FROM SUNSET COAST

WHAT THE WESTERN PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Progress of the Great West Told in a Few Pointed Paragraphs.

British Columbia is sending six ... nurses overseas, attached to the Army Medical Corps.

The great bore in the Selkirks is being opened for passenger traffic in the new Connaught tunnel.

Situation is improving between mine-owners and their employers in the strike of South Wellington, B.C.

Prices of fish are being received for halibut at Vancouver, as the catch is becoming smaller all the time.

The first annual pet stock and poultry show at Hastings Park, Vancouver, is composed of 1,500 single entries.

Hon. Rabbi Smith, new Minister of Labor, gave a stirring address at the "Get Together" dinner at Vancouver.

At South Vancouver, the ladies of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Red Cross Society realized large profits at their Rainbow Bazaar.

The Vancouver District Prohibition Workers are permanently organizing to see that the prohibition laws are strictly carried out.

Lieut. J. C. Williams, of the Royal Flying Corps, who brought down fifteen Hun aeroplanes, is home on furlough in Vancouver.

The Council at North Vancouver ... the Municipal Act, which forces the owner of property to pay interest on tax arrears.

Vancouver City will take steps to compel the Kitsilano bathing beach ... improvements of the Vancouver Harbor Commission.

... made appeal to the Provincial Executive, B. C., to ask companies to employ ... more workmen.

... Russell, of Vancouver, says that ... pay a percentage of the ... street railway ... would mean about $25,000 for the city.

At New Westminster, B.C., the problem of sockeye scarcity on the Fraser River is said to be preventing fish being ... by Indians above the Mission.

... Perry, representing the Local ... of Women of Vancouver, said Lamont were the ... of delinquency that ... social service work ...

... DICKENS AS CARPENTER'S BOOK.

... New Lights on the Death of King Edward.

... Called His Bluff.

... is for you go ... me clock ... (affectionately)—Some ... of my ... tell me that I am homely enough to stop a clock.

Oh, that won't matter. It can be fixed again.

Foolish to Try.

... threatened to blow his brains ... what did you say to him?" ... told him he'd be foolish to try it, ... had never been successful shooting small targets."

NEWS FROM ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

... in the Land That ... Supreme in the Commercial World.

... aged 74 ... married at Mans-

... Quartermaster-General, ... dying men ...

... celebrated ...

... students having ... School of Art will ...

... for the years ... crashed into a ... and was wrecked ... with a few ...

... Nottingham is to ... Lieut.-Commander ... brought down ...

... apples at Covent ... cheap enough to ... and therefore prices ...

... baggage and ... established at ... as a result of a ... Lord and Lady ...

... offered the dis-... Cross of the ... of the Bath on ... Maxwell.

... the royal support ac-... Day at Tunbridge Wells, ... that a hut ... called "Royal Tun-... bread will soon ... been for one ... the Government ... to prevent a ...

... munition workers ... Hillshill, War-...

... of the Great ... Holloway, was ...

... special constables are ... to be on duty more ...

... employes' ... more than ten ... settled.

... properties captured ... by auction in ... a total of $1,196,-...

... on Newcastle ... for last year shows a ... by nearly ...

... Salthur, which ... Royal Albert docks, ... the river and ...

... pension, vacant ... Admiral Sir W. R. ... awarded to Ad-...

... public funds ... injury caused ... aircraft, is being consid-... Government.

... Hedley Whitehall, the ... evidence of the Duke of Buc-... been taken over by the ... for officers.

... farmers in Lincolnshire are ... into contracts with merch-... growing mustard next sea-... at $4.50 a bushel.

SAVING THE CHILDREN.

Little Ones of the Poor in Berlin Lack Nourishment.

... condition of Germany's poor is ... of an article in the Chi-... Time by Madeline Doty, who ... personal investigation in so ... was able, being hindered ... by German officials, ... to make her be-... the poor were well fed and ... the soldier's family, ... of the mother, nine chil-... living in two ... income $38 per ... meal at the feeding sta-... cost the fam-... prohibited eating ... six months old ... nourishment ... its arms.

... children under ... milk, the ... a day, not ... This fam-... potatoes.

... North Berlin ... children, dirty, ... and pale from lack ... a new state ... as hitherto ... were fairly ... Patent powders to make ... bought, but money ... the buying of ... not to be had. ... a package of meal ... Miss Doty sent one family ... which illus-... as Miss ...

... of Berlin said ... crushed by Eng-... would sacrifice their last ... Such is the doctrine of ... so industriously preached ... in Germany.

... Japanese Navy the messing ... is the same for all ranks. ... admiral and an ordinary sea-... get a like the modest sum of $1.25 ...

ROYAL BANK GROWS AT UNUSUAL RATE

THE TOTAL DEPOSITS ARE UP 45 MILLIONS

Year's Increase of 55 Millions in Assets More Than Total Assets Nine Years Ago.

Nine years ago the total assets of the Royal Bank of Canada were $46,351,498; the statement for the year ended November 30th last, just issued, shows total assets of $253,261,247. The increase within twelve months had been 55 millions, or considerably more than the total resources of the institution less than a decade ago.

There has been growth from without through the medium of amalgamations, and presently through the same medium 20 odd millions will be added to the bank's assets by the absorption of the Quebec Bank. But a very considerable proportion of the growth can be assigned to the expansion from within that comes primarily, in the case of a banking house, from the development of public confidence in the wisdom and integrity of the management.

Nine years ago the savings funds entrusted to the Royal Bank amounted to 20 millions; they were in excess of 141 millions this year. The bank's ability to render service to the community has grown concurrently; against business advances of less than 26 millions nine years ago the current statement shows 87 millions in Canadian territory and 38 millions abroad.

The 25 per cent. increase in assets within the past year is a remarkable record in a number of ways: A year ago the bank was able to report a 20-million dollar gain, bringing assets close to 200 millions, a new high level. As the bank depends on general rather than special conditions for its growth, and is not the custodian of special funds, government or other, the 55-million expansion on top of a record-breaking year is significant of business activity and prosperity within the territory that it serves.

The year's growth, it may be presumed, has been widely distributed. Although the general tendency of commercial discounts in Canada through the year was downward, the Royal reports an increase of about five millions or six per cent.; the increase, actually and relatively, in current loans abroad, is larger, about 13½ millions, or 55 per cent. The latter, it may safely be conjectured, is a normal sequel to the great activity and prosperity of the sugar industry in the West Indies. That condition was largely responsible for the fact that the Royal was one of the few Canadian banks to report an increase in profits in 1915. The increase that year was a moderate one of $19,434, but the 1916 statement shows the substantial gain of $205,731, bringing profits within about $50,000 of the bank's best earning year, 1913. There was slightly better demand for money in Canada: a much improved demand in the bank's outside territory.

The increased demand abroad, no doubt, has been met, and probably something more, by the rising bank deposits abroad. The breadth of the situation continues important from the shareholders' standpoint; a diminished demand in one section of the bank's territory can be offset by an increased demand in another; and the bank is in a position to direct funds in large amounts to the point of best demand.

With profits of $2,111,307, equal to 17.87 per cent. earned on the average paid-up capital, against 16.48 per cent. the previous year, the bank paid its usual 12 per cent. dividend on a slightly increased amount of stock, set aside $100,000 for pension fund, wrote off $250,000 on bank premises, paid a tax of $118,226 on circulation and contributed $50,000 to the Patriotic Fund. After these deductions $175,874 remained to be added to profit and loss balance. Comparisons of profit and loss figures for three years are given in the following table:

	1916	1915	1914
Profits	$2,111,307	$1,905,576	$1,886,142
Prev. bal.	676,472	614,062	1,015,119
Total	$2,787,779	$2,519,638	$2,901,262
Less:—			
Dividd.	$1,417,207	$1,387,200	$1,387,200
Pension F.	100,000	100,000	100,000
Premises	250,000	250,000	250,000
War tax	118,226	105,966	.....
Deprec.	.....	.....	500,000
Patriotic F.	50,000	.....	50,000
Tot. ded.	$1,935,433	$1,843,166	$2,287,200
Bal. P. & L.	852,346	676,472	614,062

Some of the increases shown in the balance sheet have already been referred to in a general way. Deposits in the aggregate show a gain of about 45 millions, with slightly more than half the increase under the head of savings deposits. Part of the increase, it has been indicated, found employment in current discounts, which were approximately 18 millions higher than a year ago. The bulk of it, however, is represented among assets of a liquid description—cash, call loans, securities, banking balances, etc., all showing increases. Under one of the security heads there is an increase of close to 11 millions, which represents, no doubt, the purchase of British Government securities in connection with munitions credits.

The aggregate of liquid assets is 121 millions, a gain of about 36 millions, and increasing the proportion of such assets to public liabilities to 53.2 per cent. against 49 per cent. the previous year and 46 per cent. in 1914. Cash, including cover in the central gold reserve for excess note circulation, represents 16.2 per cent. of liabilities to the public, against 18.4 per cent. in 1915.

The position in this, as in other respects should be satisfactory to both shareholders and depositors. The bank has been able to find reasonably profitable employment for a large amount of money, while increasing actually and relatively the strength of its liquid reserves. Some leading comparisons of the balance sheets of the past two years follow:

Liabilities:	1916.	1915.
Deposits dem.	$69,365,396	$37,456,937
Do. notice	140,862,199	117,519,330
Do. total	200,227,595	154,976,327
Circulation	*18,178,228	14,224,866
Public liab.	227,484,469	173,148,927
Total liab.	253,261,427	198,299,123
Assets.		
Specie	$16,072,763	$15,946,285
Dom. notes	14,249,110	12,977,390
Cent. gold res.	3,500,000	3,000,000
Total cash	33,821,873	31,923,680
Securities	30,506,068	18,620,041
Balances, etc.	20,756,339	14,811,280
Call loans, Can.	11,476,065	9,136,500
Do abroad	21,322,026	8,815,950
Do. total	32,798,031	18,952,450
Total liquid	121,427,663	84,504,462
Curr. loans Can.	86,956,631	82,061,572
Do. abroad	37,328,027	24,517,565
Do. overdue	466,640	513,465
Do. total	125,331,299	107,092,499
Total assets	253,261,427	198,299,123

METHOD OF MENDING INJURED SOLDIERS

"WHITE MAGIC" OF REPAIR APPLIED TO DISABLED MEN.

France Sends Many Back to the Front After Being Cured.

A correspondent writing in the London Times says:

A short time ago it was announced that a study of the scheme for dealing with the disabled soldier evolved by the French Government was being made on behalf of our own authorities. This study will soon, it may be hoped, bear fruit in a considered policy; meanwhile, a short description of the methods employed by our allies and of the means devised by them to meet the difficulties of the situation may be of value.

A few days ago a meeting of the Balneological section of the Royal Society of Medicine discussed this subject in consultation with Dr. Pierre Quiserne, of the Grand Palais, Paris, who has played a leading part in perfecting the French scheme. In private conversation Dr. Quiserne described the work on which he is engaged, and gave a general idea of its scope and purpose. The disabled French soldier, he said, is regarded by the Government as an important national asset. As soon as his wounds have been attended to his future becomes a matter of serious consideration. Will he be able to return to the ranks, or will it be necessary to discharge him as permanently unfit? In the latter case, in what manner can he be fitted to earn his living and take a place in the working ranks of the community?

The answer to this question is to be found in the arrangements which have been made at the Grand Palais. No longer does the visitor to this building encounter paintings and sculptures; in the well-known rooms there is now gathered together all the apparatus of the mechano-therapy, electra-therapy, and balneology. Straight from the hospital ward where his injuries have been healed and his deformities corrected the soldier comes to this great refitting department, and without a day's delay his "after-treatment" is begun. He is still a soldier, for a measure of discipline has been found essential if the often laborious treatment is to be carried out successfully. A number of officers are in control, in addition to the doctors, and their work is of the utmost importance.

"White Magic" of Repair.

Then begins what has been fitly described as the "white magic" of repair. Stiff muscles are gradually won back to suppleness by ingenious machines which call out their latent energy; stiff joints are loosened; limbs which had become useless in other conditions are restored to strength by the use of the eau courante bath, followed by massage, or by applications of the high frequency current. As vigor returns, the "dummy" machines are replaced by the worktable, the lathe, the saw, the chisel—even the spade and scythe. The joy of work accomplished enters into the man's spirit, and the painful task becomes light and easy, until exercise is exercise no longer, but rather a means to an end clearly realized and eagerly desired. Even while he is being cured of his disability the broken man is being re-made as a citizen; he goes in a cripple, to emerge with a useful trade at his finger ends. There are lectures, too, and opportunities for recreation, including a gymnasium, for the aim is to turn out better men than have been received. Those who wish to take up head-work are provided for and, if necessary, re-educated. A man does not leave the army until all that can be done to secure his future has been done and until he has won back the inestimable boons of hope and courage.

It is the close connection between the Grand Palais and the hospitals which forms the most important aspect of this scheme. The man is never lost sight of; he is never given an opportunity to be despondent; he goes straight to his cure, and he is a soldier all the time. Special provision has been made at Juvisy for those who have lost a limb, provision like that arranged voluntarily in this country at Roehampton and Erskine in Scotland. Both officers and men are treated. It has been found that by means of this scheme the number of soldiers who can be returned to duty and among those unfit for service the number of useful citizens gained is greatly augmented. Professor Camus and those associated with him in this work have achieved a splendid success, and the scheme is in process of being extended to all the great French centres.

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What Soldiers Read.

Miss Beatrice Harraden contributes to the Cornhill Magazine an article entitled "What our Soldiers Read," which presents a most interesting series of observations upon the literature chiefly in demand in the hospital wards. Very favorable books are those dealing with wild animals and their habits, and all stories of adventure and travel, and, of course, detective stories. The sporting novels of Nat Gould appear to outrun every other type of fiction in popularity. Miss Harraden notes that "when the men once begin on a better class of book they do not as a rule return to the old stuff which formerly constituted their whole range of reading." A sample of Stevenson, for instance has raised many a young soldier to a higher plane of discrimination.

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