

MR. HENRY E. BOWER, Ex-United States Manager of the North British and Mercantile, died at Rye Beach, N. H., on 5th inst. Mr. Bower since he gave up the managership has been one of the company's trustees. He commenced his insurance career with the Norwich, of which he was since the secretary. In 1876 he took charge of the American fire business of the Guardian, and in 1894 was taken over by the North British and Mercantile. Mr. Bower was very highly respected in insurance and business circles.

INCREASING CLAIMS.—The Ocean Accident Guarantee Corporation publishes some instructive figures regarding claims made since the Workmen's Compensation Act came into force. Non-fatal claims settled in the following half years show a serious increase in the rate of compensation: In the half year from 1st July to 31st December, 1898, 3,743 claims were settled at £3 14s. 10d. per claim; 1st January to 30th June, 1899, 5,238 at £5 4s. 9d.; 1st July to 31st December, 1899, 5,616 at £5 12s. 4d.; 1st January to 30th June, 1900, 6,114, at £6 2s. 2d; and 1st July to 31st December, 1900, 6,955 at £6 19s. 1d. The increase is attributed to the amount which it is necessary to pay in order to settle cases of disablement,

MESSRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH & CO., PATENT SOLICITORS, Canada Life building, furnish us with the following list of patents granted to Canadians in the following countries:—*Canadian Patents.*—N. Buzzell, cheese boxes; C. B. Littler, air feeding devices for furnaces; L. Lacoste, device for braking the speed of ships; J. D. Mullholland, vending machine; A. S. Mangin, carburettors; A. H. Shuel, whiffle tree connections; H. A. Frasc, methods of recovering metals by electrolysis; W. H. Spillman & A. E. Roach, whiffle-trees; A. Verrault, scrapers for cleaning pavements; N. E. Nash, temperature regulators; G. Brett, device for tightening the hoops on silos, water tanks, barrels and all vessels of similar construction; A. Dobson, peat presses; W. O. McRobie, fire extinguishing apparatus; G. Ratz, churns; J. A. Bertrand, sieve for separating cinders from coal; J. W. Williams, leggings; H. R. McDonald, convertible agricultural machines for thrashing grain and peas and cutting straw and corn; D. S. McDonald, hot air furnaces; R. Lang, siphon fillers; G. S. Lasbury, composition of matter for wood finishings; N. B. Eagen, bottle closures; S. D. Robinson, heating stoves; T. Head, road making and ditching machines; E. Parent, distending forms; W. Bonne, phonographs; J. E. Forfar, music teaching apparatus; W. H. Law, hydrants; W. Johnson and J. McKinstry, neck yokes; H. Burnet, bicycle supporters; A. Bienvenu, school furniture; T. S. Rath, crapes for disc harrows; J. L. Pringle, heating pails; J. F. Gallant, medical compounds; R. J. McMath, neck yokes; L. Wurzburg, protectors for fish nets or seines; E. Noble, machines for making compressed bungs; A. E. Brethour, fillers for capsules, wafers and the like; E. Parent, cooking attachments for hot water boilers or furnaces; F. C. Beal, moccasins; J. Johnson, machines for loading turnips, etc., S. S. Beam, furrow cleaners; G. P. O.

Heroux, bags; J. Butler, stove pipe ventilators; P. Desnoyers, shears or scissors; A. Maray, ball caster cases; D. Tolton, improved wood filled gear wheels; C. B. Seaton, vehicle axle nuts. *American Patents.*—J. D. Belcher, corset; W. McCloskey, device for stretching wire; J. T. McGrath, flue cutter; M. Power, shoe for truing up car wheels; T. B. Rider, acetylene gas generator.

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