

Royal Bank Annual Meeting

The annual General Meeting of shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada marked the close of the most successful year in the history of the Bank.

Sir Herbert Holt, President, in his address, dealt more particularly with general conditions throughout the country, but touched on many developments of great importance, more especially from the standpoint of trade and industry.

C. E. Nell, General Manager, reviewed the growth of the Bank in its various fields. It now occupies and gives to the shareholder an interesting insight into the part the bank is playing in all centres in which it is now doing business.

Outlook Favorable.

Sir Herbert referred to the year's developments in industry, trade and finance as generally satisfactory. The foundation for the development which has taken place is sound. Sir Herbert declared that as yet there are no indications of industrial and commercial inflation. Production is not expanding to a point unwarranted by growth and demand, and it is noteworthy that the whole expansion has taken place during a period characterized by moderately declining prices. On the whole the financial situation is favorable. Industry and commerce is more settled than at the beginning of the period. Summing up the business situation, Sir Herbert stated that the "outlook

was never more favorable for prolonged prosperity in Canada."

Necessity For Curbing Unwise Speculation.

In commenting on the annual statement, Mr. Nell referred at length to the importance of call loans, which represent loans against stocks exchange collateral, not only of the Royal Bank, but of all banks. He pointed out that this was indicative of three things:

"1. Increase in the number of securities available to investors."

"2. Increase in the market value of securities."

"3. Increase in speculation."

"In a growing country the development of its resources must result in the enhancement in value of securities and for these reasons it is clear that the two first mentioned causes are for the increase in Call Loans. As to the third, it is obvious that speculation has reached a dangerous state. The well-informed financial and brokerage firms are already operating on an unusually conservative basis by calling for increased margins by declining to open new accounts and by restricting the liability of their customers to reasonable amounts. In times of excessive speculation, the lure of easy profits cannot be denied, but speculation can be checked and held within reasonable bounds by the financial interests, particularly the banks, and bond and brokerage houses."

American Women Church 32-Carat Diamond

York, England.—A 32-carat diamond, the gift of an American woman, now adorns a golden chalice of York Minister, the cathedral which has celebrated the thirteen hundredth anniversary of its founding.

The donor is Mrs. L. F. Forepaugh, of Brewster, N.Y., a former Yorkshire woman. Mrs. Forepaugh visited England last summer and made arrangements for the presentation of the jewel.

Canon C. C. Bell showed Mrs. Forepaugh the various ornaments of the Minster, especially the chalices, but Mrs. Forepaugh was unable to find any which seemed suitable to enshrine the diamond. She then arranged to have a chalice and paten made at her own expense, the phialle to contain the diamond. Mrs. Forepaugh said the jewel had formed part of a brooch, which had been given to her as a wedding present by her husband.

From Rab and His Friends

"Who made you?" was asked of a small girl. She replied, "God made me that length," indicating with her two hands the ordinary size of a newborn infant; "and I grew the rest myself."

This story was current in Scotland long before Topsy "grewt" 1

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Little Boy (on the beach). "Mummy, I want to go deep into the sea." Mother. "My dear, you cannot."

Little Boy. "But, Mummy, daddy does."

Mother. "Yes, but you see his life is insured."

Marshall (on phone). "Yes, this is the fire department. Do you want to report a fire?"

New Bride. "Oh no, I just want to order coal for the winter."

Seven Stages of Matrimony.

- Pattening
- Ceremony
- Parsimony
- Harmoney
- Acronymy
- Allimony
- Cut off money

A friend of mine was discussing his roommate the other day. He said: "Fred is one of those fellas who would hold the lamp while his mother chopped the wood."

Nothing can take the place of women's sense.

"O mother, guess what? I just saw a baby with great long hair gathered up in a bunch on top of her head held there with pieces of bent wire."

He kissed Helen. Helen caressed. He left Helen. Helen sued.

The baby was making an awful noise since she ate the canyon she thinks she can sing."

It is said a diamond will turn green when exposed to the rays of radium. We have never tried the experiment, for two reasons: One is that we have no diamond, the other that we lack the radium.

He saw an attractive selection of carters on the street today."

She. "Where on the street?"

"Just above the knee."

Man, who always used to like to lead the procession, now since the era of short skirts seems to want to look at them.

Teacher. "Robert, here is an example in subtraction." Seven boys went down to the creek to bathe, but two of them had been told not to go into the water. Now, tell me, inform me how many went in?"

Robert. "Seven, seven."

Fletcher's Castoria is purely vegetable so you may give it freely, at first sign of colic or constipation or diarrhoea. Or those many times when you just don't know what's the matter. For real sickness, call the doctor, always. At other times, a few drops of Fletcher's Castoria.

The doctor often tells you to do just that and always says "Fletcher's.

Other preparations may be best, as pure, just as free from dangerous drugs, but why experiment? Besides,

the book on care and feeding of babies that comes with Fletcher's Castoria is worth its weight in gold!

The BABY



Why do so many, many babies of today escape all the little fretful spells and infantile ailments that used to worry mothers through the day, and keep them up half the night?

If you don't know the answer, you haven't discovered pure, Fletcher's Castoria, so sweet to the taste, and easiest in the little stomach. And its gentle influence seems felt all through the tiny system. Not even a distasteful dose of castor oil does so much good.

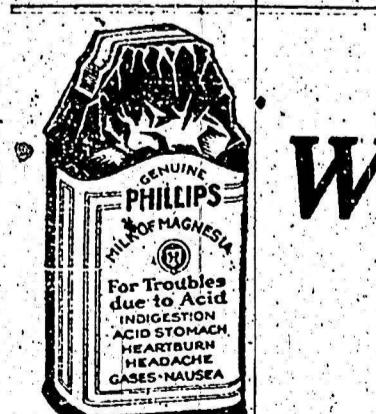
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About two hours after eating many people suffer from sour stomachs.

They call it indigestion. It means

that the stomach nerves have been

over-stimulated. There is excess acid.

The way to correct it is with an alkali,

which neutralizes many times its volume.

The right way is Phillips' Milk of Magnesia—just a tasteless dose in water. It is pleasant, efficient and

harmless. It has remained the standard with physicians in the 50 years since its invention.

It is the quick method.

Results come almost instantly. It is the approved method. You will never use another when you know.

Be sure to get the genuine Phillips'

Milk of Magnesia prescribed by physi-

cians for 50 years in correcting excess acids. Each bottle contains full directions—any drugstore.

Minard's Liniment for asthma.

Encouraging Home Crafts



One extraordinary result of the immense tourist traffic to Canada, especially in the eastern section, is the revival of home industries which in some cases have not been practised to any great extent for many years. So much so, that visitors to Quebec Provins have been afforded the privilege of seeing rug-weaving, which is again flourishing after many years of decline.

Tourists naturally desire to take home with them something of unique design or individual charm which can not be obtained at home. They also look for something which had an attachment to and is representative of

the country they have toured. Rugs especially are much appreciated, and in scores of homes, nimble fingers are executing the designs of fifty to a hundred years ago, while there is great rivalry in the creation of new and artistic patterns, representative of the country and atmosphere in which the workers live.

The revival of an old industry is due in part to the festivals promoted by the Canadian Pacific Railway, where exhibitions of this art are shown and greatly appreciated by interested spectators. Another festival of this kind will be given soon in Quebec, while others will be held in Bantam and Vancouver.

er not long ago, and experts agreed that they were thousands of years old. The bangles were of pure copper and had evidently been made by craftsmen who understood the art of refining unrefined.

Zimbabwe has absorbed the interest of excavators, and other ancient cities in the Rhodesian bush have been left alone. There's a forgotten city to the north of the Zambezi much greater than Zimbabwe, with walls and brick towers and slave dungeons hewn out of the solid rock. It has been visited, but that is all. Yet, this lost city may contain the key to the mystery of the old, unknown gold workers of Rhodesia, for many of the buildings strongly resemble the architecture of South Africa.

Old Portuguese settlements are of ten rediscovered in the palm forests of East Africa. Jesuit priests sailed out of Lisbon bound for Africa as early as the sixteenth century. In the cellar of one of these medieval missions interesting relics were found a few years ago—a priest's private seal, silver plate, a molten silver cross, gold chain and bronze breech-loading cannon bearing the Portuguese royal coat of arms.

Relics Linked to Phoenicians.

Wave after wave of invaders swept southward into Rhodesia or wandered penniless from the east in tiny thalays to the African coast. Persian, Parthian and Nanking chimes have been found in some of the mines, and there are many relics which are supposed to be the work of the Phoenicians.

In the Kalahari Desert of Bechuanaland live a brown people called Makalakas. Professor E. H. L. Schwarz, the well known South African scientist, thinks they are the descendants of Malays who colonized Madagascar 2,000 years ago, settled on the mainland, and built towns near the lakes of Bechuanaland.

Makalaka means people of the sun, and their arts are probably the arts of the East. Their tools offer a splendid field of research. Until Professor Schwarz visited them a year or so ago the existence of this remote tribe was hardly known to any one.

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We have never tried the experiment, for two reasons: One is that we have no diamond, and the other that we lack the radium.

Dr. William's Pink Pills are sold by all druggists or will be sent by mail post paid, on receipt of price.

Write them to-day.

Rhodesia Ruins Hold Secrets of Ancient Races

Fear of Diseases Retards Exploration to Uncover Lost Cities of Africa; Relics Arouse Interest

Cape Town's continent, but glimpses of the romantic past are always being revealed to explorers. To reach discovery in an ancient city in the tropical bush of Goli, near Mbasa, is one of many fascinating finds.

These relics of lost civilizations make the archaeologist feel that he is on the edge of incredible wonders. Year after year the intrepid bands of primitive hunters are taking shape as new links with the ancients come to light. Desert jungle and bush are giving up their secrets.

Fever, sleeping sickness, dozens of African diseases make research work dangerous in many remote corners of the continent. That is why so little exploration has been carried out in Rhodesia, a land rich in traces of the ancients, probably the fabled Land of Ophir. Beyond a certain amount of work at the famous Zimbabwe ruins, practically nothing has been done to uncover lost cities that are known to be awaiting the spade of the explorer.

Terraced Walls on Mountainide.

At Inyangani, in southern Rhodesia,

there are miles of terraced walls along the slopes of a mountain range.

No organized party of scientists has investigated the strange finds which have been made there. An iron con-

taining hinge was dug up by a farm-

er, and the spade of a boy.

Phillips' Milk of Magnesia

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