

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Notes of the Proceedings in the Canadian House of Commons

CANADIAN STEEL RAILS

Mr. Blair stated that he had contracted with the Sault Ste. Marie Company for 25,000 tons of steel rails for the Intercolonial. "We had," he explained, "a proposition from the manufacturer to put in a steel rail plant to manufacture these rails in Canada. This was a very important matter, and that they were capable of establishing a very efficient rail-manufacturing plant. The had ores of a superior quality, and the steel made from them would contain a percentage of nickel, which would be found in the rails this company proposed to make for us. This while it did not form an element in the price, would add materially to the durability of the rail. The establishment of this industry was contingent upon their securing from the Government a fair order, and an order for a sufficient quantity to guarantee them that they would have employment for their plant as a basis for the introduction of capital for the purpose." The price is \$32.60, the price paid for the last order to an American firm.

POULTRY FATTENING.

Mr. Hackett was told by Mr. Fisher that there are four stations for poultry fattening on Prince Edward Island. They are giving satisfactory results, and will be continued.

NEW POST OFFICES.

Mr. Newman was also told by Mr. Sutherland that since 1896, up to the first of March last, 1,671 new post offices were established in Canada, as follows: Ontario, 229; Quebec, 227; Nova Scotia, 167; New Brunswick, 85; Prince Edward Island, 23; Manitoba and the North-West Territories, 215; British Columbia, 123.

FRUIT PACKAGES.

The bill to provide for the marking and inspection of packages containing fruit for sale was read a third time and is passed.

TO AMEND GRAIN ACT.

Mr. Borden, Minister of Inland Revenue, gave notice of two Government measures. One is to amend the Grain Act and the other is to amend the General Inspection Act. The first is intended to give effect to the recommendation of the Commission which visited Manitoba and the Territories last year ago, and which also recommended respecting the grain trade in those parts of Canada. The bill will establish fixed grades for wheat and Manitoba and the Territories, and will be amended from the present one. The same as now provided for Minnesota and Dakota. The bill will also establish certain regulations with respect to scales and weights.

THE FRANCHISE ACT.

The House went into committee on the bill to amend the Franchise Act, 1896, and a long discussion took place on the first clause, which provides that the voters' lists to be used in an election shall be those which were in force on the day and date of the election. The sixty-day limitation on the date of 1898 is abolished. Many members of the House contended that the change proposed by the Government was a retrograde one; that by striking out the provision that the lists may be sixty days old, it would not be possible to print the lists at the Government Printing Bureau, but that the list would then have to be prepared by the provincial authorities and candidates put to unnecessary expense therefor. The measure was reported from the committee with the understanding that all its clauses would be subject to further revision should the Government on consideration decide to accept any of the amendments suggested.

SPECIAL ARMY ORDER.

White Flag Means a Court Martial in Future.

A dispatch from London says: The dissatisfaction over the frequency of surrenders and similar "regrettable incidents" is now met by the issue of a special army order directing that any officer or soldier who surrenders with the white flag or other token of surrender, shall be tried by a general court-martial.

CONVOY GOT THROUGH.

It Was Continually Sniped by Boers, However. A despatch from Pretoria says: The convoy which left here on March 27th with supplies and an enormous accumulation of mail reached Rustenburg safely. It was sniped continually on the way, but because of its strong escort was not openly attacked by the Boers. A Boer force numbering about 800 was seen hurrying toward the north. A reconnaissance was made toward them and a long occupied camp, just evacuated, was discovered. The convoy returned to Pretoria yesterday, bringing a large number of Boers with them. The Boers were accompanied by their families and belongings. Seventy railway trains, of which each could be required to hold of a ship able to transport tons of grain.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Well, dear, how they furnished their new house. Well, I didn't see a thing for less than \$100, but if they had studied what they might have done, they might have put more money into it.

The Spring isling.

EXACTLY SICK—ARE YOU WELL? The condition of the people in the spring is exactly what it was in the winter. It is a matter of fact that the people are exactly sick in the spring.

NEITHER.

Winter is over, but the people are still sick. The condition of the people is exactly what it was in the winter. It is a matter of fact that the people are exactly sick in the spring.

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MANUFACTURERS LIFE

A Statement Exhibiting Progress, Stability, and Success. It is always a pleasure to be able to review the financial statement of one of our Canadian institutions, especially when that statement exhibits progress, stability, and success. The report of the Manufacturers Life, published in today's issue, is one which shows such unmistakable signs of careful management, combined with a spirit of progress, that policyholders are to be congratulated, and these proposing to insure in it need no additional guarantee that their interests will be well protected.

In a year in which competition was very keen, the company received applications for policies amounting to over \$3,000,000, and issued policies for \$2,879,707. The company's volume of business was on the increase, and in 1900 the company disbursed to policyholders, for endowments, dividends, and death claims, the sum of \$1,277,854, added to the reserve fund for the security of policyholders \$328,456, did in excess at the same time its surplus by \$87,288.33.

A careful review of the company's business for the six years was made by Prof. Dr. James Mills, in which he showed that, while in 1894 the assets of the company amounted to \$283,321, they now have reached the large figure of \$2,779,176. As an indication of their excellent character, up to the 31st December in respect of the whole of the year, the expenses for several years past have shown a gradual decrease, and in 1900 the chairman stated that the ratio of expenses was about 14 per cent. less than it was two years ago. It is particularly pointed out by Mr. J. F. Junken, in his report, that the past year marked advances were made in all these respects which tend toward the building up of a sound and healthy institution. The cash income increased by over \$34,000; the assets by \$1,659,979; the policy reserve by over \$328,000; and the surplus account by over \$330,000; and the insurance in force by over \$100,000. These are handsome increases, and speak abundantly of the management and conduct of the company's affairs by Mr. J. F. Junken, its managing director.

The important step taken by the Manufacturers and the Temperance and General, in deciding to unite their interests, is one which will undoubtedly tend to secure even greater benefits to the policyholders, and in view of the thorough investigation made by the independent authority into the affairs of both companies, it is confidently believed that even more progress will be made by the combined companies in the future than has been made by either institution in the past.

PURE ROMANCE. Mrs. Henpeck—I saw a book to-day I thought of getting you. It was entitled How to Be Happy Though Married. Henpeck—Why, my dear, you know I never read fiction. THE LIMIT. Buster—I am having awful luck. I am now down to my last dollar. Dedbrooke—Eshaw, that's nothing. Wait till you are down to the last dollar of your last friend.

IN BED THREE YEARS. The Happy Ending of a Very Serious and Painful Case. Mrs. Hughes was very ill—bleeding and in constant misery, she suffered for four years, before she used Dodd's Kidney Pills—she is now well and happy. Morley, Oct. 4, Special—Nelson Lefflar, Justice of the Peace, of this place, vouches for the truth of the following interesting story, told by Mrs. Thos. Hughes.

Verification, however, will not be necessary to those who know Mrs. Hughes, as that lady is one of the most highly respected residents of Grey County, Mrs. Hughes says: "I was a great sufferer for four years. I was treated by four doctors, and a specialist from the United States. I tried nearly every kind of medicine I could hear of, but none seemed to do me any good. I was in bed for nearly three years. I had pains up my spinal column, in my head, over my eyes, across my back, and in my right side. For three nights at a time, I would never close my eyes in sleep. I was terribly bloated, so that I could not sit up or walk. My age was forty-one when I was taken sick. I have taken in all fourteen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and now I am strong, and able to do as good a day's work as I have ever been. The doctors said I had Rheumatism. They said nothing could be done for me. I was not able to eat anything, only corn starch or soup of some kind. My weight had increased from 112 to 147 pounds. I am now down to my normal weight again. I can never say enough for Dodd's Kidney Pills for I am satisfied that they saved my life. There are many ladies suffering as Mrs. Hughes did, although but few may be as low as she was. Dropped Kidneys are responsible for almost all the troubles that come to women in middle life, and no woman can afford to be careless when her kidneys are in any way threatened. What cured Mrs. Hughes of this very bad case, will cure any case. Dodd's Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever cured Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or Dropsy, and they have never failed. A SERIOUS BLUNDER. You made a great mistake in saying 'my daddy wuz lynched for hoss stealin'." Impossible replied the editor. No, sir! I know what I'm talkin' about—it wuz a mule he stole!

Rev. John Robertson, of the "City Temple," Glasgow, was entered on the charge of East London Baptist Tabernacle, Burdett Road.

PERSONALITIES.

Mme. Modjeska is no longer under a decree of banishment and may return to her Poland if she will. In his boyhood illness was the prevailing sin of Kitchener. His father sent him to a school for girls as a heroic remedy.

Senator Warren of Wyoming is the only man of his business in the senate. He is an undertaker in Cheyenne, although proprietor of a general store. Baron Armand Rothschild of Paris, the nephew of the late Baron Rothschild, will take over the direction of the Rothschild banking house in Frankfurt.

Former Speaker Thomas B. Reed says that he is eschewing politics not only in his actions, but in his conversations. He is a lawyer now, and a lawyer only. Two of the very greatest men of the nineteenth century were born on one and the same day—Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln, who both first saw light on Feb. 12, 1809.

Captain Nehenian Mayo Dyer, who commanded the cruiser Baltimore during the battle of Manila Bay on May 1, 1898, has been pined on the retired list by reason of the age limit. The Duke of Abruzzi, in honor of his own expedition, was the other day declared by the local government a citizen of Rome upon the occasion of his lecture on the polar regions.

Charles S. Francis, the new United States minister to Greece, is a splendid orator and in 1876, during his senior year at Cornell, won the single scull championship in the intercollegiate regatta.

Reformer Riis thinks that if Mrs. Nation were to use her hatchet in smashing the frying pans of Kansas she would accomplish more lasting good than can come from demolishing saloon glassware.

General Joe Wheeler in the course of a recent interview remarked that it was harder work being a soldier now than of old, because there were not so many autograph collectors in the days of the civil war.

Dr. James Warren Sunderland, founder of what is believed to be the world's first college for the higher education of women, recently celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday at his home in Collegeville, Pa.

The will of the late General Leonard A. Dickinson of Hartford leaves half of his residuary estate to St. Thomas' church in that city and one-fourth each to the Hartford Hospital and the Hartford Orphan Asylum.

Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston protested that he could not accept the brigadier generalship of the Second Brigade of the Massachusetts militia and was nevertheless chosen to the position. He has now declined it, saying he could not accept it without too great a personal sacrifice.

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Manufacturers Life Insurance Company

The Directors congratulate the policyholders and shareholders on the substantial progress made during the year, which has been the most satisfactory in the Company's history. There were received during the year 1778 applications for assurances amounting to \$3,038,389. The business actually taken up and paid for in each during the year amounted to \$2,468,703, and, leaving out single payment policies, the first year's cash premiums collected thereon was \$1,572,201, as against \$1,071,160 for the previous year, and \$1,000,000 for 1898.

The Assurances in Force amount to \$15,409,600, an increase of \$1,011,334 over the previous year. The Premium Income was \$500,875.01, showing the handsome increase of \$68,623.72. There were received for Interest and Reins \$47,461.11, making the total Income \$576,336.13, an increase of \$84,137.92. After paying the policyholders for claims, dividends, and surrenders, \$127,664.73, and providing for all other expenditures, the Assets were increased by nearly half a million dollars, of which \$328,456.00 was added to Policy Reserves and \$37,208.73 to Surplus, an eminent satisfactory saving for one year's operations.

The Assets now amount to \$2,779,176.31, the Policy Reserves to \$1,277,854.00 on the Company's standard. After making provision for all other liabilities the surplus on policyholders' account is \$301,024.56, which would be considerably increased by adopting the Government standard of valuation for Policy Reserves. GEORGE GOODERHAM, President. J. F. JUNKEN, Managing Director.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC 31st, 1900. Received for New Premiums... 1,157,821.01 Received for Single and Renewal Premiums... 475,993.03 From all other sources... 263,749.11 Total Income... \$1,897,563.15

DISBURSEMENTS. To Policyholders for claims by death... \$78,530.04 To Policyholders for Endowments, Dividends, etc... 39,343.69 To Commissions, Salaries, and Expenses of Management... 152,614.75 To Taxes, Reinsurance Premiums and Dividends to Stockholders... 27,052.05 Surplus of Income over Expenditures... 487,256.62 Total... \$794,624.15

ASSETS. Municipal Bonds, Stocks and debentures... \$54,788.37 Loans on Bonds and other Securities... 104,511.53 Mortgages on Real Estate... 918,149.12 Real Estate... 36,845.25 Loans on Policies... 147,124.09 Accrued Interest Net Deferred Premiums, etc... 45,458.91 Cash on hand and in Banks... 72,110.37 Total... \$2,279,268.64

LIABILITIES. Liability for Policy Reserves, Government Standard... \$1,914,774.00 Special Reserve Fund over and above Government Standard... 36,333.00 All other Liabilities... 27,641.63 Surplus on Policyholders' Account... 301,117.68 Total... \$2,279,268.64

Dr. James Mills, of Guelph, moved the adoption of the resolution in an excellent address, from which the following is a short extract: At a meeting of this nature it is always a pleasure to those interested, and on this occasion I can do so much heartily for the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, a position, to congratulate the shareholders and policyholders on the splendid progress of the Company. We can speak of the splendid report of the Company, a statement which will bear the closest scrutiny, and in the past in regard to our business, for we have more information at our disposal, furnished by our consulting actuary. There has been progress all along the line. A comparison of 1900 and 1899 in the report, so I need not refer to that again. I would, however, refer to one other point. The question of the year, 1891 to 1900, being that of the present management, is creditable to the management and gratifying to the persons most interested in the affairs of the Company, the shareholders and the policyholders.

The following figures will illustrate the vigorous growth of the Company: Year 1894... Assets \$21,321.1st Year's Premiums \$61,185. Net Income Gross Assured from 1894... \$2,779,176.31. Assets... \$21,321.1st Year's Premiums... \$61,185. Net Income Gross Assured from 1894... \$2,779,176.31.

The assets are practically three times what they were in 1894, and the income is increased over 100 per cent. The surplus in force has grown from \$1 to \$3,011,334. I want also to refer to the character of our assets and the important items in a concern of this kind. Our securities were never before in the splendid condition they are to-day. I doubt if any Company can show such a record of invested assets over \$2,000,000 and only \$364.20 over the interest. In new companies the expenses are always large. These expenses should gradually decrease, and our record in this respect is a very good one. The result is a very rapid increase in the most satisfactory features in our business. The result is a very rapid increase in the most satisfactory features in our business. The result is a very rapid increase in the most satisfactory features in our business.

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