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tonishing figures, that we feel sure it will induce some of our local capitalists to come into the field, before it is monopolized by foreigners.

Judge Waples, of Ohio, has recently decided in the case of a life policy of \$2,500 having been transferred to a creditor to secure \$298 that upon the death of assured the assignee is entitled to the whole amount insured! The sister of the deceased has brought suit to recover the overplus after paying the debt, and rascal gambling policies are common in Ohio, we should presume that she can recover. Life policies are usually payable to the heirs or assigns of an insured party, and where an assignee shows his interest we presume he collects to its amount, and the residue should go to the heir of a deceased.—*Ins. Reporter.*

There was a pleasant Christmas Gathering of those employed in the Cotton Mill of Wm. Parks & Son. The room was handsomely decorated with festoons of evergreens and flowers, the pillars entwined with wreaths, and on the wall at the lower end was the appropriate motto "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" In the centre of the room a decorated orchestra stand had been erected for the musicians. There were some 200 present, 150 of whom, of both sexes, were employed in the mill, and a capital supper was laid out as a preliminary to further proceedings. Mr. Parks in presiding briefly addressed the company stating the pleasure he felt in being present, the fitness of their meeting one evening at the close of the year in this manner, and his obligations to the fairer portion of those present for the taste with which the room had been decorated. After grace was

said all sat down to supper, which was the more enjoyed by the younger folks, as it was unalloyed by the thoughts of long speeches afterwards, the eloquent voice of the violin alone being permitted, aloud, to address the company.

The tables were speedily cleared and stowed away, and the musicians soon set the room in motion which was simply the introduction to a score of dances which had to be gone through before morning if possible.

Messrs. Parks & Son are appreciated both by their employes and their customers.

The Burland-Desbarats Lithographic Company.

The first annual general meeting of this Company was held on Monday last, at the Printing Office, 311 to 319 St. Antoine street. A full and influential gathering of shareholders assembled. Mr. G. B. Burland, Provisional Manager occupied the chair, and Mr. W. Salter acted as Secretary. The Manager read a report of the present state of the Company's affairs, showing good progress and indicating a liberal and at the same time economical management. The bye-laws of the Company were read and passed *seriatim*; and the charter, under signature of the Governor-General, was laid on the table for the inspection of the shareholders.

A board of seven directors was chosen by ballot, Messrs. W. D. McLaren and Bond acting as scrutineers, who declared the following gentlemen elected:

- G. B. BURLAND,
- G. E. DESBARATS,
- GEO. LAFRICAN,
- T. E. FOSTER,
- CHAS. GARTH,
- G. ROSS, M.D.,
- W. D. McLAREN.

Subsequently, at a meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. G. B. Burland was chosen Pres-

ident and general manager; Mr. George E. Desbarats, Vice-President; and Mr. J. H. Ross, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company.

We are pleased to notice the complete organization of this company, whose success, in connection with the important illustrated publications it issues, interests the whole country. Under its present strong management, the general engraving and lithographic business of the company, as well as the severer papers it publishes, will no doubt be pushed with vigor, and become at once a source of revenue to the shareholders, and a benefit and honor to the Dominion.—*Montreal Gazette.*

The above company was formed to continue the business lately carried on by our enterprising countryman, G. E. Desbarats, and it certainly deserves the most liberal support, especially in the publication of such valuable papers as the *Canadian Illustrated News*, *The Patent Record*, *The Favorite*, &c. They are a credit to our young Dominion.

NEWSPAPERS.—How many persons are aware of the labor of making up such a paper as the *Daily Witness*? How many understand the amount of thought and labor required to send out one issue creditably? Take the typographical portion merely as an example. The type from which the *Daily Witness* is printed comprises not less than five hundred thousand separate pieces, most of which are arranged and rearranged daily. If one of these falls out of its proper place there is danger of the whole structure, of which it forms an atom, coming to pieces. When a painter makes a mistake he can paint it over again, and no notice is taken of it; but if a printer transposes one of the 500,000 letters which he and his companions place together daily, the public cry, "How stupid those printers are!" The number of pieces placed in a year to satisfy the readers of the *Witness* is about one hundred and fifty-four million five hundred thousand, and these are placed and replaced, corrections made, and they are handled many times before the paper is in a fit condition to appear