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FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

UNION AND QUEBEC BANK MERGER RUMOR.

(Toronto Globe.)

Bank merger rumors are again afloat. This time it is the Union Bank of Canada and the Quebec Bank which are to be merged, according to unconfirmed street talk, which is denied in Quebec. The stocks of the two banks have been very strong lately. Quebec Bank shares, which have been very quiet for a long time, sold up to 138, 6 1/2 points over the last transaction last week, on a turnover of 506 shares, in Montreal yesterday. Union Bank was bid up from 154 1/2 on Saturday to 167, with out a share of the stock coming out. The last transaction in Union shares last week showed a price of 153 1/2, so the rise in the stock yesterday was equivalent to a gain of over 13 points. The Union Bank recently decided to move its head office from Quebec to Winnipeg, as most of its branches are in the west.

About a year ago it absorbed the United Empire Bank of Toronto, and has been forging ahead rapidly of late. It is said that the basis of the merger between the two is 1 1/2 shares of Quebec for 1 share of Union, but this is entirely a guess.

The Quebec Bank has a fine line of business, principally in the east, and it is figured that the combination would make a strong chain of banks across the continent, with good connections at eastern and western bases. The whole story is surmise as yet, however.

LOW MONEY AND NO WAR.

London, Feb. 13.—The editor of The Statist says:

"The second reduction in the Bank of England rate is looked for in a few weeks. The gold demand for India is diminishing, and the bank is expected to receive considerable sums of gold from South Africa. Easy money is likely to be attended by greater confidence in the political situation.

"I feel hopeful over the earnest endeavor now being made to remove the misunderstanding between Germany and England. There is ground for hoping that the frank discussion in Berlin between the German government (including the Emperor) and Lord Haldane will remove misconceptions and lead to good and possibly friendly relations.

"The interests of Germany and England in maintaining peace are identical. Both depend for prosperity on the same economic conditions—development of natural resources of the whole world and their ability to obtain from other lands food and raw materials needed by their dense and growing populations. "Both must assist other lands to increase production and natural wealth by loans of capital."

STOCKS UP ON LESS TENSION.

London, Feb. 13.—The Stock Exchange was particularly cheerful today concerning the political outlook.

Optimists regard the conferment of the Order of the Garter on Sir Edward Grey as the fore-runner of the announcement of a lessening of the tension between Great Britain and Germany.

Consols led the upward movement with a rise of 1/8. Germany came into the market as a buyer, thus lending further strength to the impression that an improvement of international relations was about to occur.

The carry-over occupied the attention of traders on the Stock Exchange during the forenoon. Americans were quoted at 4 1/2 per cent. Business was fair during the afternoon, and a cheerful tone prevailed.

TO PROBE FARMERS' BANK.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—To enquire fully into the collapse of the Farmers' Bank, the government has appointed Chief Justice Sir William Meredith a special commissioner, vested with wide powers. The order-in-council for his appointment was passed today.

After the disastrous collapse of the bank, the depositors and shareholders pressed for a royal commission of enquiry, believing that it would reveal many facts of interest. The late government, however, refused. The shareholders and depositors came down here early in the session and renewed their demand, which the government carefully considered.

Some time ago it was announced that a commission would be granted, but the commissioner in the person of Sir William Meredith has just been selected.

The enquiry will be complete, but as many of the essential facts immediately preceding the collapse of the bank have been brought out by the liquidator, it seems probable that particular attention will not be directed to the issue of the certificate by Mr. Fielding and the treasury board. On the strength of that the pirate bank started on its reckless career.

REGULAR DIVIDEND ON C.P.R.

The C.P.R. directors met yesterday and declared the regular 2 1/2 per cent. dividend for the quarter ended December 31st. The dividend is payable

April 1st to shareholders of record at 3 p.m. March 1st.

FORGERIES IN CANADA.

A. Gordon Taft, of the Royal Bank, has an interesting article in this month's Canadian Bankers' Journal on the prevalence of forgery in Canada.

He says: "I do not think I shall be accused of exaggeration by those who have been in a position to follow such matters during the past year or so when I say that this country has been and is, flooded with forgeries, conspicuously in that section from west of Lake Superior to the coast."

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RECIPROCITY IS VERY MUCH ALIVE YET

Regina, Sask., Feb. 15.—The reciprocity pact was endorsed by the delegates to the Grain Growers' Association in convention this morning. In fact, the whole platform of these farmers Ottawa delegation was reinforced intact after a brief but enthusiastic discussion.

President Maharg read the platform in full to the convention. The gathering was not as orderly as at the previous sessions, and President Maharg had his work cut out in trying to maintain order. R. M. Douglas, Strassburg, provided the only sensation of the morning. He denounced the grain growers roundly for not supporting the independent candidates in the recent federal elections. There was talk in plenty about getting proper representation in parliament, he said, yet when it came to a show down the farmers were not behind their men.

Resolutions endorsing a system of elevators at central points with terminal facilities; government ownership of Canadian terminal elevators; the continuation of the clause of the grain act which the Credit Men's Association desires to have withdrawn, if the credit of the province be used to farm loans at the lowest possible interest; the construction of the Hudson's Bay Railway, and the equalization of freight rates were adopted.

Israel Zangwill has finally decided to produce in America his latest play "The Next Religion" for which the British Censor refused a license. The censor's action was taken because of certain passages in the play which he regarded in the light of religious criticisms.

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