income, \$1,981,509; to capital, \$4,000,000; railways branch, to income, \$8,100; to capital, \$220,710; general administrative purposes, to income, \$223,340; to capital, \$5,000; department of municipal affairs, to income, \$138,290; to capital, \$120,000; miscellaneous, \$68,790, to income, and \$127,500 to capital.

Under the revenue estimates it is estimated that the Dominion subsidy will bring \$1,621,075; interest on principal of school lands' fund and other sources, \$700,000; treasury department, \$4,678,673; attorney-general's department, \$1,508,700; provincial secretary's department, \$1,464,405; public works revenue, \$336,170; educational department, \$79,500; agricultural department, \$538,100; dairy and poultry industry, \$750,000; railways and telephones, \$5,995,000; municipal affairs, \$2,042,000; public health, \$34,785; legislative assembly, \$2,030; King's printer, \$10,000; public utilities commission, \$4,000. Grand total, \$19,794.440.

"The public accounts of the province," said Mr. Mitchell, "which have been tabled, show for the year 1919 a total revenue on income account of \$9,642,739, an increase over the year 1918 of \$1,981,977, thus bearing out the prediction of my last year's statement, in which it was pointed out that the year 1919 had opened favorably, so far as collections were concerned.

"The expenditure on ordinary account amounted to \$9,325,748, exceeding that of the previous year by \$1,021,941, so that I am able to announce an actual surplus for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 1919, of \$316,990. Out of this surplus there was set aside the sum of \$200,000 as a reimbursement to capital account for patriotic expenditures made during the war.

"It is intended to continue this policy in the future, i.e., in any year when a surplus on income account is available, a portion of it will be set aside as a refund against extraordinary expenditures that had been charged to capital account, but for which no tangible assets exist. Such payments in the past have included patriotic expenditures and disbursements in connection with drought relief.

Municipal Affairs and Telephones

"The municipal affairs department collected less than was estimated, but the total collection exceeded the year 1918 by \$400,000. The telephone department received more than estimated figure by \$13,289. The previous year, however, was passed by some \$260,000. On the expenditure side there is a rather remarkable approximate to the amount estimated in most departments.

"On public debt interest there was a saving of almost \$50,000, due to the fact that \$1,000,000 of our authorized borrowing remained unissued during the year. On public works there was a saving of about \$145,000 on the estimated expenditure. The education department kept well within their estimate, having a margin of \$136,895. Agriculture and statistics exceeded the estimated expenditure by a small amount only.

Bonded Indebtedness

"The bonded debt of the province as at December 31st, 1919, amounted to \$34,635,200, with a sinking fund of \$980,-623, leaving a net bonded indebtedness of \$33,634,576.

"There is then a net increase in the bonded debt of the province over last year of \$2,888,427. This is represented by the sale of two bond issues, one for \$1,000,000, sold January, 1919, on a basis of 5.57 per cent., and the other for \$3,000,000, sold December 20th, 1919, on a basis of 5.99 per cent. Only a portion of the latter loan, however, is chargeable against 1919, as a considerable portion of the proceeds were not paid into the treasury until January, 1920. Both of these issues were 5½ per cent., the period of the first issue being twenty years, and the last ten years.

"Of the loans authorized by this legislature last session, which amounted to \$4,000,000, it has only been necessary to issue bonds for \$3,000,000. This issue was sold at a very good price to the province, the basis being a fraction less than 6 per cent., and, as the province had no maturing obligations in the United States to meet with the proceeds, the exchange situation did not affect this province.

"I know of no other province in Canada ranking with this in size and importance that has carried on its business during the past year with less dependence upon outside sources of capital (on account of savings certificates, sales and bank loans), and at such low interest rates. This has been partly brought about by the fact that no maturing obligations had to be met on account of past bond issues, as was the case with other provinces. This was particularly fortunate in view of the high exchange rates prevailing."

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Mr. Mitchell made the announcement that the provincial government was working out a plan for floating securities within the province, selling direct to the people, taking advantage of the knowledge gained through the sale of the Victory bonds.

Co-operative Credit Act

"The Co-operative Credit Act of Alberta," said Mr. Mitchell, "which is one of the measures by which the farmers' credit is strengthened, was designed to meet the requirements of rural districts. Under the provisions of this Act the supervisor of rural credits and his assistant are available at the expense of the province to give whatever assistance is necessary in the way of organization of societies. What will this Act do? This Act is designed to strengthen the weaknesses that in some cases are inherent in the present banking system of this country. A great deal has been said about the banking system of this country and its deficiences. Of late years, I believe, the banks have opened their eyes to the necessity of extending greater borrowing facilities to the farmers of this country, and not having their energies and opportunities available only for the industrial or mercantile classes. We see that on every side.

"All the banks in this country appear lately to have been more anxious to loan to the farming community than they were in the past, or at least that we had the impression that they were in the past. This co-operative society is designed to strengthen, and, I think, it has strengthened, certain weak points in the present branch bank system of this country, and is more representative of the other type of banking system, that is, the unit banking system, which we hear a great deal about to-day. With a board of eight men selected from the local community itself, men who, no doubt, will be men of good judgment, with a thorough knowledge of the moral responsibility of the men in their community, they should be able to, and I believe they can, dispense credit where losses will reach the minimum, because the whole control of this organization rests absolutely and entirely in the board of eight members selected by the society itself.

· Farm Loans

"Proper consideration of the Farm Loan Act, which was designed to assist farmers to obtain cheaper money on long-term loans, has not, I can assure you, been neglected. For a young province, perhaps we have displayed more caution in proceeding with the operation of this Act than might have been expected. I have pointed out more than once—and, I think, in this House—the large financial requirements the successful administration of the Act demands. The first necessarily is cheap money. This has not been available since the Act was passed in sufficiently large sums to make the undertaking of so ambitious a plan workable.

"To make loans at 6 per cent. and 6½ per cent., it would be necessary to obtain money at or near 5 per cent. To secure this money in adequate amounts at these rates is impossible at the present time, and there is no bright prospect of better conditions in this respect for some time. For example, up to December 31st, 1919, this province has enabled the farmers to borrow \$4,363,143 at rates of interest varying from 5 per cent. to 7 per cent. under the following heads:—

Live Stock Encouragement Act	\$1,507,663
Municipal Seed Grain Act	2,251,511
Seed Grain Relief (unorganized districts)	470,769
Drought Relief	133,200
Total	\$4,363,143

Assets, \$150,000,000

Mr. Mitchell estimated the total assets of the province at \$150,000,000, a detailed statement on the subject not being ready yet, and added: "There is another asset that cannot be set down in any statement—that is, the ability and extent to which taxation may be imposed. This depends indirectly

upon the population of the province and the wealth of the individuals, as well as our immense natural resources. Failure to collect any considerable portion of our taxes in any year, no matter how certain its eventual recovery may be, cannot but disturb our ability to successfully carry on the finance of the province.

"At December 31st, 1919, the total arrears on land taxes alone amounted to \$3,468,120, of which \$2,347,824 was arrears of taxes on land, largely due to drought conditions."

PROVINCE ANTICIPATES BETTER FINANCIAL YEAR

New Brunswick Treasurer Estimates Greatly Increased Revenue and Expenditure, with Surplus for Present Year

REVENUE of New Brunswick for the present fiscal year ending October 31st, 1920, was estimated at \$2,829,483 by Hon. Robert Murray, provincial secretary-treasurer, in the legislature on March 24th. He estimated the expenditures at \$2,497,712, which would leave a surplus of \$331,771. For the year ended October 31st, 1919, expenditures were \$2,496,508, and receipts, \$2,168,822.

The increase this year is to come largely from the territorial revenue, from which \$860,795 was received last year, and from which source it is estimated \$1,490,000 will be received this year, including \$1,200,000 from stumpage as a result of the increased rates and the record cut of lumber on the Crown lands. Another large item is that of motor vehicle fees, from which \$185,000 is the estimated amount of receipts, this being about \$80,000 more than the actual receipts last year. Other items of the revenue are: \$75,000 from succession duties, \$65,000 from amusement admission tax and \$50,000 from the Provincial Prohibition Act.

Expenditure Increases

On the expenditure side, provincial hospital maintenance, where the high cost of living enters directly into the expenditure, is estimated as costing \$156,000, which is \$29,-000 more than last year's estimate. Offsetting the revenue of \$185,000 anticipated from the motor vehicle fees, it is proposed to expend \$172,500 for sinking funds and interest and \$12,500 on administration expenses, salaries, etc. Enforcement of the Prohibition Act, it is estimated, will cost \$36,000, which is about the same as the actual expenditure last year, while there is an additional item of \$30,000 in the estimates for the prohibition referendum. Almost half a million dollars-\$482,000, to be exact-is the estimated expenditure for ordinary public works, which is somewhat in advance of last year's estimate, although the accounts show \$727,934 actually charged to this service last year. sinking funds, \$37,580 is the estimate, the amount including \$6,245, which is a new amount that is in the estimates for the first time this year, and goes towards the payment for the now politically famous patriotic potatoes.

For school books the estimated expenditure is \$38,000, while the receipts from this source are estimated at \$22,000, which means the province is meeting a loss of \$16,000 in selling school books for the primary grades at the present prices. For vocational education an expenditure of \$27,900 is estimated, which includes some \$14,000 which will come back to the province from the federal government.

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SOME CANADIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Deflation of Currency, Greater Production and Exports, and New Immigration Are Three Remedies for Present Abnormal Condition

"W HILE it is impossible to counter the statement that this country is prosperous (for which we should be truly thankful), is it not time, now that the war has been over for more than a year, to take stock, and ascertain to what extent such prosperity is founded on a solid basis, and, conversely, to what extent our present condition is due to our having mortgaged the future?" asks B. B. Carter, eastern superintendent of the Union Bank of Canada, in an article treating upon some of Canada's present economic problems in the March issue of the "Union Bank Monthly." Analyzing the situation, Mr. Carter says:—

"Previous to the outbreak of the war the funded debt of Canada was \$303,000,000. At the present time the debt is about \$2,000,000,000. Consequently, the annual interest charge at the present time is between 25 per cent. and 30 per cent. of the total pre-war debt. During the same period there has been an expansion in the circulation of Dominion government notes from \$117,000,000 to \$298,000,000, and in bank notes from \$105,000,000 to \$237,000,000.

Condition is Not Permanent

"Even the most conservative man must have long ago admitted the necessity for the raising of money and expansion of circulation. At the same time, are we not, at least to some extent, living in a 'fool's paradise,' and should we not, now that the war is over, adjust our affairs with a view to evolving some method which will in time bring us to normal conditions?

"How, then, are we to set our sails so as to get back to something approaching our pre-war condition. Undoubtedly, this is going to take a very long time, and unquestionably during the process we will see a contraction in what might be called the 'good times' now being enjoyed. Inasmuch, however, as everyone must admit that we cannot go on indefinitely as we are, it would seem that the sooner such reforms as are necessary are instituted the better. To my mind there are three great factors to be dealt with:

(a) Deflation of currency; (b) increased production and greater exports; (c) increased immigration.

Currency is Most Important Factor

"I mention deflation of currency first because, in my humble opinion, it is the most essential factor of the three. I repeat—a great many of our people; in fact the vast majority, no longer possess a proper sense of the value of money, and this can only be rectified through deflation. Obviously, if in place of \$100 one had \$50-the \$50 having an equal value with the \$100 formerly held-the \$50 would go further. In other words, with less money-even though of the same value-one would be more careful of it. Most people will admit that with less money in circulation prices generally will show some contraction. Consequently, not only would deflation make people less extravagant, but at the same time, help in some degree to reduce the high cost of living. Moreover, from the standpoint of our trade with other countries, it is quite apparent the nearer our Dominion currency is to a gold basis, the better position will we be in.

"In so far as England is concerned, a recent report indicates that by March 31st, there will be a reduction in currency notes in circulation of substantially more than £20,000,000. On February 5th, a press despatch from Ottawa mentioned that a gradual reduction in Dominion notes was being planned by the government—presumably from proceeds of loans or from revenue. Let us hope that the revenues of the country will be the source. The same article stated that during the Civil War American currency (gold backs) had an actual gold value of only thirty-nine cents—a situation almost identical with our Domnion circulation to-day.

Production and Exports

"With regard to production and exports. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1919, our total exports were \$1,240,-000,000, as against \$1,199,000,000 in 1918. Great Britain is still our largest customer (528 millions), although taking forty million dollars' worth of goods less than in 1918. The United States is next, with 454 millions, or 21 millions more than in the preceding year. These changes are significant. France shows the heavy falling off in purchases, from 97 millions in 1918 to 65 millions last year. It is particularly interesting to notice large increases in the exports to Australia, British East Indies, British West Indies, Newfoundland, New Zealand, and other parts of the Empire.

"No one can doubt our being able to dispose of all our exportable goods for some years to come, and the fact of the government having done everything possible towards cultivating the markets of our sister Dominions and the South American countries will mean much in the future. Moreover, through the establishing of the Canadian mercantile marine the transportation problem has been solved.

Room for More Population

"As to immigration: With a country capable of supporting five to ten times its present population of 8,835,000, and burdened with a heavy debt (\$225 per capita), one in theorizing on the possibilities of the country's position being improved, immediately reflects that one of the main channels should be through immigration, for obviously if there were more producers the burden would be more largely distributed.

"I do not feel that all classes should be admitted, as in past years, but that strong efforts be made to obtain desirable immigrants from the British Isles, the United States and certain of the Northern European countries. The government statistics tell us that during the fiscal year 1917-1918 the total number of immigrants was 79,074, and in 1918-1919, 57,702, a falling off of 21,372, or 27 per cent., during the last mentioned period. A closer scrutiny indicates that whereas the numbers from the United States show a falling off of 30,599, the immigration from the British Isles increased 6,736. Taking the seven months of current fiscal year (beginning with April, 1919), we find that the total immigration was 83,346, as against 31,159 during the same seven months in 1918, an increase of 167 per cent.; moreover, it is noticed that the figures representing those from the British Isles have increased from 2,258 in 1918 to 42,991 in 1919. These figures indicate what is being done towards encouraging the best class of immigration to Canada."

ONTARIO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS SHOW \$7,000,000 SURPLUS

In the public accounts which were tabled in the Ontario legislature by the Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, a few days ago, a surplus of \$7,603,110 at the end of 1919, as against \$5,140,176 at the beginning of the year, was shown.

It has been customary for the public accounts to be brought down with the treasurer's budget, but a departure was made this year in view of the fact that the accounts in question had all been incurred by the late government before Hon. Mr. Smith took office. The fiscal year ended October 1, 1919, while the present government did not assume office until two weeks later.

Ordinary receipts for the year were \$19,904,772, and ordinary expenditures \$21,464,574. Capital receipts, however, bring the total up to \$54,964,059, and capital expenditures brings the expenditure up to \$47,350,675.

Revenue totalling \$27,416,898 was received from provincial loans during the year, and loans totalling \$7,152,772 were repaid.

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EXTRA PROVINCIAL CORPORATIONS IN ONTARIO

B.N.A. Act in Relation to Company Incorporations—Provincial Charter Gives Power to Obtain Extra

Provincial Rights

O N. an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, the Court recently decided that a provincial legislature is not precluded by item 11 of section 92 of the B.N.A. Act from creating companies with a capacity to accept extra provincial powers and rights. In the special case, that of Housberger vs. the Weyburn Townsite Co., it was held that a Saskatchewan company, on obtaining a license under R.S.O. (1914) ch. 179, may do business in Ontario and may institute and maintain an action in that province, even though the required license be not granted until after the commencement of the action.

The questions raised on the appeal were, whether or not the respondent company, incorporated under the Companies Act of Saskatchewan for the purpose of buying and selling land, could enforce in the Ontario Courts, an agreement for sale of its land in Saskatchewan to a purchaser in Ontario; and whether or not license to resort to the Courts of the latter province had been validly granted by the authorities there.

The trial Judge held that the company could not carry on its business outside of Saskatchewan and dismissed the action. His judgment was reversed by the Appellate Division.

Followed Bonanza Creek Judgment

In his decision in the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, Davies, C. J., in various parts of his judgment says:—

"This appeal must, in my opinion, be decided in accordance with the law as laid down by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the Bonanza Creek case, as to the powers and capacities of companies incorporated by provincial legislatures."

"I think, as I have said, the headnote of the Bonanza Creek judgment correctly epitomizes the gist of that judgment, namely, that while the 'powers and rights' which a provincial legislature can bestow are confined to those exercisable within the province, that does not preclude such legislature from legislating so as to create by statute a corporation with the general capacity to acquire in another province of the Dominion power to operate in that province with respect to the carrying out of its corporate powers granted by the province incorporating the company."

"The question in this case was confined to two points; first, whether the company had the capacity given to it by the legislature to obtain power ab extra to carry on in another province its authorized business of buying and selling real estate in Saskatchewan and, secondly, whether it had obtained such power from the province of Ontario, assuming that its contract in question was made there."

Had Right to Obtain Power

"I am, as I have said, of the opinion that its corporate powers 'to carry on real estate loan and general brokerage business' in the province of Saskatchewan, conferred on it the capacity to obtain such power from Ontario under what is known as the law of comity."

"Of course, such a statutory corporation as the respondent could not obtain ab extra power to carry on any business not strictly within its corporate powers, but within these powers it had such capacity. My construction of the powers conferred upon the company 'of real estate loan and general brokerage business' is that they referred to real estate in the province of Saskatchewan alone, and not to real estate elsewhere. The lands in question in this case were, of course, situate in the province of Saskatchewan.

"The question is then raised whether it did obtain such powers ab extra or not. On that point I cannot think there can be any doubt."

"The appellant relied upon the Extra-Provincial Corporations Act, R.S.O. ch. 179. The plaintiff admitted it did not have the license required by sec. 7 of that Act until after it had commenced this action, but it did then obtain the license and the statute expressly provides that the granting of the license put the company's right of resort to the Ontario Courts in the same position as if it had been granted before the action was instituted.

"In the result, I am of the opinion that whether the contract sued on was made in Saskatchewan as found by the Appeal Court, or in Ontario, as contended by the appellant, the right of the plaintiff to maintain an action upon it in Ontario was clear."

DOMINION FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

At a meeting in St. Thomas, Ont., on March 26th, the executive committee of the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Association decided to hold the 1920 convention in that city from August 3rd to 7th. This will follow the international convention, to be held in Toronto, July 25th to 30th.

The committee discussed the proposal to establish a training college for fire chiefs at Ottawa, and Chief Armstrong, of Kingston, Ont., who favored the proposal, pointed out that the duties of the fire chief were now enlarged to include the prevention of fires. The committee also placed itself on record in favor of better fire protection in theatres and other amusement places, and passed a resolution recommending the members in every town and city of the Dominion to co-operate in a salutary drive, and to rigidly enforce the provincial laws governing the construction and equipment of theatres. They also instructed the secretary to have copies of the standard regulations for construction and equipment of theatres, as adopted by the Dominion Fire Prevention League, printed and mailed to every member of the association.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Reports from employers to the Dominion headquarters of the Employment Service of Canada, Department of Labor, indicate that, disregarding loss of time due to strikes, there was a nominal increase in the volume of employment during the week ending March 6th, as compared with the figures from the same firms for the preceding week. A substantial increase in the volume of employment had been anticipated, only part of which, however, was realized. A further large increase was expected for the week ending March 13th. In comparison with the figures for the base week, January 17th, a marked increase was registered.

The returns when analyzed by provinces, indicate reductions in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Manitoba showed increases. For the week ending March 13th, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia expected to have increases. New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, however, anticipated reductions.

Reports for the week ending March 6th were received from 4,834 firms. These firms reported 688,817 persons on their payrolls, as compared with 688,540 persons on their payrolls for the week ending February 28th, and with 680,-916 persons for the base week (January 17th). An increase, therefore, of 277 persons was reported during the week ending March 6th, as compared with the returns for the preceding week. These same firms, moreover, anticipated having a further increase of 1,135 persons, or two-tenths of 1 per cent. for the week ending March 13th. An increase for the week of March 6th had been anticipated, since the returns for the week of February 28th indicated an estimated increase of 1,221 persons or two-tenths of 1 per cent. for the succeeding week. The returns for the week of March 6th as indicated above show that only part of this increase materialized. When the returns are compared with the base figures the substantial increase of 7,901 persons or one and two-tenths per cent. is indicated.

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Fiscal Agent for Manitoba, Alberta Flour Mills, Limited



BANK OF HAMILTON

48th ANNUAL STATEMENT

28th FEBRUARY 1920

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SIR JOHN HENDRIE, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., President. CYRUS A. BIRGE, Vice-President.

ROBT. HOBSON TURNBULL

J. P. BELL, General Manager. F. E. KILVERT, Western Superintendent.

LIABILITIES.

\$75,726,636.07 To the Shareholders:

 Capital Stock paid in
 4,000,000.00

 Reserve Fund
 4,200,000.00

 Balance of Profits carried forward
 85,249.74

 Dividend No. 123, payable 1st March, 1920
 119,935.03

 Former Dividends unpaid
 2,288.50

ASSETS.

Gold and Current Coin \$929,035.84

Dominion Government Notes \$1,236,369.00

Deposit in Central Gold Reserves 1,750,000.00

Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund 200,000.00

Notes of other Banks 616,659.00

Cheques on other Banks 2,925,419.17

Balances due by other Banks in Canada 663,515.35

Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada 790,992.55 Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value

Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign
and Colonial Public Securities other than Canand Colonial Public Securities 17,485,827.40

Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks,
not exceeding market value 472,316.90

Call and Short Loans (not exceeding thirty days)
in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks. 8,169,905.14

\$34,667,655.42 Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) 45,318,138.57

Real Estate other than Bank Premises 355,626.26

Overdue Debts, estimated loss provided for 171,096.79

Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off 2,808,262.30 per Contra \$84,134,109.34

\$84,134,109.34

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account, 28th February, 1919

Profits for twelve months ended 28th February, 1920, after deducting charges of management, interest accrued on deposits, rebate on current discounts, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts

Premium on New Stock 85.114.59 847.104.86

Appropriated as follows:

Dividends Nos. 120, 121, 122, 123, at 12% per annum

To Pension Fund

War Tax on Bank Note Circulation

Transferred to Bank Premises Account

Transferred to Reserve Fund—From Current Profits

From Premium on New Stock

\$200,000.00 \$ 1,432,219,45 469,183.56 100,000.00

RESERVE FUND

Balance 28th February, 1919
Premium on New Stock
Transferred from Profits

\$ 4,200,000.00

\$ 1,482,219,45

JOHN S. HENDRIE. President.

J. P. BELL, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with the provisions of Sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, we report to the Shareholders as

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the transactions which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office and at several of the principal Branches entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

C. S. SCOTT, F.C.A., of C. S. Scott & Co.

Hamilton, 15th March, 1929.

Auditors.

E. S. READ, C.A., of George A. Touche & Co.

RANDRAM-LIENDERSO

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December, 1919

	ASSETS.
	Fixed: Real Estate Buildings, Plants, Equipment. Goodwill and Patent Rights\$1,840,079.85 Capital Stock of the Alberta Linseed Oil Company, Ltd., and other investments, less Reserves129,772.82
1,969,852.67	Total fixed Assets \$ Current: \$1,069,903.11 Merchandise \$129,689.07 Accounts Receivable 529,689.07 Bills Receivable 1,800.00 Cash on hand and in bank 9,311.15
1,610,703.33 4,682.12 87,064.75	Total Current Assets Deferred Charges Bond Discount and Charges less written off
3,672,302.87	\$
	By Balance brought forward December 31st, 1918\$ "Net Profit after deducting Head Office Charges "Special Reserve for Depreciation against a contingency which was apprehended in our last report, but did not occur
821,255.51	"Net Profit after deducting Head Office Charges "Special Reserve for Depreciation against a contingency which was apprehended in our last report, but did not occur
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Fixed:
Preferred Stock Authorized and Issued.....\$500,000.00
Common Stock Authorized.....\$1,250,000.00
Common Stock in Treasury.... 280,000.00\$970,000.00 -\$1,470,000,00 Bonds: 6% Sinking Fund, Gold, 1st Mortgage, due 1936, authorized and issued ...\$500,000.00 Redeemed ...\$550,000.00 Bond Redemption Reserve\$155,000.00Bond Premium Account3,864.85Reserve for Depreciation65,000.00 223 864 85 Total Fixed Liabilities\$2,693,864.85 Current: Bills Payable

 Bills Payable
 \$ 61,182.79

 Accounts Payable
 233,136.65

 Reserve for Dividend, on Preferred payable January 2, 1920
 Stock, 8,750.00

 Reserve for Bond Interest
 16,738.22

 Reserve for War Tax
 19,603.25

LIABILITIES.

\$3,672,302.87 GEORGE HENDERSON, T. SHERMAN, ROGERS,

639 027.11

Audited and verified in accordance with our report.
P. S. ROSS & SONS, Chartered Accountants. Montreal, 25th February, 1920.

Total Current Liabilities

To the Shareholders of BRANDRAM-HENDERSON, Limited

Montreal, 25th February, 1920.

Your Directors herewith submit their Thirteenth Annual Report, with Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Abstract of Profit and Loss Account, for the year ended December 31st, 1919.

The net profits amounted to \$299,736.21 which, with \$20,000.00 transferred from a special reserve for depreciation against a contingency which did not occur; along with the balance of \$501,519.30 carried forward from the previous year, makes the sum of \$821,255.51 to the credit of Profit and Loss Account. Out of this sum has been paid the interest on the issues of First and Consolidated Bonds respectively, and a reserve provided on both issues for the months of October, November and December, amounting in all to \$50,798.79. The dividend on the Preferred Stock of \$35,000.00 at the rate of Seven per cent. and the dividend on the Common Stock of \$38,800.00 at the rate of Four per cent. have been paid. The sum of \$20,000.00 has been provided for a reserve for depreciation. A reserve for the Fourth Year's War Tax of \$19,629.61 has been provided, and the sum of \$18,000.00 has been applied for Sinking Fund purposes. The total to the credit of Profit and Loss Account, after the deduction of these provisions, amounts to \$639,027.11.

The costs of upkeep and renewals incurred during the year at all the Company's plants have been charged to operating expenses. It will be noted that there is a marked decrease in the total of Current Liabilities. This is due to the elimination of the item "Loans from Bank," which last year appeared as \$444,706.64. This has been accomplished and other important advantages secured by the issue of \$1,250,000 Twenty-Year Six Per Cent. Consolidated Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, some \$655,000 of which were sold early in the year like amount of First Mortgage Bonds outstanding, while the balance, \$250,000, is held, only to be issued at some subsequent date, to the extent of 75% of the cost of any future capital expenditure.

Your Directors are pleased to report an increase in sales on a large scale, both at hom

no way attributable to any decrease in home trade, because each Canadian division reported a half-year, and the year.

Your subsidiary, The Alberta Linseed Oil Company, Limited, has been kept in full production throughout the year, except during a few weeks in early autumn, when it was impossible to secure seed, and has been a source of great advantage to the parent Company.

Under an agreement entered into with Brandram Bros., & Co., Limited, of London, England, at the time of the promotion of your Company, permission to sell white lead, dry or in oil, outside certain allotted countries, was withheld for a period of twenty years from 1906. With the demand experienced from Great Britain and other prohibited countries, it was considered desirable to have these restrictions removed if possible, and this has been accomplished, on the occasion of a recent trip of your President to London, by means of a supplementary agreement with Brandram Bros. & Co., Limited, which provides for the sale of the greater number of our brands of white lead to buyers in all parts of the world, except in the territory constituting the Empire of Russia before the war.

Large sales have resulted from this agreement, and increased production has in consequence been provided for at our lead works in Montreal.

Montreal.

Your Directors also wish to advise that an interest has been acquired in the Pacific White Lead Company, Limited, corroders and grinders of white lead, of Vancouver, B.C., and an arrangement come to with this company whereby the direction of its sales policy and the general conduct of its affairs will be assumed by your Company.

Your Directors consider the position of the Company justifies their recommendation of a continuance of the present dividend of Seven per cent. on the Preferred and an increase to Five per cent. of the dividend on the Common Stock, payable quarterly to shareholders of record one month prior to dates of quarterly payments.

In conclusion, your Directors take advantage of the opportunity to express their appreciation of the fidelity and efficiency of the officers and other employees of the Company, whose efforts have done so much to advance the Company's progress.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

GEORGE HENDERSON

GEORGE HENDERSON, President and General Manager.

COMMERCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

Head Office - Edmonton

Annual Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1919

BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

ASSETS.

City of Edmonton Debentures Dominion of Canada War Loan Bonds School District Debenture Mortgages on Real Estate Province of Alberta Savings Certificates Loans to Policy Holders Loans to Policy Holders under A.N.F. Provision. Accounts Receivable Cash in Banks and at Head Office Total Ledger Assets Head Office Funiture Less Depreciation Outstanding and Deferred Premiums on Policies in Force	4,075.75
Interest due and accrued	3,815.54
	\$95,428.34
LIABILITIES.	
Net Reserve on Policies in Force	\$17,731.54
Due for Re-insurance	37.76
Balance owing on Dominion of Canada (1919) War	7 000 00
Loan Bonds Outstanding Expenses	410.98
Outstanding Expenses	110110
	\$25,180.28
Investment Reserve	2,000.00
	-
	\$27,180.28
Surplus to Policy Holders	68,248.06
	\$95,428.34
· INCOME.	ET ELECTION
Total premiums received	\$ 9,400.14
Interest	2,011.12
Premiums on Capital Stock	19,967.53
Payments on Capital Stock	3,600.00
Accumulation of Investments towards Par	98.96
	\$35,077.75
- WANTED	
EXPENDITURE.	
Agents' Commissions, Advances and Travelling Ex-	
Head Office Caleries Travelling Expenses Actuarial	\$ 5,967.92
Head Office Salaries, Travelling Expenses, Actuarial and Audit Fees	7,618,75
Advertising, Rooks and Periodicals, Exchange and Dis-	
count, Express, Telegrams and Telephone, Legal	
Fees, License Fees and Taxes, Medical Fees,	
Printing and Stationery, Rent and Light, Postage,	
Repairs, Sundries, Head Office Furniture, Stock Commissions	10,414.34
Commissions	10,414.04
Total Disbursements	\$24,001.01
Balance-Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	11,076.74
	407 000 55
	\$35,077.75

SALIENT POINTS TAKEN FROM REPORT

Seventy-eight per Cent. (78%) of the Company's funds are invested in Government and Municipal bonds

The Company has assets of \$351.00 to every \$100.00 of liabilities and their assets are only such as are allowed by the Dominion Insurance Department.

Managing Director and Secretary, JOHN W. GLENWRIGHT.

HOW CO-INSURANCE CLAUSE APPLIES

Is Effective when Loss is Up to Percentage Mentioned— Effects of Increased Property Values

THE working of the co-insurance clause in fire insurance policies, and the importance of the assured fully understanding it, is pointed out by Irish and Maulson, Toronto, in a circular addressed to their clients. Briefly, this clause means that the assured maintains insurance bearing a relation to value, as indicated by the percentage set forth in the clause. The result is that the value of the property is figured on the cost of replacement at the date of the fire, and the clause is applied on the result of such valuation. The rapid rise in costs has, it is pointed out, greatly increased this replacement value.

A co-insurance clause usually reads: "It is a part of the consideration of this policy and the basis on which the rate of premium is fixed that the assured shall maintain insurance concurrent in form with this policy on the property hereby insured to the extent of at least....per cent. (.%) of the actual cash value thereof, and that, failing so to do, the insured shall be a co-insurer to the extent of an amount sufficient to make the aggregate insurance equal to .% of the actual cash value of the property hereby insured, and, in that capacity, shall bear that (their) proportion of any loss that may occur."

In explanation of the clause, it is pointed out that the provision is not operative when the property is wholly destroyed, nor when the damage exceeds the amount of percentage mentioned in the clause. It operates only in event of a partial loss amounting to less than the percentage mentioned. Thus, in the case of a property worth \$1,000, insured for \$700, with a required percentage of 80 per cent., if the loss were \$400, the company would be required to pay only seven-eighths, or \$350.

FUR DEALINGS OVER FIVE MILLIONS

At the first sale held by the Canadian Fur Auction Sale Co., in Montreal, March 22 to 27, transactions totalled \$5,-093,120. Senator Webster, president of the company, in an address to buyers at the conclusion of the sale, stated that another sale would be held here in August or September.

URGE FURTHER CASH GRATUITY

The fifth annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association was held in Montreal, March 22 to 28. The delegates came to a decision on several important financial questions, and Port Arthur, Ont., was chosen as the meeting place next year. The association went on record in favor of: Additional cash gratuities to every member of the Canadian forces ranging in amount from \$1,000 to \$2,500; higher rates of pay to those taking vocational training; extension of the vocational training period to twelve months or longer if necessary; investigation by the government of regimental funds and canteen profits.

TRUST COMPANY FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton is to be the head office of New Brunswick's first trust company, if the organization of the Central Trust Co. is completed. Application is now being made to the provincial legislature for incorporation, with a capital of \$500,000. The promoters are residents of Moncton and Sackville. A building will probably be erected for office premises.

The following were the shipments of ore, in pounds, from Cobalt Station, for the week ended March 26:—

McKinley Darragh, 82,260; Coniagas Mines, 88,000; Hudson Bay, 60,916; total, 231,176. The total since January 1st is 3,544,247 pounds, or 1,772.13 tons.

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JANUARY BUILDING PERMITS

Decrease Nearly 22 Per Cent., Compared with Previous Month, but Show Big Improvement Over a Year Ago

THE report of the Department of Labor on the value of building permits for January, 1920, shows figures from fifty cities instead of thirty-five as previously given. As compared with the figures for December, 1919, the total value of building permits issued during January in the fifty cities showed a decrease, the value falling from \$5,056,198 in December, 1919 to \$3,956,247 in January, 1920, a decline of \$1,099,951, or 21.8 per cent. Alberta and British Columbia were the only provinces to show increases in this comparison.

As compared with the corresponding month in 1919, there was an increase of 239.2 per cent., the value for January, 1919, having been \$1,163,316. Increases in this comparison were shown in all the provinces except in Manitoba, where there was a slight decline, and in Prince Edward Island, where no permits were issued in this month of either year.

The following are the details:-

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	December 1919	January 1920	January 1919	Jan. 1920, compared with Jan. 1919. Increase+ Decrease-					
				Amount	Per Cent.				
CITY			THE REAL PROPERTY.						
PRINCE EDWARD	8	8	8	8					
ISLAND	6,000	****							
*Charlottetown	6,000	Nil.	Nil.						
NOVA SCOTIA	347,483	207,385	151,450	+ 55.935	4 00 00				
Halifax	314,340	196,865	137,295	+ 59,570	+ 36.93 + 43.39				
*New Glasgow	300	. Nil.	Nil.	00,070	T 45.09				
Sydney	32,843	10,520	14,155	- 3,635	- 25.68				
New Brunswick	67,600	66,860	9,550	+ 57,310	L 000 10				
*Fredericton	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	7 37,310	+ 600.10				
Moncton	67,600	54,860	9,550	+ 45,310	+ 474.45				
St. John	Nil.	12,000	Nil.	+ 12,000	474.43				
QUEBEC	828,151	537,105	84,599	+ 452,506					
Montreal	658,401				004100				
Maisonneuve		227,655	60,154	+ 167,501	+ 278.45				
*Shawinigan Falls	91,150	110,650	20,095	+ 90,555	+ 450.63				
Sherbrooke	Nil. 15,600	4,700	Nil.	+ 4,700	****				
Three Rivers	15,800	1,000	500 3,850	+ 500 + 143 250	+ 100.00				
Westmount	47,200	46,000	Nil.	A WALL WILLIAM	+ 3,720.78				
			*****	+ 46,000	****				
DATARIO	3,252,786	2,610,898	666.963	+ 1,943,933	+ 291.46				
Belleville Brantford	700 000	3,000	600	+ 2,400	+ 400.00				
*Chatham	78,325 45,610	172,820	2,650	+ 170,170	+ 6,421.51				
Fort William	850	8,450 550	3,800 500	+ 4,650	+ 122.37				
Guelph	4,100	8,600	2,500		+ 10.00				
namilton	180,750	116,650	174,250	+ 6,100 - 57,600	+ 244.00				
Ringston	143.885	6,655	2,267	+ 4,388	- 33.06 + 193.56				
Kitchener	17,380	6,350	99.600	- 93,250	- 93.62				
Kitchener London *Niagara Falla	431 200	29,685	17.530	+ 12,155	+ 69.34				
*Oshawa	75,250	Nil.	3,300	- 3,300	***				
	112,400 118,575	2,100 79,010	51,050	+ 1.700	+ 425.00				
*Owen Sound	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	+ 27,960	+ 54.77				
Peterborongh	3,243	4.900	190	+ 4.710	+ 2,478.95				
Port Arthur	1,714	1,170	3,588	- 2,418	- 67.39				
Stratford	1,455	4,198	180	+ 4.018	+ 2,232.22				
St. Catharines	29,125	11,060	17,780	- 6,720	- 37.80				
St. Thomas	64,050	2.800	3,200	- 400	- 12.50				
*Sarnia *Sault Ste. Marie.	30.439 575	35,720 8,200	-9.500	+ 28,220	- 276.00				
Toronto	1,838,125	1,469,330	6,900 225.375	+ 1.300	+ 18.84				
welland	350	1,200	15,255	+1,243,955 -	+ 551.95				
Windsor	73 060	635,950	26,550	+ 609,400	- 92.13 + 2,295.29				
*Woodstock	2,325	2,500	Nil.	+ 2,500	1 * 1 * 1 * 1 * 1 * 1 * 1				
MANITOBA	158,610	00 000							
	7.160	88,202 1,252	90,400 Nil.	- 11,198 + 1,252	- 11.27				
St. Boniface.	2,000	500		+ 1,252 + 500	****				
Winnipeg	149,450	86.450		- 12,950	- 13.03				
	00 000	AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON							
Moose Jaw	90,855 48,900	55,075			+ 707.55				
Regina	12,400	12,250 12,400			+ 1,431.25				
Saskatoon	29,555	30,425			+ 202.44 + 1,484.64				
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Coldani	53,600	54,650		+ 32,650	+ 148,41				
Calgary	34,000	52,000			+ 190.56				
	19,600	2,650	4,000	1,350	+ 190.56 - 33.75				
RITISH COLUMBIA	251,113	336,072	125.532	+ 210,540	+ 167.79				
New Westminst'r	9,500	9,950							
Vancouver	118,453	271,317			+ 80.91 + 246.97				
Victoria	59.350	33,725			+ 112.44				
Frince Eupert.	45,310	20,330	22,800	2,470	10.83				
Nanaimo	18,500	750	3,160	- 2,410	76.27				
otal-50 cities	\$5,056,198	\$3,956,247	\$1,166,316	\$2,789,931	+ 239.21				
otal-35 cities	84,717,139	\$3,868,797	81,100,601	82,768,196	+ 251.52				
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^{*} Not previously reported.

CANADA'S EXPORTS INCREASE \$30,000,000

Imports Also Show Large Gains—Foreign Trade Makes Some Big Advances

CANADA'S trade for the twelve months ended February 29th, 1920, shows large gains, as compared with the previous year. Total imports for the year were \$993,870,100, while in the preceding period the figure was \$935,266,472. Total exports for the twelve months were \$1,295,277,176, as compared with \$1,265,646,785 for the previous year.

Canada imported from the United Kingdom goods to the value of \$106,605,527, as against \$74,806,773 a year ago, an increase of over \$31,000,000. Exports to that country declined, however, the figure now being \$507,091,477, compared with \$546,790,141 at the end of February, 1919. Imports from the United States totalled \$764,185,943 during the past twelve months, which is approximately the same as in the previous period. Exports to that country show an increase of \$2,000,000. Trade with British colonies shows a slight falling off in some cases. Some big advances in foreign trade are being made, however.

The following is the summary of Canadian trade for the twelve months ended February 29th, 1920, with comparisons, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics:—

	Twelve N	February		
	1918	1919	1920	
IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION	8	\$	8	
Dutiable Goods		528,010,603 407,255,869	649,076,63 344,793,46	
Total imports (mdse.)	978,516,842	935,266,472	993,870,10	
Duty collected	162,861.605	159,061,948	177,766,26	
EXPORTS		STATE THE PARTY		
CanadianForeign	1,562,588,114 46,387,713	1,216,316,432 49,330,353	1,246,341,60 48,935,57	
Total exports (mdse.)	1,608,975,827	1,265,646,785	1,295,277,17	
IMPORTS BY COUNTRIES		SECTION SECTION		
United Kingdom	83,901,839	74,806,773	106,605,52	
Australia	2,330,339	4,974,470	1,431,22	
British East Indies	15,032,141	16,190,976	14.868.28	
British Guiana	7,313,402	6,433,167	6,928,10	
British South Africa	595,874	1,291,016	660,59	
British West Indies	10,830,004	8,857,904	11,091,31	
long Kong	1,856,973	2,280,156	2,082,38	
Newfoundland	2,889,720	3,141,673	2,013,89	
New Zealand	3,329,782	7,901,813	3,304,41	
Other British Empire	1,787,461	1,073,809	1,180,46	
argentine Republic	1,330,892	1,353,964	2,258,50	
Brazil	912,262	1,269,562	1,765,35	
hina	1,278,343	1,989,186	1,117,73	
Suba	1,121,953	2,649,763	13,712,52	
rance	5,325,766	3.716,338	8,818,03	
taly	778,510	600,087	836.16	
apan	11.861,084	13,412,873	13,487,76	
etherlands	1.036,702	501,998	1,955,46	
Inited States	807,033,859	764,213,181	764.185.943	
Other Foreign Countries	17.869 936	18.607,763	35,566,43	
EXPORTS BY COUNTRIES	874,157,192	546,790.141	507,091,473	
ustralia	8,095,753	13,220,983	12,388,774	
tritish East Indies	3,950,992	3,430,791	6,604,20	
ritish Guiana	1,987,914	2,371,791	3,150,78	
ritish South Africa	5,224,158	11,505.527	8,788,20	
British West Indies	6,617,934	9.526.521	11.100,188	
long Kong	1,025,491	1.011,844	1,038,436	
ewfoundland	9,866,752	11,465,138	15,464,670	
ew Zealand	4,121,155	5.162.321	7,697,829	
ther British Empire	1,585,515	2,628,480	7.661.894	
rgentine Republic	1,202,301	4.043,755	6,362,788	
razil	1,118,136	4,021,616	2.309.134	
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nited States	412,103,503	454,898,642	456.668,817	
ther Foreign Countries	14,643,860	15.650.394	. 92,310,978	

Colonel C. Douglas Hamilton, of Vancouver, proposes that the government be asked to form a nucleus of an insurance fund, with the \$40,000,000 appropriated for unemployed veterans and add to it by other means for the purpose of establishing some form of insurance for the thousands of veterans who fought and in many cases were stricken in health, but got no pension or no financial benefits.

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Moncton, N.B .- Scovils, Ltd., \$24,000. Owen Sound, Ont .- McFauls, Ltd., \$40,000. Alice Arm, B.C.-Acme Club, Ltd., \$10,000. Guelph, Ont.-Regent Textiles, Ltd., \$500,000. Edson, Alta.-Jellis Trading Co., Ltd., \$25,000. Lindsay, Ont.—Fisher, McFadyen, Ltd., \$30,000. Wetaskiwin, Alta.-Union Garage, Ltd., \$25,000. Kelowna, B.C.-Kelowna Fruit Co., Ltd., \$10,000. London, Ont.-Langemarck Hall Co., Ltd., \$40,000. Drumheller, Alta.—Sunshine Coal Co., Ltd., \$50,000. Desboro, Ont.-Desboro Telephone Co., Ltd., \$10,000. Blairmore, Alta.-Blairmore Coal Co., Ltd., \$500,000. Cornwall, Ont .- McIntyre and Campbell, Ltd., \$40,000. Port Haney, B.C.-Gambier Timber Co., Ltd., \$25,000. Wynyard, Sask.—Small Lumber Yards, Ltd., \$20,000. Alfred, Ont .- The Bolt Cheese Factory, Ltd., \$2,000. Napanee, Ont .- Palace Road Cheese Co., Ltd., \$10,000. Eastburg, Alta.—Liberty Mutual Telephone Co., \$1,630.44. Woodstock, Ont .- Spring Creek Telephone Co., Ltd., \$630. Kincaid, Sask .- Kincaid Fraternal Hall Co., Ltd., \$10,000. Arnprior, Ont.—New Era Manufacturers, Ltd., \$25,000. Township of Sullivan, Ont .- Victory Telephone Co., Ltd., \$8,400.

Mair, Sask.—Mair Horse Breeders' Association, Ltd., \$2.500.

Riviere-du-Loup, Que. — Le Saint-Laurent, Limitee, \$10.000.

Port Arthur, Ont. — Atlas Manufacturing Co., Ltd., \$40,000.

St. Lambert, Que.—Standard Export Lumber Co., Ltd., \$24,000.

Richmond Hill, Ont.—John H. Dunlop and Son, Ltd.,

Grand Prairie, Alta.—Grande Prairie Masonic Co., Ltd.,

New Westminster, B.C.—Westminster Ice and Creamery, Ltd., \$50,000.

Froude, Sask.—Froude Community Development Co., Ltd., \$1,750.

Chatham, Ont.—Ontario Corn Growers' Co-operative, Ltd., \$25,000.

Township of East Oxford, Ont.—Ingleside Telephone Co., Ltd., \$1,500.

St. John, N.B.—Jack's, Ltd., \$2,500; W. Hawker and Sons, Ltd., \$25,000.

Alhambra, Alta.—Alhambra and Horseguards Mutual Telephone Co., \$25,000.

Millerton, N.B.—Millerton Hall Co., Ltd., \$3,000; Derby Lumber Co., Ltd., \$49,000.

Hamilton, Ont.—International Appraisals, Ltd., \$40,000; S. S. Forbes, Ltd., \$40,000.

Prince Albert, Sask.—O'Neill, Rennie and Co., Ltd., \$20,000; George Will, Ltd., \$10,000.

Hull, Que,—Le Club des Italiens, Limitee, \$2,000; Provincial Club, Incorporated, \$10,000.

Quebec, Que.—Joncas, Malouin and Rousseau, Limitee, \$20,000; Roch Lumber Co., Ltd., \$20,000.

Kitchener, Ont.—Kitchener Kirkland Mines, Ltd., \$3,-000,000; Ames Holden Felt Co., Ltd., \$400,000.

Ponoka, Alta.—Meiklejohn, Laubman, Halvorsen, Ltd., \$20,000; Rose Lynn Collieries, Ltd., \$100,000.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Dominion Motor Car Co., Ltd., \$100,-000; Saskatoon Hart-Parr, Ltd., \$20,000; Commercial Bags, Ltd., \$20,000; Saskatchewan Grocers, Ltd., \$10,000.

Victoria, B.C.—British Columbia Yacht and Boat Builders Co., Ltd., \$10,000; Bishop and Worthington, Ltd., \$10,000; Port Renfrew Logging and Lumber Co., Ltd., \$50,000.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Standard Land Co., Ltd., \$20,000; Premier Atheltic Club, \$2,000; Kent and Brown, Ltd., \$199,-000; Merchants, Ltd., \$100,000; Standard Securities, Ltd.,

Edmonton, Alta.—American Investors, Ltd., \$20,000; Northern Meat and Grocery Produce, Ltd., \$20,000; Lines Implements, Ltd., \$15,000; Coutts Machinery Co., Ltd., \$20,000; Spruce Ridge Lumber Co., Ltd., \$20,000; Peace River Packers, Ltd., \$250,000; Anglo-Canadian Importers, Ltd., \$20,000.

Vancouver, B.C.—Vancouver Recreation Parks, Ltd., \$50,000; National Silver Mines, Ltd., \$1,500,000; Vancouver Mining Syndicate, Ltd., \$25,000; Canada United Finances, Ltd., \$250,000; Bailey-Johnson Logging Co., Ltd., \$50,000; Terminal City Lawn Bowling Club, Ltd., \$15,000; Mahood Mines, Ltd., \$1,000,000.

Calgary, Alta.—Stevens Alberta Co., Ltd., \$50,000; Diamond Liquor Co., Ltd., \$25,000; Riverside Foundry, Ltd., \$24,000; Middle West Wine Co., Ltd., \$10,000; Distillers' Distributing Co., Ltd., \$10,000; Bow Valley Supply Co., Ltd., \$10,000; Robinson and Co., Ltd., \$100,000; Eldon Mines, Ltd., \$1,000,000; Dominion Vaudeville Co., Ltd., \$10,000; R. O. Ranch, Ltd., \$250,000; General Securities, Ltd., \$20,000; North-Western Oil Holdings, Ltd., \$100,000.

Toronto, Ont.—Hill and Co., (Exports and Imports), Ltd., \$200,000; Ontario Builders, Ltd., \$50,000; Langley's, Ltd., \$250,000; The Drimilk Co., Ltd., \$150,000; Ontario Belting Co., Ltd., \$40,000; Federal Feldspar, Ltd., \$40,000; Auto-File Card-Index, Ltd., \$50,000; Silbar Cobalt Mines, Ltd., \$1,500,000; Port Stanley Nukol Co., Ltd., \$600,000; Power-Keachie, Ltd., \$40,000; Bilton Brothers Co., Ltd., \$200,000; Gowganda Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., \$40,000; King Kirkland Gold Mines, Ltd., \$2,500,000; Parisian Products Co., Ltd., \$40,000; A. Stein and Co., Ltd., \$5,000.

EQUITY LIFE'S BUSINESS INCREASED

Premium income of the Equity Life Insurance Co. for the year 1919 was \$100,970, compared with \$87,621 for 1918. Interest also increased from \$28,916 to \$34,521, making the total income for the year \$135,491. Payments to policyholders totalled \$46,282, and expenses, \$33,577, leaving an excess income of \$55,631. During the year 461 policies for \$832,693 were placed, and 2,583 policies, for a total of \$3,682,603 are now in force.

Assets of the company total \$668,607 the principal investments being first mortgages on real estate, \$323,658; municipal and government debentures, \$222,992, and loans on policies, \$95,344. The reserves required on policies in force, \$601,178, and, after providing for other liabilities, a surplus of \$45,327 to policyholders remains. In addition to this, there is the \$318,600 of capital subscribed but uncalled.

WEYBURN SECURITY BANK'S PROFITS LESS

Net profits of the Weyburn Security Bank for the year ended December 31st, 1919, were \$62,220, compared with \$74,343 for the year previous. Dividends at 7 per cent. per annum were paid, requiring \$33,506; \$4,900 was written off fixtures, \$4,407 appropriated for war tax on circulation, and \$6,269 for business profits tax for the years 1917 and 1918. Ten thousand dollars was transferred to reserve fund, and \$8,545 carried forward in profit and loss, compared with \$5,457 brought forward from 1918. Last year \$40,000 was added to reserve, but dividend payments, taxes, etc., were not so large.

The volume of business shows a small increase, total assets being \$4,588,163, compared with \$4,517,119 at the end of 1918. Savings deposits increased by \$34,000, but demand deposits are reduced by \$577,000. The balance due to the Dominion government is \$629,306, compared with \$103,873 at the end of 1918. Circulation shows an increase of \$18,000. Among the assets, holdings of coin and notes have increased from \$213,618 to \$235,633, holdings of securities are greatly increased and balances due by other banks reduced.

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News of Industrial Development

Fraser Companies Have Extensive Plans—International Paper to Develop Grand Falls Power—Guelph to Get Large Motor Truck Plant

F URTHER important developments in the Canadian pulp and paper trade, are indicated in some recent announcements. The Fraser Companies, Ltd., one of the most extensive pulp and paper corporations in Eastern Canada, is applying to the New Brunswick legislature for an act of incorporation with "power to erect, construct, maintain and operate a dam at or near the Tobique Narrows, in the county of Victoria, for the purpose of generating, developing, selling, distributing, using and disposing of hydro-electric power and with power to erect, construct, maintain and operate pulp and paper mills and other manufactories," and various other rights.

The primary intention is to have extensive paper mills at the Tobique Narrows, as well as a ground-wood pulp mill in connection therewith, and that the pulp manufactured at Edmundston at the Fraser Companies' plant there, will be brought to the proposed new paper mill for manufacture, while pulp supplies will also come from the new pulp mill, for which, it is said, the company have ample sources for securing wood. This proposition involves many millions of dollars. The authorized capital at the outset will be probably \$1,000,000, but with authority to increase the amount to \$5,000,000. It all depends upon whether the company is able to obtain a workable charter or not from the legislature.

International Paper Plans

The International Paper Co. has determined to expend the necessary \$100,000 this year in the power development at Grand Falls, N.B., to comply with the provisions of the Act of the New Brunswick legislature, and thus retain their rights for which they have already posted \$60,000 with the provincial government. An official announcement to that effect was made by a representative of the International interests, last week at Fredericton.

While the International Paper Co. is thus prepared to comply with the conditions necessary for the retention of their rights, it is also declared that there is little likelihood of the complete development plans at the Grand Falls being proceeded with under present economic conditions. It is understood that engineers have advised that not less than \$9,000,000 would be required to carry out the plans which a few years ago were estimated to cost \$3,000,000.

More than 160 million feet of lumber has been cut in the Miramichi district, New Brunswick, this season, and is now ready to be brought out by the spring's driving operations which will soon commence. The cut on the Southwest Miramichi amounts to more than 100 millions, and the increase over last year's operation is almost 70 per cent., the output last year being about 60 million feet. The biggest operators this year are the Fraser Companies, Ltd., whose total cut on the Southwest Miramichi amounts to about 31 million feet, while the Miramichi Lumber Co. are next with 23 millions, and D. J. Buckley has about 15 million feet.

The cut on the Northwest Miramichi amounts to a strong 60 million feet. The Sinclair Lumber Co. have about 10 millions coming out and so have the Ritchies, Burchills and one or two other concerns. The Miramichi Lumber Co.'s cut on the northwest branch has been about 7 millions, bringing their gross output up to about 30 million feet during the past winter.

Guelph Motor Truck Plant

The Guelph, Ont., Chamber of Commerce has announced that the city has secured the Commerce Motor Trucks, Ltd., the Canadian factory of the Commerce Motor Car Co., Ltd., of Detroit. The federal charter is now being applied for, and plans have already been prepared for the erection of a large motor truck factory. Building on the factory is to

start within the next 30 days, and the directors hope that the building will be complete and ready for occupancy by next October. The new industrial concern will give employment to 500 men, when they start manufacturing, and indirectly will also give employment to another 2,000, as it is the intention of the company to purchase locally many of the parts that will be required for the assembling of their motor trucks. The parent concern was established in Detroit in 1910, and it now has a capacity of 12,000 trucks annually. The Canadian company will be designed to equal the one in Detroit.

The directors of the Canadian company are: Walter E. Parker, E. M. Baker, Charles L. Granger, Geo. D. Wilcox, all of Detroit; and J. M. Taylor, F. E. Partridge and J. E. Carter, of Guelph. In order to accommodate their employees, the employers will build several hundred houses.

Other Industrial Notes

A Canadian branch for the manufacture of structural steel devices, is to be established in London, Ont., at once, arrangements having been concluded by E. Begart, of Patterson, N.J. for the securing of a site in the city.

Representatives of American firms have been at Niagara Falls, Ont., looking for suitable sites and factory space to locate there. It is expected that the tenement factory building scheme will be soon carried through.

The Border Cities Wire and Iron Works, Walkerville, Ont., expects to double the capacity of its plant. The company was organized last January to take over the former business of the Page Co.

J. S. Fry and Sons, cocoa and chocolate manufacturers, Bristol, Eng., will establish a manufacturing plant in Montreal in the near future, as a result of their association with Walter M. Lowney Co., of Canada, Ltd.

Kitchener, Ont., is witnessing industrial expansion on a large scale. The Kauffman Rubber Co., will build a four-story structure, 80 by 80, at the corner of King and Francis Streets and the space of the Gies Foundry on Water Street will be increased by 7,000 square feet, by the erection of a two-story building on Charles Street. The Four Wheel Drive Co. have secured a new site off Count Hope Street, near Waterloo, where a series of factory buildings will be erected. The Lang Tanning Co. will also erect a sole leather tannery during the year. These industries will increase the number of employees by at least 1,000. Aggressive steps are being taken by local manufacturers and the Kitchener Construction Co. to provide sufficient number of houses to meet the demand.

Messrs. Geo. Cradock and Co., of Wakefield, Eng., manufacturers of wire and cable, will erect a large wire-rope factory in Vancouver, B.C., at the cost of \$250,000.

An important industrial congress in the Niagara district, Ont., for the first week in August, 1920, is being arranged by the Niagara District Industrial Association.

GUELPH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At the annual meeting of the Guelph Chamber of Commerce on March 26, Ald. Evan A. Macdonald was elected president for the year, succeding J. M. Taylor, who declined a further nomination. J. M. Taylor, J. W. Lyon and G. B. Ryan were made honorary presidents, subject to the approval of the members, and the following officers were also named: First vice-president, F. E. Partridge; second vice-president, Ald. H. Quarmby; secretary-treasurer, Mayor Westoby. A committee with G. Powell Hamilton as chairman was appointed, and A. Gibson and John Sutherland, sen., were appointed auditors.

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News of Municipal Finance

Edmonton Secures Bank Credit of \$1,000,000—Saskatoon's Assets are Over \$11,000,000 — Toronto Budget Calls for New Capital of Over \$8,000,000 — Montreal Revenue Showing Improvement—Fredericton Assessment Increased

Kingston, Ont.—The general tax rate this year has been fixed at 35½ mills, an increase of 7 mills over last year.

Galt, Ont.—The tax rate has been fixed at 39 mills, an increase of 9 mills over last year. The amount required to be raised this year is \$351,467, an increase of \$78,500.

Haileybury, Ont.—The tax rate for the year 1920 has been fixed at 46 mills for public school supporters and 52½ mills for separate school supporters. These figures represent an increase of four and a-half mills, respectively, on last year's rates, due to increased demands for money for educational purposes.

Sherbrooke, Que.—The municipal tax rate for this year will be 16½ mills on the dollar, an advance of 3 mills over last year. The school taxes, it is understood, will be six mills for the Catholic and nine for the Protestant ratepayers, the last being raised one mill over the rate for the past year. The budget which has been passed by the council, shows estimated revenue of \$705,762, and estimated expenditure of \$593,593.

Edmonton, Alta.—Arrangements have been completed between the city and the Imperial Bank of Canada, whereby the city's account has been credited with the sum of \$1,000,000. This has been secured by the assignment of 1920 taxes to meet the requirements of the city until May 15th, when the taxes will commence to come. in. The credit is simply to meet the current expenses of the city and will not involve any new program of capital expenditures.

Fredericton, N.B.—The city assessment for 1920 has been fixed at \$215,000, an increase of \$65,000 over last year. Under ordinary circumstances, the tax rate, which was \$2 last year, would be increased to something like \$2.60, but some \$700,000 or more will be added to the valuation for assessment purposes by the assessors as a result of adding womens incomes and making real estate values correspond with increased rental charges; thus the tax rate will probably not exceed \$2.25.

Regina, Sask.—Providing the city council adopts the estimates, the tax rate for public school supporters will be 37 mills, including 2 mills for provincial revenue, in the old city limits, and 34.8 mills in the annexes. The separate school rate will be 41.3 and 39.1 mills, respectively. The total amount to be raised for all purposes, including the public revenue, is \$1,561,700, of which \$933,692 is required for operating the civic machine. The levy will produce for the public schools, \$409,436; for the separate schools, \$41,120; for the library, \$30,059; for the collegiate institute, \$85,883, and for the provincial treasurer, \$61,508.

New Westminster, B.C.—Finance Chairman Keary has presented to the council for approval a program calling for a 35-mill tax rate; \$27,000 for street construction and repayment to the bank of an overdraft of \$130,000, which, in former years, has only been reduced by \$10,000 a year. At 35 mills, the receipts from the real estate tax is calculated to yield \$372,346. Last year, on a 32-mill rate, the total levy was \$407,000 odds. This means that the total amount which property owners are asked to contribute this year will be some \$35,000 less than last year, or equivalent to a reduction of three mills in the rate had the assessment remained the same.

Saskatoon, Sask.—According to the city auditor's report, the total assets of the city are now \$11,117,112. Total debentures issued to December 31 last amounted to \$8,893,691. The sound condition of the sinking fund, taking care of redemption of debentures, is also shown in the report, which states that the sinking fund at December 31, 1919, should have been \$1,628,066. It really amounted to \$1,662,

444. Sinking fund arrears, represented in non-collected taxes for the year 1919, thus totalled \$37,738. The total of debentures issued up to December 31, amounted to \$8,893,691. This, less waterworks, electric light, street railway and local improvement debentures, amounting to \$5,151,179, which are not included as in the city debt, leaves the city's net general debt at \$3,742,511; and this again, less for sinking fund in respect to the net general debt and debentures, redeemed which aggregate \$688,464, leaving the net debenture debt of the city \$3,054,056. Debentures mature in small percentages year by year, until 1940, when more than half, or 50.29 per cent. of the city's issues are payable. After this date, however, the city has the privilege of retiring all, or any part. or none of the debentures, on any interest date between 1941 and 1961. Interest payment dates are twice annually, April 1 and October 1. The total interest payable in 1920 on debentures and stock will be \$437,787, and sinking fund requirements for 1920 are estimated at \$152,006.

The net assessment of the city for taxation purposes is: Land and improvements, \$29,066,515; on business, \$363,558; on income, \$224,159; making a total of \$29,654,232. Exemptions, not included in the above, amount to \$2,669,955. The total tax rate for supporters of public schools, as before announced, is 40.40 mills, for supporters of separate schools, 42.30 mills and the total tax levy for 1920 is \$1,191,168. Total revenue for 1920 is estimated at \$1,534,403.

Montreal, Que.-The city's revenue returns for the first there months of this year compare favorably with a year ago. The outstanding accounts on the realty taxes now amount to \$3,937,663, as compared with \$4,831,664 a year ago, and with a larger collection roll as well. Regarding water and business taxes for last year, 90 per cent. of which had been collected on January 1st last, further returns up to March 20th indicate that the balances now due amount to about 2 per cent. on the whole. The amount of business taxes on the roll was \$1,353,884, and at the end of December. 1919, there had been collected the sum of \$1,289,397, leaving an unpaid balance of only \$64,486. Of this latter amount, there had been collected up to March 20th, 1920, the sum of \$32,781, which leaves an unpaid balance due of \$31,704a balance of 21/2 per cent., or representing again a total collection of 971/2 per cent. on the whole amount.

As the realty taxes are the greatest source of city revenue, the calculations run into many millions. The total amount on the 1919 roll was \$14,107,054, of which there had been collected between September 1st and December 31st the large sum of \$9,352,045, which left a balance due on January 1st last amounting to \$4,755,009. The collections on this latter sum during the months of January and February of this year amounted to \$817,345, and the balance still due when the last figures were available was \$3,937,663.

South Vancouver, B.C.—The total amount of tax arrears, not including tax sale properties, is \$550,547, not \$26,511, as stated in The Monetary Times of March 12th. Consolidated taxes collected in 1919 amounted to \$26,511. The amount of tax sale corporation purchases during the year was \$582,319. The figure, \$10,180, is not an improvement in the amount of sinking fund paid this year, as against the amount paid in 1918, as reported, but is an improvement to the amount stated in the balance of outstanding arrears now owing to sinking fund, as against the 1918 figure. Outstanding loans increased during the year by \$148,999. The bank balance at the end of 1919 showed a big increase, the amount being \$428,727, as against a balance of \$34,869 in the previous year. Total expenditure, given as \$1,393,418, includes temporary loans repaid amounting to \$275,000, and treasury bills retired, \$43,370, making a total of \$318,370, which

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**	"	1927	"	1001/2	**	"	5.45%
44	"	1933	66	1011/2	44	- "	5.35%
44	"	1937	"	103	"	"	5.27%
New	Issues	1924	"	991/2	44	"	5.75%
44	"	1934	"	97	44	46	5.80%

PROVINCIAL BONDS

Alberta	1922	Price	93.54	and Int.	Yielding	6.10%
Manitoba			84.58	66_	"	6.00%
Caskatahawan	1949		88.12	66	66	5.85%

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Saskatoon, Sask 1943			"	"	6.00%
Belleville, Ont 1922		100	"	" -	6.00%
Medicine Hat, Alta. 1944		80.35	"	"	6.65%
Kenora, Ont1921-39		Rate	"	**	6.25%
North Bay, Ont 1930		100	"	"	6.00%

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1	Date.	Ont.	Que.	Man.	Alta.	Sask.	B. C.	N.S.	N.B.	P.E.I.	Total.	1919.
Mar.	26th	 4	5	0	0	2	0	0	. 2	0	13	19
Mar.	19th			Fi	gures	not	yet	ava	ailabl	le.		16
Mar.	12th			Fi	gures	s not	yet	ava	ailab	le.		19
Mar.	5th	 1	7	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	16	11

THIRTY-THREE INCOME TAX OFFICES

Replying to a question by W. A. Buchanan, Lethbridge, in the Commons on March 29, Sir Henry Drayton stated that there are at present thirty-three places in Canada where officials of the finance department were located for the administration and collection of the income tax and the business profits tax. Steps are being taken to open further offices at Dauphin, Man.; Lethbridge, Alta.; and Prince Rupert, B.C. By provinces there are offices as follows: Prince Edward Island, one; Nova Scotia, two; New Brunswick, one; Quebec, two; Ontario, thirteen; Manitoba, two; Saskatchewan, six; Alberta, two; British Columbia, three, and Yukon Territory, one.

should have been deducted. Assets of municipality now amount to \$9,561,106.

St. Catharines, Ont .- The tax rate has been struck at

36 mills, an increase of 41/2 mills over last year.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—At a meeting of the city council, on March 30th, it was decided to take over the local line of the N., S. and T. Railway. The city solicitor was instructed to notify the company to that effect, and also the Ontario Railway Board of the appointment of a court of arbitration.

St. Thomas, Ont.—The tax rate this year will be 33½ mills. The city's assessment is \$12,830,231, an increase of \$1,585,420 over last year. Nearly \$600,000 is the total of the civic budget, of which \$57,879 will be required for interest and sinking fund on debentures.

Toronto, Ont.—The civic budget for 1920 features an increase in the general revenue of 16 per cent. over that of last year and a surplus from last year's operations amounting to 2.75 mills on this year's assessment, as compared with a surplus of 1.50 mills last year. The total revenue from miscellaneous sources (including surplus) available for meeting the city's actual expenditures this year is \$10,608,026. The estimates submitted call for an aggregate expenditure of \$29,890,129. There is left, therefore, a balance of \$19,282,103, between expenditure and revenue, to which is added \$188,997 for probable tax losses, or \$19,471,100 in all, to be raised by general taxation. It necessitates a rate of 30.5 mills on the assessment of \$637,771,320.

A comparison of the proportion of expenditure borne by taxation, general revenue and surplus in the budgets for 1919 and 1920 shows an increase in the latter and a decrease in the former. General revenue this year will provide 27.2 per cent. of the total moneys to be expended, while last year it provided 27.6 per cent., and taxation will provide 64.7 per cent., as compared with 68.5 per cent. last year. This decrease is made possible by an increase in surplus of 8.1 per cent. of expenditure as compared with 3.9 last year.

The surplus from last year is \$1,756,218. This consists of \$1,123,401 in net excess revenue over that estimated, and \$746,522 in net savings in appropriations, less \$113,705 for unprovided expenditures. A considerable portion of this surplus is due to savings in last year's appropriations on war account, interest on temporary loans and to excess revenue over that anticipated, the budget points out. This year nothing is included in the estimates for war purposes, with the exception of interest on war debt. Estimated revenue for 1920 amounts to \$8,192,681, an increase of \$1,-153,109 over 1919. This includes a provision of \$400,000, not appearing in other years, representing the revenue expected from the assignment or surrender of life assurance policies on soldiers. It is a special source of revenue applicable only in 1920. In reference to capital requirements, the budget states that the total new capital to be raised in 1920 is \$8,-156,895, involving annual debt charges of \$735,200. About half of this will be for non-self-sustaining services, upon which the annual debt will approximate \$365,000, and must be raised by general taxation, adding over half a mill to the

The permanent debt, represented by debentures outstanding, which will mature and be redeemed this year, is \$4,179,831. Thus, if the works now proposed are proceeded with, amounting to more than eight millions, the debt will be increased by about four millions, it is pointed out. The total debt charges amount to \$8,901,107, of which \$4,578,397 is for interest, \$4,247,710 for redemption of principal and \$75,000 for exchange and other purposes. Special receipts and revenue from self-sustaining enterprises provide for \$4,082,624, or 46 per cent.; the balance has to be raised by general taxation. During the last six years, additions to non-self-sustaining debts have resulted in an increase of 50 per cent. in the tax rate for debt charges on such debts, rising from 5 mills in 1914 to 7.5 mills this year.

Government and Municipal Bond Market

Victory Bond Prices Again Increased—Manitoba Sells Bonds in New York—Greater Winnipeg Disposes of \$1,000,000 Issue—Option on Previous \$2,000,000 Exercised

THIS week was featured by the sale in New York of \$2,-850,000 province of Manitoba 6 per cent., 5-year bonds to a syndicate comprising J. P. Morgan and Co., the First National Bank, the National City Co., Harris, Forbes and Co., and Brown Bros. The bonds are being offered there at 95.84 at which price the yield is 7 per cent., and like the other Canadian issues which have lately been offered in the United States, are being absorbed rapidly. The province also has another issue to dispose of to the amount of \$1,769,000, and Hon. Edward Brown announces that public tenders will be called in the near future, and the money will be obtained if possible in New York.

Greater Winnipeg Water District has sold another issue of bonds amounting to \$1,000,000 to Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Co., at 98.389. The maturity is 20-years and the interest rate is 6 per cent., and at the price paid, the district paid about 6.14 for its money, which is somewhat above the rate on the last loan which was made in New York at the end of February.

When Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Co., and the Dominion Securities Corp., tendered for the \$2,000,000 6 per cent., 10-year bonds of the district at the end of February, they offered 87.25, New York funds for \$725,000 and a 30-day option on the balance at the same price. This option expired two or three days ago, and was duly exercised.

Victories Advance Again

Another advance in the prices of Victory bonds announced at the end of last week, is a promising sign for the Canadian government and municipal bond market. The

prices of all maturities were raised from ½ to 1 point, with the exception of the 1934's which are still at the old price of 97. The comparison of prices and the present yield are as follows:—

Maturity. 1st Dec., 1922	Present price.	Old price.	Present yield. 5.50%
1st Nov., 1923	. 9934	991/4	5.57%
1st Dec., 1927 1st Nov., 1933		100	5.42%
1st Dec., 1937		102	5.24%
1919 V	ICTORY LOA	N	
1st Nov., 1924 1st Dec., 1934	. 99	98½ 97	5.73% 5.80%

Coming Offerings

The following is a list of debenture offerings, of which mention is made in this or previous issues:-

Borrower.	Amount.	Rate %.	Maturity.	Tenders close.
CharleswoodR.M.,Man.	\$ 10,000	6	20-instal.	Apr. 3
Stamford Tp., Ont	20,000	6	20-instal.	Apr. 5
Mount Royal, Que	850,000	51/2	5-years	Apr. 6
Prince Rupert, B.C	362,000	6	Various	Apr. 14
Prescott, Ont	8,500	6		
Vermilion, Alta	26,000	61/2 & 7	20-instal.	

Vermilion, Alta.—Offering is being made by the town of \$20,000 6½ per cent. 20-instalment debentures and \$6,000 7 per cent. 20-instalment debentures.

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Prescott, Ont.—The town is offering \$4,500 6 per cent. 5-instalment debentures and \$4,000 6 per cent. debentures, due in 1929. No date is stipulated.

Debenture Notes

York Township, Ont.—The council has given authority for the issuance of \$35,000 debentures for school purposes.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—A motion is being considered by the city council to submit a by-law to the ratepayers on April 26, to raise \$250,000 for the purpose of constructing a trunk sewer.

Raymond, Alta.—Mayor Pack is asking more powers to raise money for the purpose of borrowing \$15,000 this year to carry out a paving program. A private bill must be passed

in the legislature for this purpose.

Sarnia, Ont.—Debentures are now being prepared for sale for the payment of the soldiers' civic gratuity, the by-law for which was passed at a special meeting of the 1919 city council, providing for the distribution of \$70,000 pro rata among Sarnia officers and men who served overseas, and who were residents of the city for six months prior to enlistment.

Montreal, Que.—The city council has voted the sum of \$2,409,637 which is practically the amount needed by the administrative commission for completing the aqueduct for a water supply, as well as what is required for the construction of a new low-level pumping plant. As the city commissioners are proposing improvements which will require an expenditure of \$4,500,000, they will be obliged to go again before the council for the balance.

Edmonton, Alta.—In regard to the debentures to be sold this year in connection with capital expenditure, the city's attention has been drawn to the large amount of treasury bills maturing early in 1921, for which some arrangements

will have to be made in 1920.

The city has secured the approval of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners to borrow close to \$1,500,000 this year, provided the ratepayers endorse the various by-laws under which the expenditures are to be made.

Ingersoll, Ont.—Members of the Board of Education have expressed the opinion that the board should not be asked to assume any responsibility for the sale of debentures for the new Central School, for which \$120,000 was granted through a vote of the people and an additional \$60,000 by resolution of the council, following circulation of a petition. The council feels that the board should authorize or endorse the payment of a commission for selling the debentures, while the trustees, though willing to help in any way to sell them, think there should be no resolution or other definite agreement.

Bond Sales

St. Anne R.M., Man.—Messrs. A. E. Ames and Co. have purchased \$57,263 5½ per cent. 30-instalment debentures.

Gonor S.D., Man.—Messrs. H. J Birkett and Co. have purchased \$3,950 7 per cent. 20-instalment debentures of the school district.

Brantford, Ont.—City Treasurer Bunnell reports that two-thirds of the \$150,000 treasury notes offered to local citizens have been taken, but mainly by the larger class of investors.

Cape Breton County, N.S.—The Nova Scotia Trust Co. has purchase, and is offering \$75,000 6 per cent. debentures, dated March 1st, 1920, and due March 1st, 1927, at par and interest. The bonds are issued under the authority of the Nova Scotia Highways Board for the construction of roads, and are guaranteed by the province.

Manitoba.—A syndicate, composed of J. P. Morgan and Co., the First National Bank, the National City Co., Harris, Forbes and Co., and Brown Brothers and Co., have purchased \$2,850,000 6 per cent. 5-year gold bonds, dated April 1st, 1920. The bonds are the direct obligation of the province, and both principal and interest of bonds will be payable in gold dollars at the office of J. P. Morgan and Co.

Sandwich, Ont.—The town has awarded to the National City Co., Ltd., at 97.82, two issues of bonds as follows:

\$67,334 15-years 6 per cent., \$87,598 10-years 6 per cent. Bids were received as follows:—

National City Co., Ltd	97.82
A. E. Ames and Co	
Brent, Noxon and Co	97.30
Wood, Gundy and Co	97.08

Niagara Falls, Ont.—An issue of \$100,000 of bonds of the city has been awarded to the United Financial Corporation, Ltd., Toronto and Montreal. The bonds bear 5 per cent. and are repayable in twenty instalments. The money is to be spent for the erection of a technical high school and collegiate institute. This is in addition to the issue of \$63,000 for public school purposes purchased by the United Financial Corporation a few days ago.

Greater Winnipeg Water District, Man.—The commissioners have sold to Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Co. and the Dominion Securities Corp. \$1,000,000 6 per cent. 20-year bonds at 98.389. Tenders received were as follows:—

Wood, Gundy and Co. and the Dominion	
Securities Corp	98,389
A. E. Ames and Co	
W. A. Mackenzie and Co., A. Jarvis and Co.,	
R. A. Daly and Co., and R. C. Mat-	
thews and Co	94.21

ST. JOHN DRY DOCK AND SHIPBUILDING BONDS

An offering of \$884,276 St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., 5½ per cent., first mortgage serial gold bonds, dated July 5, 1919, and maturing from 1920 to 1954, is being made by Messrs. W. A. Mackenzie and Co., Toronto. Principal and interest are to be paid by Dominion of Canada, by semi-annual subsidy.

The St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., was organized for the purpose of building and constructing at St. John, N.B., a graving dock of the first class, together with a shipbuilding yard. The dock will accommodate vessels of the largest size afloat, and will alone cost \$5,500,000. In order to assist in the promotion and construction of this work the government of the Dominion of Canada, under authority of "Dry Dock Subsidies Act, 1910" and the "Dry Dock Amendment Act, 1917," provides an annual subsidy of \$247,500 per annum, payable half-yearly. This subsidy is sufficient to meet the principal and interest on the total issue of bonds, amounting to \$3,826,272, with interest at 5½ per cent. of which the present issue is the first series.

Work having progressed sufficiently, the company is entitled to draw a portion of this subsidy amounting to \$28,599 half-yearly. This subsidy has been absolutely assigned to the trustee, and is sufficient to meet interest and principal on bonds amounting to \$884,276, which are now being offered, and which are part of the total authorized issue. The subsidy paid by the government is irrevocable and assigned absolutely to the trustee, the Montreal Trust Co., to meet the interest and principal on these bonds, and this subsidy cannot be diverted, reduced, changed, or in any way dealt with, but is absolutely the property of the holders of the bonds. In addition, the bonds when issued are a first and only mortgage on all the works, plant and equipment of the company.

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Union of Canadian Municipalities was held on Tuesday, 30th March, at Ottawa, under the chairmanship of Mayor Fisher, Ottawa, president. There were also present: Ald. Rondeau, M.D., Westmount, Que.; C. W. McCrae, treasurer, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Also the following officials: W. D. Lighthall, K.C., honorary secretary-treasurer; Fred. Cook, Ottawa representative; G. S. Wilson, assistant secretary-treasurer, and Fred. Wright, "Canadian Municipal Journal."

For the convention city, both Ottawa and Quebec put in claims, and this was left over to be decided by Mayor Fisher and Mr. Lighthall. Some changes were made in the financial arrangements, and other details were discussed.

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Trading in Outstanding Bonds Not So Brisk-Leamington Tobacco Stock Offering

DULLNESS has prevailed in the market for industrial securities during the past week. Trading in outstanding bond issues was not so brisk as previously, and no new offerings are being made of any significance. The Leamington Tobacco Co., Ltd., is making an issue of \$250,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock at par (par value, \$100), with a bonus of 50 per cent. common stock.

An issue that should be of interest to Canadian investors is that of the \$15,000,000 Anglo-American Oil Co. 7½ per cent. notes, due April, 1923. The Anglo-American Oil Co. is one of the largest oil marketing concerns in the United Kingdom, and is in reality the Standard Oil Co. interest operating in England. The issue is being offered in New York.

New Stock Distributions

In a circular just issued, the directors of the Canadian Salt Co. state that the distribution of stock authorized at the recent annual meeting will consist of an issue of 4,000 shares of capital stock to shareholders on the basis of one share of new stock to each two shares of stock now held.

Directors of the St. Maurice Paper Co., Ltd., the Three Rivers subsidiary of the Union Bag and Paper Corporation, have declared a 30 per cent. stock distribution to shareholders of record April 2nd, and payable April 5th. The Union Bag and Paper Corporation holds some 75 per cent. of the outstanding common stock capitalization of the St. Maurice company, and will, in consequence of the decision of the board of the Canadian subsidiary, receive some 11,500 shares of new stock.

The Provincial Paper Mills, Ltd., is being formed to carry on the business heretofore conducted by the Provincial Paper Mills Co., Ltd. A meeting of the shareholders has been called for April 3rd next to arrange for the transfer. The new company will take over all the assets and obligations of the old. The transfer is to be made on a basis of one share of preferred in the new company for one share of preferred in the old, and for every two shares of common now held, three shares in the new company will be given.

Brandram-Henderson Bonds

The annual report of Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., in regard to the debentures of the company, says:—

"It will be noted that there is a marked decrease in the total of current liabilities. This is due to the elimination of the item, "Loans from Bank," which last year appeared as \$444,706. This has been accomplished and other important advantages secured by the issue of \$1,250,000 twenty-year 6 per cent. consolidated mortgage sinking fund gold bonds, some \$655,000 of which were sold early in the year 1919. As projected in the last report, the balance of these consolidated bonds has been dealt with by placing \$345,000 in escrow

to retire a like amount of first mortgage bonds outstanding, while the balance, \$250,000, is held, only to be issued at some subsequent date, to the extent of 75 per cent. of the cost of any future capital expenditure."

TRADING LIGHTER ON LOCAL EXCHANGES

Atlantic Sugar Again Heads Montreal Market with Reduction in Price of More Than Four Points—New York Stocks Irregular

FOLLOWING the break on March 24, the New York market rallied, stocks rising from 2 to 20 points. Easier money conditions and the announcement of the \$10,000,000 shipment of gold from London had the effect of creating buoyancy. Call loans which were at 15 per cent., dropped to 12 per cent. on March 25, and on the following day to 6 per cent., remaining there, until March 29 the rate again rose to 12 per cent., leaving the prices net lower in most issues. On March 30, trading was lighter of volume and more restricted than in any session in several weeks, and prices were irregular throughout the day. Call money did not go above 10 per cent.

Trading on the Montreal exchange was lighter of volume than in the previous week. Atlantic Sugar lead with total sales of 13,190 for the week ended March 30, with a drop in price from 89% to 84%. National Breweries was fairly active with a turnover of 7,015 shares, the closing price being 51%, a gain of 2 points over last week. Spanish River with sales, of 4,899 and Brazilian with sales of 2,925 experienced a drop of % of a point and 1 point respectively. Provincial paper rose 20 points in the past week closing at 128, although the turnover of shares was not large. This rise is accounted for by the new stock plans of the company, which are expected to be announced at a special meeting on April 3. The general tone of the market, as a whole, is better, although several stocks show extreme weakness.

Little activity was displayed in Toronto, outside of Brazilian Traction and the steel issues. Brazilian lead with total sales of 1,775, the closing price being 46½, a drop of 1 point from the level of the previous week. Steel of Canada remained unchanged at 82, while preferred gained a fraction of a point. National Steel Car preferred advanced nearly one point at 38%, with sales of 1,120. Most of the other industrials displayed weakness. Bank stocks registered further declines, while some advances were made in the loan and trust division.

All the Canadian stock exchanges are now operating under new time. The Montreal hours are 9 a.m. to 12.30 and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Toronto and Standard exchanges open at 9 a.m. and close the morning session at 12 noon, reopening again at 1 p.m., and concluding the day one hour later. These changes are to conform to the sessions of the New York exchange, owing to the daylight saving regulations which have gone into effect there, and will only be necessary until May 2, when such regulations come into effect in Canada.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Quotations furnished to The Monetary Times by A. J. Pattison, Jr., & Co., Toronto (Week ended March. 30th, 1920.)

1	Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask	As a second second second	Bid	Ask	The state of the s	Bid	ı Ask
Alta, Pac. Grainpref. Amer. Sales Bk.7% pref.	87	91	Carter Crumecom.			Inter. Milling pref.	86	92	Page Hersey pref-	-	7101
Attier, Sales BR. 7 6 pret.	98	****	pref.			King Edward Hotel.com.	70	75	People's Loan	78	86
Ames-Holden Tire com.	40		Cockshutt Plow 7% pref.		70	"7's	75	80	Robert Simpson.6% pref.	78	82
Belding Paulcom.	59.50		Col'gwood Shipb'dg6's	92.50	96	Lambton Golf	525	575	Rosedale Golf	325	375
pref.	RS		Crown Life	86	105	Loew's (Montreal). pref.	80	86	South Can. Power pref.	70	76.50
Brantford Roofingcom.	95	09	Davies, William6's Dom. Iron & Steel 5's 1939		102	(Ottawa)com.		14.50	Steel & Rad6's	****	78
British Amer. Assurance	10		Dom. Power & Tpref.	73	76.50	Manufacturers Life	33	41.75	Sterling Bank	103	107
Burns, P., 1st 6's	98		Dunlop Tire 7% .pref.	00 00	99	Maritime Coal	7.50	12	Sterling Coalcom.	20.50	22.50
Can. Furniture pref.	25		Eastern Carpref.	92.50	95.50	Massey-Harris	100	110	Sun Life	150	****
Can. Machinery com.	38	40	6'8		95	Mexican Nor. Power5's	9	****	Toronto Paper6's		97
"pref.	63	70	Frontenac Breweries	75	78	Mississauga Golf	53	65	Toronto Power.5's (1924)	100 TO 10	88
" "6's	80	82	Goodyear Tire 796 pref.	92	97	Murray-Kay7% pref.	88.25	93	Trust & Guarantee	73	78
Can. Marconi	3.30	3.85	Great West Life	200		National Life	41		United Cigar Stores pref.		****
Can. Mortgage	65.50	71	Harris Abattoir 6's	96	100	North-Amer. Pulp	6	6.75	Western Assurance	14.50	17.50
Can. Oilcom.	53	xiva	Home Bank	93	97	Northern Life		125	Western Grocers pref.		81
Can. Woollens com.	44	51	Imperial Oil	130	137	Nova Scotia Steel6%deb.	80	86.50	***************************************		****
**************************************	****	****	Imperial Tobaccocom.	5	6	Ontario Pulp.6's x-talons	88	93		2000	****

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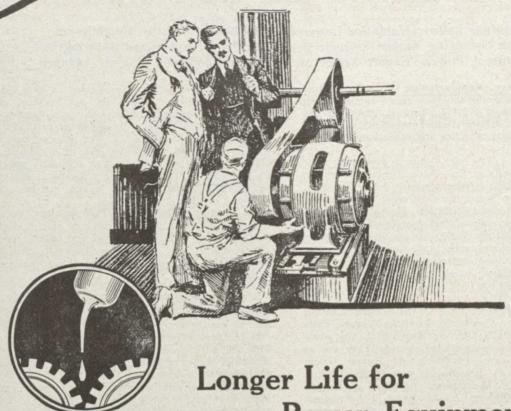
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MONTREAL AND TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGES

Sales and Closing Quotations for Week ended March 31st, 1920. Montreal Figures supplied by Burnett & Co., Montreal.

Stocks	м	ontre	al	1	oron	to	Stocks	M	ontre	al	1	oron	to
	Asked	Bid	Sales	Asked	Bid	Sales	THE RESERVE TO SERVE	Asked	Bid	Sales	Asked	Bid	Sales
Abitibicom.	326	325	780				Riordon Pulp & Paper Cccom.	179	1783	460	177		50
Ames-Holden-McCreadypref.			71				Rogers, William Apref.				67	65	10
Asbestos Corporationpref.	106	105%	150	****			Russell Motor Carpref.				100	97 85	10
Atlantic Sugarpref.	891	91 89	60 13190	eal		685	Sawyer-Masseypref.			****	95 16	92	
pref.		125	269	871	868	135	Scotia pref.				63		50
Bell Telephone	iii	1093	71	109	107	370 43	Shawinigan Water and Power Co	112		182			
Brazilian T. L. & P. Cocom. British Columbia Fishing & Packing Co	47½ 60	47	2925	46à 60	46 59	1775	Sherwin-Williamspref. Shredded Wheat			3		140	
Bermpton Burt Co. F. N	82	81	955	99	95	10	Smelterspref.			55		90	610
pref.				102	100	****	Spanish River Paper & Pulp Cocom.	931	93 129 4	4889 2600	92½	92	30
Canada Breadcom.	70		325	28 691	27 684	105	Steel Company of Canadacom.	811	81	1170	82	811	598
Canada Foundries & Forgingscom.	94 235	931	264 165	96	93	10	St. Lawrence Flour Mills Cocom.		98	57 175	99		49
Canada Steamship Lines Ltdcom.	74 821	73 82	267 228	73 821	72 81½	100 408	Tooke Broscom.	71世		95		70 88	
Consider Conf. Foundary voting trust	65		95 265		****		Toronto Railway	52	50	75	51 46	50 45	140
Canadian Car & Foundry	1042	****	320	66 104	102	****	Tuckett Tobacco Cocom.	54	50		54	50	
Canadian Converters	70 91		25			****	Twin Citypref.				37	35	25
Canadian General Electricpref.	****		232	105	1043	81	Western Canada Flour	821	82	787	140		
Canadian Ironcom.	****			103			Winnipeg Street Railway		***		38	35	****
Canadian Locomotivepref.	464	461	110	97	****		" (Vou.)	77.7	100	155			
Canadian Pacific Railwaypref.	****	****		911	135	5	Wabasso	****	106	155	***	***	****
Canadian Salt			160	****	****	****	Commerce			104	191		31
8" " pref.			70				Dominion				203 190	200	42
City Dairy		****			97		Hochelaga	158	****	6	****	100	****
Coniagas Mines, Ltd	281	281	410	3.20	3.10		Imperial	190	****	76	190	189 189	243
Consumers Gas	****	****		143	141 50	25	Molsons		188	54		210	
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co(\$1 per share)		1103		57 37	34		Nova Scotia Royal			10 36	270	218	****
Detroit Railwaypref.	111	1102	2094 110		****	****	Standard		219		218	216	18 53
Dome Mines(\$10 par)	104		130	13.50	13.00	445	Toronto		157	14	194	157	11
Dominion Cannerscom.	641	64	1020	65	64	15 6	Loan and Trust						
Dominion Coal			70	881		****	Canada Landed & National Invest				170	148	
Dominion Glasspref.	66	65	75 50	****	****	****	Canada Permanent Mort, Corporation Colonial Investment & Loan				178 71	175	85
pref.	712	87è 71±	885	710	71	335	Hamilton Provident & Loan				1131	146	
Dominion Steel Corporation	80		209	****	****	10	20 % paid					104	
Dominion Telegraph	128	1271	1821		911		Landed Banking and Loan London & Canadian Loan & Agency				145	141	10
Oodwins Limited	****	30	5	25	201	****	Ontario Loan & Debenture					204½ 160	
Hillcrest Collieries	****	82	***				Real Estate	****				150	9
Howard Smith Paper Millscom.	791	70	75 112	80	****		Toronto General Trusts		****			206	
Holt Renfrewpref.	***	801		****	****		Toronto Mortgage.		****		****	134	
Illinois Tractionpref. International Petroleum Co(\$5 par)	****	***	444		46.00		Asbestos Corporation	781		13000			
Kaministiquia	190	189	13	****		1111	Bell Telephone			6500		94	500
Lake of Woods Milling Copref.				89	50	1500	Canada Cement.	93	922	21000			
La Rose Consolidated (\$5 per share) Laurentide Co	97	962	1550	33		****	Canadian Locomotive	94			93		g
Lyall Construction Co	88 341	341	25 370	****			Canadian Steampship(Deb.)		****	55200	793		****
Mackay Companies		****	****	783	77 69	46 120	City of Montreal (May, 1923)			260	****		7
Maple Leaf Milling Cocom.		100		185	175	50 10	Dominion Canners	****			95	92	
Monarch Knittingpref				****	75	****	Dominion Iron and Steel	85 95	84½ 94¢	1000 28500	951	95	33000
Montreal Cottons, Limited	84		15	89	87		Dominion of Canada War Loan	95	94	23100	943	948	19600
Montreal L. H. & P pref.	88	878	481		****	****	" Victory Loan1922	98	972	109500	981	98 994	70700
Montreal Telegraph Montreal Tramways		1441				****		****		****	993	991	1650
deb.		512	14500 7015	1				****			101 103	1011	2250 120450
National Breweries	3111	****	150	****			Dominion Cotton	97	961	10000	****		
National Steel Car Co		****		39	6 38		Dominion Textile						
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Cocom.	****				11.50	555	Blectrical Development		111.		921		
······pref.	250	14	4		****	****	Montreal Light, Heat and Power41%						****
Ogilyie Flour Mills Co	****	105		****	****		Montreal Tram. Nova Scotla Steel.		eol	9500			****
Ontario Steel Products	564	56	720		1111	****	Penmans	90	895	8500	90 82½	89	
Ottawa Light, Heat & Power	****			361			Price Bros	63	623	8500	67	62	
pref.		1101	200	82	110		Rio de Janeiro			772.0			
Penman's Limited	120	118	200	120	116		Riordon	94	93			78	8500
n. Mto Ricocom.	****	****	****	****	32	25	Sherwin-Williams	****			971	96	****
n. Oil	318 125	315	1105 140	****		50	Steel Co. of Canada Sterling Coal			100		97 80	
n. Woollens Paper	271	27	561	ani	120	****	Wayagamack	86	****	2100	***		
ight, Heat & Power Co.	-11	41	301	271	261	**	Windsor Hotel	80		7000			****





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Winnipeg Railway Valuation Lowered \$9,000,000 by Utilities Commission— High Operating Expenses Cause Decline in C.P.R. Net—Good Showing by Montreal Power—Export Trade of Brandram-Henderson Making Advance

Port Hope Sanitary Manufacturing Co.—The annual statement of the company for the year ended January 31st, 1920, shows a net profit of \$79,411. Current assets of the company amount to \$302,834, and current liabilities, \$71,116. Reserves, including income war tax and other contingencies, amounts to \$83,688.

Winnipeg Street Railway Co.—According to the report made by the Public Utilities Commission before Commissioner MacDonald in the street car fare case, the valuation of the company is placed at \$20,023,236. E. Anderson, K.C., counsel for the company, claimed that there should be added to this amount approximately \$1,000,000 for under-valuation and \$8,000,000 for intangibles, such as working capital, going value, property worn out and destroyed, and increase in land values and franchise values. In all, the company claimed a total valuation of \$29,000,000.

Canadian Niagara Power Co.—At the annual meeting of the Canadian Niagara Power Co. and the Niagara Falls Power Co. at Niagara Falls, Ont., on March 26th, the members of the respective boards were re-elected. They are as follows: Canadian Niagara—President, A. Monro Grier; general manager, Paul A. Schoellkopf; vice-president, Wm. H. Brouse; secretary, F. L. Durdan; treasurer, W. Paxton Little. Niagara Falls Power Co.—Chairman of directors, Jacob L. Schoellkopf; president, Paul A. Schoellkopf; vice-president, C. P. Hugo Schoellkopf; vice-president and general counsel, Morris Kahn, Jun.; secretary, Frederick L. Lovelace; treasurer, W. Paxton Little.

Ames-Holden-McCready, Ltd.—The annual meeting of the company was held in Montreal on March 25th last, and, with two exceptions, the board of directors was re-elected. W. B. Wiegand, formerly chief chemist of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., was added to the board, and Lieut.-Col. C. W. McLean was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shirley Ogilvie.

The annual report was read and approved, and during the meeting the president, T. H. Reider, stated that the tire factory at Kitchener was in operation, the tire exhibit at the meeting being one of the first manufactured by the company. After adjournment, the shareholders made a tour of inspection of the extensions to the Montreal factory, which is being equipped to produce rubber and canvas footwear, automobile tubes, waterproofed fabrics, etc.

Canadian Pacific Railway .- Net earnings of the company for February, 1920, according to the monthly statement just made public, amounted to \$713,873, which figure is \$267,242 under the level reported in the corresponding month a year ago. Gross receipts from operation in the month were the most substantial ever reported by the company in any Feb. ruary since its existence, the gain in this respect being almost \$2,500,000 over the figures for the same period in 1919, and over \$4,000,000 in excess of those for February 1918. Working expenses, on the other hand, increased by \$2,760,179 in the month, bringing about the poorer exhibit in the net for the period. The ratio of working costs to gross earnings in the period stood at 94.73 per cent., against 91.12 per cent. in February, 1919, while for the two expired months of the current calendar year the ratio was 95.27 per cent. compared with 89.48 per cent. in the corresponding period last year.

Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co.—In January, 1926, the company reported gross earnings of \$1,081,800, as against \$1,001,556 in the same month of the previous year, a gain

of \$17,244. Net earnings amounted to \$538,655, as against \$536,063, a gain of \$2,592, and the surplus, after charges, was \$448,496, against \$445,294. For the months of December and January, the total gross amounted to \$2,026,133, up from \$1,951,201, a gain of \$74,932. The net earnings were \$1,066,619, as compared with \$1,041,447, or a gain of \$25,172, and the surplus, after charges, was \$886,501, against \$859,827, an increase of \$26,674. The net February statement will, it is expected, show an even larger increase than the two previous months.

December, January and February are regarded as big months for consumption of gas and electric light, owing to the short days, but cost of coal and other products had the effect of lowering the net earnings. In view of this fact, however, the showing the company is considered to be an exceptional one.

Western Power Co. of Canada.—The annual report of the company shows that operating revenues in 1919 were \$472,522, as compared with \$448,709 in 1918, an increase of about 5.30 per cent. Operating expenses for the year amounted to \$185,486, an increase of \$22,067, or 13.50 per cent. over 1918. The chief causes of the increase were higher wages and taxes, exchange on transfers of funds to New York to pay first mortgage bond and debenture coupons and large appropriations for maintenance and depreciation. Non-operations for maintenance and depreciation. Non-operations revenues decreased \$5,943 and gross income decreased \$4,198, or 1.43 per cent. During the year \$39,814 was expended for construction, the most important items being extensions to the transmission and distribution systems to supply power to new customers.

Total assets are \$12,687,536, of which \$11,233,492 is property account, capital liabilities are \$5,850,000, and funded debt \$6,500,000.

The company operates in Vancouver and district states, and because of the reduction of the amount of power supplied to the British Columbia Electric Railway, Ltd., necessitated by a period of low water in Stave Lake in October and November, the revenue from that source was about one per cent. less than during the preceding year, while the increase in commercial lighting sales was slightly greater than the decrease in commercial power earnings.

Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd .- The annual statement of the company for 1919 shows gross profits of \$4,000,940, as compared with \$5,367,120 in 1918 and \$6,040,318 in 1917. The necessity in both the latter years of making allowances for the excess cost of construction of coke ovens and other plant due to war conditions did not exist last year, thus rendering the showing in the way of gross earnings at well up to the levels of the best record reached by the company in this respect. After allowance was made in the 1918 and 1917 statements for these writings off, there remained a balance a year ago of \$3,932,669, and in the previous period. one of \$4,233,832, as against the 1919 showing of \$4,000,940, so that the earnings result of the year, so far as application to ordinary requirements is concerned, ranks second only to the record performance of 1917, when war conditions and their resultant prosperity to the iron and steel business were at their zenith.

The balance sheet shows further strengthening in the position of the company. Total assets are now \$47,660,389, as compared with \$45,652,831 in 1918. Current assets, although somewhat below the 1918 figure, show that the working capital of the company is in a splendid position. Cash on hand amounts to over \$2,000,000, and inventories total over \$5,500,000. Investments in other enterprises, including coal and ore properties, increased in the year by

nearly \$1,500,000 to \$3,734,545, while securities set aside for special purposes, embracing Steel of Canada stock set aside for employees and other uses, showed an addition of some \$850,000 in the period, standing at \$1,037,147 at the end of 1919.

On the liabilities side, current liabilities amount to \$3,598,799, compared with \$3,706,154 last year. Reserves have been increased over \$1,000,000, the figure now standing at \$8,972,516. The surplus for the year is given as \$8,195,302, as compared with \$7,322,872 in 1918.

Brandram-Henderson, Ltd.—The company, in its statement for the fiscal year to December 31st, 1919, reports a period of steady expansion in sales. The year was one of unusual interest in general trade circles, because of the uncertain conditions which prevailed for many months after the armistice. While the foreign sales of the company during the earlier months of the year showed a decrease, in the latter months there was a very steady growth of export shipments, and at the end of the year the foreign business represented a larger percentage of the total than ever before. As the same time, there was no falling off in any portion of the home trade, and each Canadian division reported a half-yearly increase, as well as an increase for the whole year.

The company has acquired an interest in the Pacific White Lead Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, and an arrangement has been made by which the entire direction of the sales and general conduct of the affairs of the company has been assumed by the Brandram-Henderson organization. Of equal importance has been a new arrangement that has been effected by George Henderson, president of the company, whereby Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., will be able to sell its white lead products in practically all parts of the world. This has been made possible through a new arrangement with Brandram Brothers and Co., of London, England. This new arrangement has already proved of great advantage, and the company has found it advisable to considerably increase its production of white lead at the works at Montreal.

An examination of the general statement of assets and liabilities shows the company has now worked itself into an unusually strong position, as the total current assets amount to \$1,610,703, as against current liabilities of only \$339,410. The principal items in current assets include merchandise, \$1,069,903, and accounts receivable, \$529,689. Current liabilities are made up chiefly of accounts payable, \$233,136, and bills payable, \$61,182. There is a marked decrease in current liabilities, as last year they amounted to \$802,622. This is due to the elimination of the item, "Loans from Bank," which last year appeared as \$444,706. This has been accomplished, and other important advantages secured by the issue of \$1,250,000 20-year 6 per cent consolidated mortgage sinking fund gold bonds, of which \$655,000 were sold during the past year.

The profit and loss account is for the twelve months' period to December 31st, and shows net profits for the year of \$299,736, as against \$238,133, shown in the last report.

The 1918 profits, however, were for a period of thirteen months. These profits, added to the balance of profit and loss carried forward from the previous year, amounting to \$501,519, and a special reserve of \$20,000 for depreciation against a contingency which was apprehended in the last report, but which did not occur, brought the total available for distribution up to \$821,255.

DIVIDENDS AND NOTICES

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL AND COAL COMPANY, LIMITED

DIVIDEND NOTICE

A dividend of two per cent. (2%) on the Preferred Stock and one and one-quarter per cent. (1¼%) on the Ordinary Stock of the Company has been declared, payable on the 15th of April, 1920, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 31st, 1920.

By Order of the Board.

THOMAS GREEN, Cashier.

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, March 20th, 1920.

MARCUS LOEW'S THEATRES, LIMITED

The directors have declared a dividend of 1%% on the Preference Stock and a Dividend of 5% on the Common Stock for the quarter ending the 31st day of March, 1920.

The above dividends are payable on the 15th day of April to Shareholders of record on the 31st March, 1920.

By order of the Board.

SAMUEL D. FOWLER,

Secretary.

Toronto, 29th March, 1920.

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DOMINION TEXTILE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND

A dividend of one and three quarter per cent. (1%%) on the Preferred Stock of the Dominion Textile Company, Limited, has been declared for the quarter ending 31st March, 1920, payable April 15th, to shareholders of record March 31st, 1920.

By order of the Board.

JAS. H. WEBB,

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Montreal, 22nd March, 1920.

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RECENT FIRES

Largest Fires This Week at Fort Frances, Ont., Glace Bay, N.S., and London, Ont.—No Heavy Losses

Algonquin, Ont.—March 24—A barn and several outbuildings, owned by Blake Edwards, a farmer, were destroyed. Cause, explosion of lantern.

Alvinston, Ont.—March 26—Two large barns belonging to Alex. Meikle were destroyed. Some grain and other feed, with implements, were burned. Estimated loss, \$5,000.

Cannifton, Ont.—March 24—Public school was destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$11,000. Insurance carried, \$4,000.

Danville, Que.—March 25—Barn belonging to Pierre Roy was damaged. One death.

Fort Frances, Ont.—March 26—The Canadian National Railway roundhouse was destroyed. Cause unknown.

Glace Bay, N.S.—March 27—High school was badly damaged. Estimated loss, \$15,000.

Haileybury, Ont.—March 29—House situated on Little Street, occupied by W. Howard, was badly damaged. Estimated loss, \$2,500. The Farr Block was also damaged.

Kitchener, Ont.—March 31—Fire destroyed the storage sheds of the Baetz Furniture Co.. Damage estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The fire department was able to prevent damage to the main building.

London, Ont.—March 29—Cow barn and granary belonging to the Ontario Hospital for Insane were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$10,000.

Nicolet, P.Q.—March 22—Normal school building was destroyed. Estimated loss, \$400,000. Insurance carried, \$150,000.

Quebec, Que.—March 24—Tannery premises of Oscar Clement, situated at 24 St. Helene Street, were damaged. Cause unknown.

St. Catharines, Ont.—March 28—Store, dwelling and three other cottages owned by Charles M. Gibson, three miles from the city, were damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

Toronto, Ont.—March 26—Garage belonging to the Scholes Estate, situated at 13 St. Enoch Square, with three trucks belonging to the World Publishing Co., was damaged. Cause unknown. Slight damage was also done to Booth Brothers, printers, and the California Wine Co. Estimated loss, \$1,500.

March 29—Building occupied by James Barrington, 205 Spadina Avenue, was damaged. Cause, gasoline explosion. Estimated loss to building, \$1,000, and to contents, \$700.

Condensed Advertisements

"Positions Wanted," 2c per word: all other condensed advertisements. 4c. per word. Minimum charge for any condensed advertisement, 50c, per insertion. All condensed advertisements must conform to usua style. Condensed advertisements, on account of the very low ratel charged for them, are payable in advance; 50 per cent, extra if charges

EX-NAVAL OFFICER (Accountant Branch), full war service, English Public School Boy, 17 years resident in Canada (banking), all Provinces but two, is visiting London at end of April and would execute commissions of any kind that will bear closest investigation. References. Box 283, The Monetary Times, Toronto.

WANTED.—An old-established General Agency in Winnipeg, with first-class business connections and writing facilities, requires a Manager for Casualty Department, writing all lines of miscellaneous insurance. Excellent opportunity for an energetic man, familiar with the business, and who can produce results. Apply in first instance, stating fully qualifications, etc. References required. Box No. 285, The Monetary Times, Toronto.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

Acton Vale, Que.—March 12—Plant of the Acton Biscuit Co., Ltd., was damaged. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$67,430. Insurance carried in the following companies: British Colonial, \$5,000; Mount Royal, \$3,000; Missisquoi and Rouville, \$1,000; Mercantile, \$9,500; Mutuelle de Commerce, \$3,000; Strathcona, \$5,000; Sterling, \$1,500; Stanstead and Sherbrooke, \$2,000; Phœnix of London, \$5,000; Nationale de Paris, \$2,500; Canada, \$2,500. Total, \$40,000.

Manitoba.—According to the fire chief's report, the fire loss of the province in February was \$93,151, as compared with \$74,184 for the corresponding month in 1919, showing an increase in the fire loss of \$18,967. Winnipeg's fire loss for February was \$49,434 in 54 fires, as compared with \$27,934 in February, 1919, in 50 fires. Brandon's fire loss for February was \$13,920, in four fires, being an increase for the same period last year, as no fires were reported as having occurred during February, 1919.

Montreal, Que.—March 17—Plant of the Barrett Co., Ltd., situated on St. Hubert Street, was damaged. Cause, presumed to have been from a spark from a locomotive or a defective wire. Estimated loss, \$75,000. Residence of Mrs. Renaud, 101 Mount Royal East, was damaged. Cause, carelessness with matches. Estimated loss, \$125. Insurance carried, \$500. Shed belonging to Wilfred Rogers, 945B St. Denis Street, was damaged. Cause, carelessness with matches.

Port Arthur, Ont.—March 9—The Port Arthur car barns were destroyed. Estimated loss, \$90,000. Cause, presumed to have been from one of the following:—1. Having no watchman nor system of night patrol. 2. Smoking permitted by employees in and around the pits and tracks, and matches thrown around carelessly. 3. Tracks oil-soaked, rubbish and debris heaped around indiscriminately, oily rags and other inflammable material. 4. Use of locally made heaters in the pits, which have not been approved either by the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, or the Hydro-Electric Commission. 5. Lights on flexible cords carried and used everywhere without protection. 6. Spontaneous combustion.

Port Arthur, Ont.—March 9—Car barns, together with four street cars, owned by the Public Utilities Commission, were destroyed. Cause unknown. Estimated loss, \$65,000. Insurance carried, \$211,000.

Veregin, Sask.—February 23—Grain elevator, occupied by the Veregin Grain Co. and owned by Matechuck and Podovinnikoff, was destroyed. Cause, spark from engine on side track. Estimated loss, \$28,000. Insurance carried, \$12,000.

Vancouver, B.C.-Fire Chief Carlisle has submitted the following report of fire losses for the month of February:-The total loss sustained by fire for the month of February was \$5,263, of which amount, \$3,953 was covered by insurance, leaving the property loss above insurance at \$1,310. The total value of the property at risk was \$477,820, with insurance to the amount of \$339,870, carried on same. The following will show the cause of fires, alarms, etc.:-Backfires (carburetter), 2; bush fires, 18; carelessness with cigarettes, 3; chimney fires, 19; defective boiler (Turps), 1; defective chimneys, 3; defective fireplaces, 1; defective oilfeed pipes (furnaces), 2; electrical origin (short-circuit-wiring), 1; false alarms, 7; hot ashes placed in wood on porch, 1; overheated boiler, 1; papers on hot furnace pipe, 1; smoking in bed, 1; sparks flying, 7; spontaneous combustion, 1; unprotected furnace-pipe, 1; unprotected stove-pipe, 1.

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A new office building in Winnipeg is to be erected this year by Credit Foncier Franco Canadien according to an announcement just made by J. H. Bourgouin, manager of the company for Manitoba. A frontage of 73.65 feet has been secured in Smith St., at about \$1,000 per foot. The company will occupy the ground floor and lease the upper floor.

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