ARE WIR CALL

e Land That Reigns

PORT SHOWS BANK IN VERY STRONG POSITION. Exceptional interest attaches this will have to be faced. As I have said year to the Annual Report of Canada's on former occasions when I have had leading Bank, and the addresses deli- the pleasure of addressing you, if vered at the Annual Meeting by the economy be exercised to meet the in-President and General Manager. They creased burden of taxation, of which afford an insight into the financial we must bear our share, and the proconsequences of a year of war on the duction of exportable articles in-

Mr. H. V. Meredith, the President, difficulties the future may have in pointed out that the effect of the war store for us, we can look forward to on Canadian trade had been less in- them with a degree of complacency.



Mr. H. V. Meredith

emigration to Canada. The Annual Report shows the Bank of Montreal in a position of unprecedented strength. With assets of rapidly up my wrists, and I could see the Bersaglieri of the Italian army \$302,980,554-an increase for the year of \$38,800,138-it takes rank with the most powerful banking institutions in the world. Of this enormous sum, no less than \$170,007,568 I stood a few seconds in helplessness, is in cash and liquid assets. This is over 64 per cent, of the Bank's total public liabilities-a ratio whose significance will be better understood when it is compared with 55.4 per cent, last year, and a little less than

portion in normal times) in 1913. of the Bank's assets in liquid form brought sand heaped up in their mer of 1905 forty chasseurs of the prescription by mail, if your druggist for the day. does not tend to large profits, it is a hands. Then they chafed me with the Italian army reached the summit of source of great strength not only to the Bank, but to the whole of Canada, ing hairs, which they knew caused the their officers.

in these trying and difficult times. were most gratifying. Amounting to chafed me for about a quarter of an tary mountaineers in 1904, when, in \$2,108,631, they provided for the hour I was comparatively free from order to descend to La Thuile, the usual quarterly dividend and two pain. While the men were rubbing first town beyond the Pass of the 1 bonuses on the Capital of \$16,- me, I was able to discern to some ex- Little St. Bernard, a whole battalion 000,000; the War Tax on Bank Note tent the cause of my distress. Count- of Alpine troops, engaged in manoeu-Circulation, \$127,347; and left over less hairs, like tiny arrows, almost vres in the High Piedmont, marched \$60,000 to be added to the Profit and transparent, pointed at either end, over the highest glacier in the Italian Loss Account, bringing the balance of and from a third to a fourth of an Alps; namely, that of Rutor. The six the latter up to \$1,293,952. This, of inch long, had dropped on me in an hundred men who formed the battalcourse, is in addition to the Rest invisible shower from the agy tree as ion carried their full army kit and Account of \$16,000,000-equal to the I stood under it. Before I came away were roped together, with the officers

Capital. commercial business in the country, distance, and found that the tiny feet, and included the Glacier de the current loans dropped from \$108,- hairs grew outside a thickish pod or Rutor, 10,800 feet, occupied sixteen 845,332 in 1914 to \$99,078,506. Loans shell, not quite so large as a small hours, and was accomplished amidst to municipalities, on the other hand, banana. The pods were fully ripe intense cold and snow. The feat parshow an increase of over two mil- (unluckily for me) just at that time, ticularly excited the admiration of

their coverings. One of the most striking and important features of the Report is the remarkable increase in Deposits. A GENTLE LAXATIVE hose bearing no interest have ineased during the year from \$42,-0.031 to \$75,745,729, while interestring deposits have grown to \$160,-D83-a total increase of \$39,800,-

a especial mark of public confimewing the year, the President recal stress on the record harthe West, where a greatly mer and area under cultivation has highest average yield in ry of the country. The estiof the grain crop of Alberta and Saskatchewan

at four hundred million dollars a sum which could be depended upon to liquidate much indebtedness and stimulate current trade.

Referring to the remarkable change in Canada's position from a debtor to a creditor nation, Mr. Meredith said: "In the seven months ending October 31st, 1913, the value of exports was bad news. of Canadian products was \$245,550,-900, and in the same period of 1914 bad news. The old magpie is dead, was \$226,757,000; while this year in sir." these seven months we have exported Canadian products of the value of \$326,430,000, or \$166,600,000 more than last year, and the great erop

surplus has still to go forward. "Comparing the foreign trade of Canada for the seven-months' period ending with October, imports have declined from \$390,544,000 in 1913 to \$253,107,000 in 1915, while exports of domestic products, as I have said have risen from \$245,550,000 to \$396 430,000; and adverse balance of \$145 000,000 being converted into a favorable balance of \$73,323,000, or a betterment in respect of foreign trade of

no less than \$218,000,000 within the short space of two years." Taking a prudently optimistic view

of the future, Mr. Meredith said: "The position of Canada is a highly misfortunes. What was the cause of "She seemed to relish it, was soon who owns a little farm and takes a favored one, with an assured future my father's death?" of growth, development and general "Well, sir, it was this way. He re- gan to gain strength so rapidly that Recently an anxious young mother prosperity. At present, however, we ceived a telegram telling him that the in a short time she was as well, playlive in the shadow of the great war, ship had gone down that had the ful and robust as if she had never into medical literature of late, into which all else must be subservient. whole of his fortune on board, and been ill. What its duration will be, and the the shock killed him " position in which its termination will "Then I am a ruined man, John?" the predominating factor in saving Pasteurized. find us, can be matter of the merest gasped the squire.

That you are, sir," replied the but
Name given by Canadian Postum indignant reply. "Don't we keep the comjecture. On the large of the sweet little girl's life."

Name given by Canadian Postum cows we've got in the pasture all gaged in the struggle cannot be kept | ler. in the field indefinitely. The financial factor is daily assuming increased A stitch in time may save a hole in im; ance, and in this respect the the hosiery.

BANK OF MONTREAL Great Britain and her Allies.

trade conditions is to be expected. NINETY - EIGHTH ANNUAL RE- The flood of wealth which has attended the export of munitions and war supplies must of necessity be largely curtailed, and a new set of problems country generally, and into the out- creased to the utmost extent, to prolook for the future, as interpreted by tect our gold supply and minimize our men who have every opportunity to borrowings, and if we keep strong in working capital, then no matter what jurious than had been expected, and Our agricultural resources and undeveloped wealth will enable us to bear the strain which may be imposed upon us, and we shall in the end come safe-

> upheaval and world-wide conflictwith a larger debt, it is true, but with our ability to meet it unquestioned and our economic position not seriously impaired."

ly through the period of economic

THE AGY TREE. Mr. James Sibree Tells of the Resul

of Contact With It. is more surprising and disconcerting and that of the thirty, twelve were than the agy tree, so-called, which is suffering from froatbitten feet. not a tree, but a climbing plant. The In the other case, a detachment of

was startled by a sudden tingling gether, but in two groups, and when you finish your day's work you sit down and pricking sensation over the backs the mass of snow and ice struck eyes? Do you rest them? You know that this year's bountiful harvest may of my hands and fingers. I stopped them, both parties were swept along, you do not. rent trade, but to attract renewed severe, and I had touched nothing ex- the mountain side until a telegraph why so many have strained eyes, and finthe pain increased, the tingling, burn- their lives. my ears and neck, and grew worse for I could neither see nor guess at the cause of the terrible distress. Then I got back to my company with agony written plain enough on every

The men started up when they saw me, crying out, "You have been stung 50 per cent. (considered a high pro- by the agy!" Some of them led me sand and water to take out the sting-

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Breaking the News Gently. On his return from an extended trip abroad an English squire was met at It would choke her. the steamship wharf by his old and And he fervently hoped that it would. trusty butler. Thinking it strange that the old man should have come to meet him, the squire asked if there

"Yes, sir," replied the butler, "very

"What did the bird die of?" "Too much horseflesh, sir." "Too much horseflesh, John

Where did it get it?" "The carriage horses, sir." "What, are they dead, too?" "Yes, sir. Died from over-exertion

drawing water the night of the fire." "What fire?" "You don't mean to say that the how she contracted typhoid fever.

mansion is burned, John?" "Yes, sir. It burned the night funeral, sir." "Whose funeral?"

"Your poor mother's, sir." What, mother dead, too? Yes, sir. She never held her head up after your father died." "Great heavens! Father dead as well? I never heard a word of these be just the thing.

Co., Windsor, Ont.

MILITARY MOUNTAINEERS.

France and Italy. war are the Alpine troops of France is now an exception to the rule. Some

much useful service in the Vosges a chain of British wireless stations and the Carnic Alps, and if another round the world, but it was not done. likely to be called upon for still more teresting. difficult and important fighting.

The numbers of the French chas- lions on her colonial wireless stations, seurs alpins on war footing have not most of which have been seized or debeen revealed by the authorities. In stroyed, her money might appear to times of peace there are thirty batal- have been ill-spent. But was it?

Occasionally a whole corps has been sea, "War declared on England. Make overtaken by avalanche and swept as quickly as you can for a neutral away. In 1901, says a writer in the London Field, there were two such accidents within a very short time. In one case the fourth company of the 13th Alpine Regiment, which is usually stationed at Chambery, apparently brought an avalanche down upon itself by the vibration that its marching caused. It was some time before help arrived in sufficient Among the many peculiar and dis- strength to dig out the men, and concerting plants and creatures that when they were rescued, it was found abound in Madagascar, probably none that thirty were more or less injured, How to Save

following incident, quoted by Mr. the 97th Regiment was on its way to James Sibree, F.R.G.S., in "A Natural- revictual the mountain post on the ist in Madagascar," illustrates the Col de Frejus (8,200 feet), on the Do your eyes give you trouble? Do painful result of contact with the agy. Italian frontier, above the Mont Cenis you already wear eyeglasses or spectacles? The story is told by a Mr. Montgom- tunnel, when an avalanche swept Thousands of people wear these "windows" down, burying a sergeant and ten You may be one of these, and it is your Walking under some trees and men, of whom only five made good duty to save your eyes before it is too late. The eyes are neglected more than pushing aside the reeds and grass, I their escape. They were roped to- any other organ of the entire body. After in sudden surprise, for the pain was the one to death, and the other down cept the grass. But in another minute post intercepted the rope and saved

ing sensation seemed to be extending On the other side of the frontier nothing to cause it. As I lowered my have just as trying a time in winter. head to look, scalding pain shot into There is apparently nothing in connection with mountaineering that the pared to undertake. Some years ago, Professor Mosso, being desirous of conducting certain experiments to show the effect of high altitude on the human constitution, invoked the aid of the Italian Government, and in due course a detachment of chasseurs under his orders were led to the sum-While holding so large a proportion to a seat, others rushed for water the Bank's assets in liquid form mit of Monte Rosa, and there set to Mont Blanc, and were there drilled by

Another fine feat of mountaineer-The profits for the year, however, the pain abate, and after they had ing was credited to the Italian milithat afternoon, very cautiously I ven- in the lead. The journey that began Owing to the reduced volume of tured to examine the tree at a little at Valgrisanche, about five thousand lions, reaching the figure of \$11,203,- and the light wind was scattering the French troops, who were exercising on the other side of the frontier, and who were in an excellent position to judge of the difficulties that were

encountered en route. Three Phases.

He spoke-"May I smoke?" They were newly engaged; And she answered-"With pleasure."

He spoke-"May I smoke?" (As he started the action.) The honeymoon started, She smiled Satisfaction.

He spoke-"May I smoke?" But she reached for the poker-They'd been married some time-And she yelled

THE VERY TIME

When Powerful Food Is Most Needed. she noticed a wounded soldier toying The need of delicate yet nutritious with a German helmet. food is never felt so keenly as when a "Well," said she to the soldier, "I she?" convalescent gets a set back on ac- suppose that means that you killed count of weak stomach. Then is when your man?"

ern woman, "my little six-year-old away something terrible. I was losin' niece moved to a new home. She a lot of blood, too, fra' my leg, but I naturally had a change of diet and of managed to crawl up to him, and perfectly quiet when the bishop is

ed hopeless, doctors gave her up, and no German and the ither man not a he will baptize the new kittens?" she was nothing but skin and bones, word o' English, so when he'd done, couldn't eat anything, and for weeks not seein' hoo else tae thank him I did not know even her father or just smiled, and by way of token mother. Her parents, in trying to get handed him my Glengarry, and he something delicate and nourishing smiled back and give me his helmet." that she could eat, finally hit upon Grape-Nuts food, and it turned out to

conscious of her surroundings, and be- few boarders in summer.

the sweet little girl's life." cows we've got in the pasture all

Ever read the above letter? A new summer long?"
one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human

WIRELESS STATIONS.

Alter the war, a readjustment of Fine Feats By the Alpine Troops of Fourteen Words Saved the German

Some of the most picturesque sol- We have a saying that speech is diers who are fighting in the great silvern, but silence is golden. There and Italy. They have already seen years ago it was proposed to establish winter campaign is fought, they are The Germans did, and the result is in-

Seeing that Germany spent two mil-

lions of chasseurs a pied, stationed Great Britain declared war on Gerfor the most part in the mountainous many at midnight on August 4, 1914. country that forms the eastern fron- Seven hours earlier, at five o'clock in tier of France. Their training among the afternoon, Germany sent out a the high peaks has made them as message to all its wireless stations. familiar with ski and rope as with Each station had a radius of 2,000 miles, and each in turn flung this mes-Theirs is a life of continual risk. sage forth to German ships out at

> Only fourteen words, and fewer still in code, but it was enough to save Germany the bulk of her merchant fleet. The ships saved were an

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THE BRITISH SOLDIERS.

The greatest admiration for the British is expressed. A German officer remarked that his men would and the leaves are triangular or arrow rather meet any company of men than shaped. Any industrious person who man is allowed in the streets. Ameri- of Tragopogon porrifolium, will alcans are not permitted to speak their ways know what you mean if you call own tongue, under the penalty of it goats' beard.

been used.

of tea everywhere since the war be- dependable in the latter respect that gan. Russia, already a large consum- it is commonly called the poor man's er of tea, is taking more and more to weather glass, but its extreme sensithe beverage now that vodka is banned. In France tea is beginning to threaten the supremacy of coffee. The greater demand means higher prices in our households, especially as there is said to be no corresponding increase in the supply. Dealers are naturally uneasy as to the position.'

-London (Eng.) "Times," April 24.

HATS AS PEACE TOKENS. A Wounded Soldier Tells This Touch-

ing Story. Here is a beautiful hospital story recorded by the Rev. William Sellers in his new book, "With Our Fighting Men." A colonel's wife was making the round of a military ward when

Grape-Nuts shows its power, for it is "Well, naw," quietly replied the a most scientific and easily digested soldier. "You see, it was like this: He lay on the field pretty near me "About a year ago," writes a west- with an awful bad wound and bleedin' course a change of water, and some- bound him up as well as I could, and here, and not say anything that will he did the same for me. Nawthin' o' mortify me.' "After a long siege her case seem- coorse was said between us. I knew "But, mamma, can't we ask him if

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"We all feel that Grape-Nuts was not the milk served at her table was "Of course!" was the old lady's

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The dandelion opens for the day's 8.30 p.m., being a model of deportother plants that get busy earlier, but temperate regions, the plant that less. Many who are now blind might have wakes up first is the dainty, satin- new hat? petaled morning-glory. It starts to Caroline-I think it is charming. I ployment for lawyers than any other ment, but marvellously effective in multi- disclose its tints at 2 a.m., and with had one just like it last year. can to save your eyes, and you are likely light continues to open, but when the sun becomes hot the tubes begin to

The Rutland Beauty is an hour glass. It opens its eyes at 3 o'clock in the morning and closes them at 11, Rutland Beauty sounds like a new both wild and under cultivation. The blossom is white or light rose-colored British, because the latter keep cool, likes to tell the time at 4 a.m. can do never lose their heads, never give in, so by the oyster plant. It wakes up and fight to the last. Men of 50 then, but finishes its day at noon and have been called up for the German goes to sleep again. Those who do army, and the next call will be for not recognize the oyster plant, either boys of 16. No language but Ger- by that name or by its botanical name

fines. There is a great shortage of The poppy, scarlet and gorgeous, raw materials. Rubber has been opens its petals at 5 a.m., but has no smuggled in in the form of sausages. regular hour for closing time. Bitter-The scarcity is so great that no pri- sweet can be relied upon to come to vate individual in Berlin is allowed to life about 6 a.m., thus preceding the use his automobile except a doctor, water lily by an hour. The water lily Rubber floors have been taken up, and is leisurely about preparing for the every scrap in any shape or form has day, but she has usually made her toilet and is smiling at the sun by 7 a.m. Eight o'clock in the morning is World-Wide Popularity of Tea. announced by the scarlet pimpernel. "In the tea trade there is much talk This plant, however, is less reliable as of enormous increases in the drinking a clock than as a barometer. It is so

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tiveness to darkness will keep it from

telling the time on a cloudy day.

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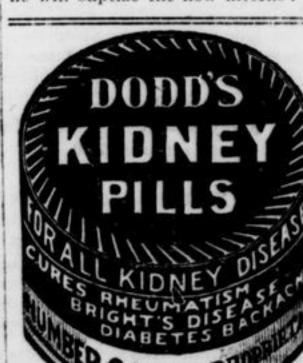
frock at least six months old."

"Dear me, yes! She had on a

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THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Queen ants have been known to live The night police of Seville, Spain,

carry spears as of old. A shoe passes through the hands of 70 different workmen.

The emerald is worth more per carat than any other stone. Brazil supplies coffee enough make 119,000,000,000 cups of coffee a

Great Britain for 10 pounds sterling Mushrooms have been known to force themselves through a cement

Newfoundland was purchased by

England and Sweden are said to b the two healthiest countries in Eu-

One large land owner of Australia possesses an area of about one-tenth

that of England. French ship owners have proposed that for every British or French merchant vessel torpedoed by the enemy one of the 278 German ships now interned in French ports be seized. New York is the largest city borrower in the world. It borrowed more than \$550,000,000 in 1913. She is also the largest land owner within the city

limits, holding property valued at \$1,129,360. The Bosporus, which leads to the Black Sea, and the entrance to which Constantinople and Scutari command, is about 17 miles long, with a breadth of from little more than a third of a

mile to two miles. In 1914 the total value of all farm products in the United States was approximately \$10,000,000,000, which is \$83,000,000 more than the total for 1913, and breaks all records. The 1914 total is more than double the

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