

# SEVERE 'QUAKE AT 'FRISCO

## The Heaviest Shock Since the Great Disaster of 1906

A despatch from San Francisco says: A sharp earthquake in some parts of the State, the severest shock since the big one of 1906, was experienced throughout the central part of California on Thursday night about 10.45 o'clock. The vibrations were long and undulatory, but slow. The duration was from one and a half to four seconds. The shake was felt as far south as San Luis Obispo, but did not extend far north of San Francisco. No damage was reported. The San Francisco people were generally aroused.

In the telegraph offices virtually every operator left his key. This caused a report to come from Portland that some of the San Francisco wires had been interrupted. In two San Francisco theatres where the last act was closing, scores of spectators jumped to their feet. In one house there was a decided movement from the galleries toward the exits, but it was promptly stopped by a policeman. The shock was principally severe on a line running north from Monterey through Watsonville, Santa Cruz and San Jose.

# BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES

## Five Large Armored Ships and Five Protected Cruisers.

A despatch from London says: The navy estimates, which have just been issued, amount to over £40,000,000, which is an increase of nearly £5,000,000. The new construction for the year will cost £13,279,830, against £8,885,194 during the past year. The new programme includes five larger armored ships, five protected cruisers, 20 torpedo-boat destroyers, and a number of submarines. On April 1 there will be under construction seven battleships, three armored cruisers, nine protected cruisers, 37 destroyers and nine submarines. The estimates further provide for

an increase of 3,000 men in the personnel of the navy, and the completion during 1911 of two floating docks to accommodate the largest battleships. These will be stationed at Portsmouth and Medway. Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, in an explanatory statement, announces the formation of a new naval mobilization department and a permanent navy council, consisting of the First Sea Lord, as president, the directors of the naval intelligence and naval mobilization departments and other officials, to deal with all matters relating to preparation for war.

### 125 Preparations Under One Trade Mark.

A most striking example of the growth of the Trade Mark idea in Canada is being announced for the first time today in the newspapers throughout the Dominion. It is the "NA-DRU-CO." line of about one hundred and twenty-five toilet and medicinal preparations, compounded by the National Drug & Chemical Company of Canada, Limited.

All these preparations bear the NA-DRU-CO Trade Mark, the shield with the red cross, prominently displayed, and to make the line still more distinctive each article is attractively dressed in a pleasing shade of red. In their first advertisement, which appears in this issue, The National Drug Company feature this Trade Mark. They point out some of the important advantages to every family in Canada of a thoroughly reliable, easily recognized line, covering practically every household need in the way of toilet and medicinal articles, and guaranteed by a responsible firm.

### TEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Whole Family Destroyed in North Carolina Fire.

A despatch from Roxboro, N.C., says: John Wagstaff, his wife and eight children, negroes, were burned to death at their home, seven miles northwest of Roxboro, on Thursday night in a fire which destroyed their home.

### GREAT FIND OF MINERALS.

Grand Trunk Pacific Opening a Rich Country.

A despatch from Montreal says: News was received at the Grand Trunk Pacific offices on Saturday that the engineers working on the construction of the new line, 100 miles east of Prince Rupert, have discovered an immense area of mineralized rock, carrying gold values of from \$1 to \$40 a ton, and even larger values of silver, lead and copper. The main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific cuts through the mineralized area, which, so far as can at present be ascertained, extends from the Kitselas canyon far into the interior, through the hills at Hazelton and the Babines and Hudson's Bay mountains. At Hazelton the finds include a vein of 96 inches of solid galena ore. On Hudson's Bay mountain, which lies just across the Bulkley Valley from the Babine range, ore has been found which gives an average of \$100 per ton in gold, silver and lead. Many prospectors are now in the district, and considerable development work is being done on the numerous prospects.

Edmonton is to have a packing house to be built by P. Burns & Co. at a cost of half a million.

Walter W. Paul, Provincial officer at Gowganda, was dismissed for "conduct injurious to the public service."

# WATCH FOR HALLEY'S COMET

## It Can Now Be Seen With an Ordinary Field Glass.

A despatch from Cambridge, Mass., says: Halley's comet may now be seen on nights when conditions are favorable with the aid of an ordinary field glass. Prof. E. C. Pickering, director of the Harvard Observatory, says: "The comet is at present in the twilight region. It is in the line of the sun, and its brightness is dimmed by the lustre of the great centre of the solar system. Besides, it has not yet attained its greatest size. When it makes a traverse of the sun it will have attained its maximum brilliancy. That will be on May 31. It will be visible all through April, but will be at its brightest in May.

"About that time, if clouds do not obscure it, it will be a dazzling sight. About a third of the heavens will be colored with a fiery gold. Its great flashes of light will play from one part of the heavens to another, and the scenes will be remembered for generations. Halley's comet has been noted for its brilliant displays.

"There is absolutely no danger to the earth from the comet. The earth is going to shoot through its tail like a cannon ball through our atmosphere. The idea that any harm will come from the poisonous gases is ridiculous. When the comet is nearest the earth we shall be 14,000,000 miles away."

# STOMACH MISERY



**MR. ALCIDE HEBERT**  
Stratford Centre, Wolfe Co., Que.  
"I have been completely cured of a frightful condition of my Stomach through the wonderful fruit medicine 'Fruit-a-tives'. I could not eat anything but what I suffered awful pain from indigestion. My head ached incessantly. I was told to try 'Fruit-a-tives' and sent for six boxes. Now I am entirely well, can eat any ordinary food and never have a headache."  
ALCIDE HEBERT.  
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c. At all dealers or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

### FOUR MEN BADLY HURT.

Fell With a Staging at Ragged Chutes, Cobalt.  
A despatch from Cobalt says: Several men engaged at Ragged Chutes by the Cobalt Hydraulic Power Co. had a narrow escape from a fatal accident on Wednesday morning. Four foreigners were badly injured, and removed to Cobalt hospital, one with a broken leg, another with a broken arm, and all badly cut about the head and body. Only meagre details are known, but it appears the men fell with the staging on which they were working, the supports evidently having been defective.

Fire did considerable damage to the new German battleship Posen.

### IMMIGRANTS FOR ONTARIO.

Sailing From Britain This Month and Next.  
A despatch from London says: A large percentage of the emigrants sailing in March and April are going to Ontario. It is rumored that the C. P. R. Empress steamers will use Fishguard as a port. Another rumor is that the C. P. R. intend building two additional steamers of greater size and speed than the Empress boats.

### FIVE BLOWN TO PIECES.

Man Drove a Nail Into a Package of Dynamite.  
A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says: One white man and four Chinamen were killed on Saturday in an explosion at Tunstall Bay, Bowen Island. The explosion was felt as far away as Nanaimo, Vancouver and Seland. The five men were packing dynamite in a shed, and one drove a nail into the explosive, causing the fatality. All five were blown to pieces.

### BAD KICK FROM A HORSE.

Mr. I. S. Kelly, of Markerville, Alta., says: "We have proved Zam-Buk of great value on the farm. I was kicked by a horse and sustained a nasty wound, which finally turned to an open sore. This caused me considerable pain, but as soon as Zam-Buk was applied, I got relief. In a short time Zam-Buk completely healed the wound. My father sustained a bad burn on his leg, which for a long time would not heal. Zam-Buk healed it, and brought on a covering of new, healthy skin all over the wound in a few days." Zam-Buk is a sure cure for all skin injuries and diseases, piles etc. All druggists and stores at 50c a box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price.

### BANKS AS DEVELOPERS OF OUR RESOURCES.

Without the sinews of war and the necessary facilities for doing business very little progress can be made in any country.

Without our enterprising Banks ready at all times to provide the facilities with a quick transaction of business; ready at all times to open Branches in the most out-of-the-way places, the progress and growth of this country during the last ten years would have been greatly retarded.

Everyone can recall how quickly the Banks responded to the need of stable progressive Banking conditions in the Yukon when that District was opened some years ago. A latter and more recent example exists in the new Branch of the Traders Bank recently opened at Porcupine.

The Porcupine Branch of the Traders Bank was opened before even proper transportation facilities could be had—opened at a time when regardless of the future of the district nothing but a heavy loss in doing business could be expected by the Bank—opened also when the need was greatest—when it was most necessary to facilitate Mining transactions, property transfers and transmission of Cash, Deeds and Documents in connection with the opening of this District.

The Banks may truly be said to be our nation builders and to their credit it may also be stated that no better Banking system exists at the present time than that, that at present obtains in Canada.

In the North portion of New Ontario the Traders Bank has a string of Branches that afford exceptional opportunities for prompt and safe methods of conducting business. They now have Branches at Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Porcupine, Matheson and Haileybury.

# 9TH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Limited

HEAD OFFICE - NEW GLASGOW, NOVA SCOTIA  
GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Property and Mines—		Capital Stock—	
Cost of Properties owned and operated by the Company	\$12,582,191 23	Preferred	\$1,030,000 00
Current Assets—		Common	6,000,000 00
Inventories (raw and manufactured materials and stores)	\$1,134,258 84	Bonds—	
Ledger Accounts and Bills Receivable	662,280 15	Total Issues	\$6,000,000 00
Cash in Bank	207,929 15	Less in Treasury not issued	2,500,000 00
	2,003,568 14	Debtenture Stock	1,000,000 00
		Current Liabilities—	
		Pay Rolls and Accounts not yet due	\$ 132,550 86
		Bond Coupon due Jan. 1st, 1910	87,500 00
		Debtenture Stock Interest, payable Jan. 1st, 1910	30,000 00
		Quarterly Dividend on Preferred Shares payable Jan. 15th, 1910	20,600 00
		Quarterly Dividend on Ordinary Shares, payable Jan. 15th, 1910	60,000 00
		Bills payable and Cash advances	697,458 75
		General Reserve	\$750,000 00
		Special Reserve Accounts—	
		Reserve for General Depreciation and for unusual Expenses and Renewals	924,562 40
		Fire Insurance Fund	45,279 87
		Surplus Profit and Loss	336,807 33
	\$14,585,759 36		\$14,585,759 36

### ABSTRACT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DR.	CR.		
1909. Dec. 31. Interest paid on bonds and to bank, etc.	247,836 89	1908. Dec. 31. By balance	\$1,219,221 07
Interest paid on debtenture stock	30,000 00	1909. Dec. 21. By profits for year ended Dec. 31, 1909	907,949 00
Paid on sinking fund	35,700 00		
Dividend on preferred shares	82,400 00		
Dividend on Ordinary shares	60,000 00		
Bonus Stock Dividend on ordinary shares	1,000,000 00		
Directors' remuneration	12,500 00		
Transferred to reserve funds for depreciation, renewals, etc.	77,669 00		
Improvements and betterments to plant written off	52,173 58		
Commissions and Premiums on converting Bond Issues written off	184,453 54		
Transferred to fire insurance fund	7,629 68		
Balance carried forward	336,807 33		
	\$2,127,170 07	1909. Dec. 31. By balance	\$336,807 33

We have examined the Vouchers and audited the Books of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Limited, for the year ended December 31, 1909, and certify that the annexed balance sheet contains a true and correct statement of their affairs at that date.

J. HEYWOOD MACGREGOR, } Auditors.  
E. H. OXLEY, F.C.A., }

### DIRECTORS' REPORT.

Your Directors herewith submit their Ninth Annual Report, with statement of assets and liabilities, and abstract of profit and loss account, for the year ended December 31st, 1909. The profits for the year amounted to \$907,949.00, as compared with \$734,701.53 for 1908. In view of the depressed condition of business during the greater part of the year, this result should be regarded with satisfaction by the shareholders. The amount at the credit of profit and loss account on January 1, 1909, was \$1,219,221.07, against which the stock dividend of \$1,000,000.00, declared in December, 1909, was charged. The regular dividend of 2 per cent. quarterly has been paid on the preferred shares, and on Jan. 15th a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. was paid on the ordinary shares, and the Directors have declared further dividends of 1 per cent. on the ordinary shares, and 2 per cent. on the preferred shares, payable on April 15th to shareholders of record on March 31st, 1910. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 18th, 1910.

ROBERT E. HARRIS, President.