

tained, the company has received payment of a larger amount of interest from that province this year than any previous year of its history." 11th December, 1893.

321. Ottawa Bank.—“General business in the localities in which this bank has offices has not been, nor is it likely to be, much affected by the depression in the United States. The low price of agricultural products must, however, seriously affect business, particularly in Manitoba.” 13th December, 1893.

322. Central Canada Loan and Savings Company of Onatrio, Limited, Peterborough.—“The depression that has prevailed in many parts of the world during 1893 has not been without its reflex influence upon this country.” * * “While we have a considerably larger sum invested we have a less amount of overdue interest than at the close of 1892; this prompt payment of interest by our borrowers, notwithstanding the low prices that have prevailed, is very satisfactory.” * * “We have noticed, during the last year, an increased demand for improved farms, from farmers prepared to make substantial cash payments.” 24th January, 1894.

323. Union Loan and Savings Company, Toronto.—“The repayments continue to be made with reasonable promptness and regularity, both as regards interest and principal maturing.” * * “Many think that in Ontario they can already see signs of the clouds breaking in several quarters of the commercial sky; but during such a time as we in Canada, in common with the whole business world, have been passing through, the company has had to guard itself in every way, and among others may for a time have to carry a considerable amount of city property, a large proportion of which is productive, and may be therefore expected to show the effects of an improvement in business, which is confidently looked forward to.” 7th February, 1894.

324. Imperial Loan and Investment Company of Canada, Ltd.—“Of the debentures matured in January just passed, very nearly three-fourths were renewed, and at a lower rate of interest—a strong evidence of the confidence reposed in Canadian securities at a time when those of other British colonies and of the United States are looked upon less favourably.” 5th February, 1894.

325. Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company, Toronto.—“One of the most destructive financial cyclones known in modern times has swept over a large portion of this continent