

SOCIETY NOTES AND ITEMS.

We welcome to our file the first numbers of the *Insurance Post*, published in London, Eng.

The *Aetna Life Insurance Company* offers a \$50 prize for the best original sketch or story, based on life insurance.

The *Northern Assurance Company* has declared an interim dividend of 10 per cent. on account of the year 1883.

The *New Zealand Insurance Company* is going to erect a handsome six-storey building in San Francisco, at a cost of \$140,000.

The *Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company* announce a dividend of 6s. per share on account of the current year.

The *Guardian Assurance Company* has declared an interim dividend of 5 per cent. per annum, payable on January 1st.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. B. Hal Brown of Toronto, Inspector for the London and Lancashire Life Insurance Company.

The *Fire Insurance Association of London* has established a head office for Australia at Sydney, with Mr. Richard Shann as manager.

The *Sovereign Fire Insurance Company* is about completing arrangements to re-insure its business with the Glasgow and London Re-insurance Company.

A Fire at Rat Portage, on the 16th inst., nearly destroyed all the remainder of the business portion of the town. Estimated loss \$100,000; insurance only about \$10,000.

The fight which the *Union Mutual of Maine* is now making against arbitrary power unjustly and cruelly exercised is not its battle alone, but that of all life insurance.—*Insurance, N. Y.*

Mr. N. Plympton, the special U. S. examiner, has made his report on his recent examination of the *British America Assurance Company* and the *Western Assurance Company*. The report is highly complimentary to the companies.

A Knight to be Knighted.—The Queen has signified her intention of conferring the honor of knighthood, on Mr. Henry Edmund Knight, late Lord Mayor of London, and present Chairman of the City of London Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Fowler, the new Lord Mayor of London, is a director of the *Fire Insurance Association of London*, and also of the *London and Lancashire Life Insurance Co.*, both of which companies are represented in Canada by Mr. William Robertson.

Mr. James Davison, manager of the *Royal Canadian Insurance Company*, who got a paralytic stroke a few days ago, has our deepest sympathy. We are glad to learn that there is some improvement in his condition, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Our Canadian High Court has affirmed the decision of the lower Court that the \$100,000 of the *Globe Mutual Life* deposited in the hands of the Dominion Government, shall be disbursed to Canadian policyholders alone. The case will likely go to the Privy Council in London.

Mr. W. Greenwood Brown, B.A., has been appointed general Agent for London and District of the *London and Lancashire Life*. The *London and Lancashire Life* are to be congratulated in securing the services of a gentleman possessing the talents and ability of Mr. Brown.

Mr. Alfred Jones, who was formerly Inspector of the *Citizens Insurance Company*, and Mr. G. W. Baker, late of the *Canada Fire and Marine*, have entered into partnership under the title of *Jones and Baker, Insurance Adjusters and General Agents at Winnipeg*. We wish them success.

Mr. David Denne, who is well known in business circles, Montreal, is now connected with the Montreal Office of the *Western Assurance Company*. From our personal knowledge of Mr. Denne we consider the *Western* has secured the services of a first-class business man, and he has our best wishes for future success in the insurance field.

The *North British and Mercantile Insurance Company* has retired from Italy, and handed over its business to the *Union of Paris*. The reason for having done so is attributed to the heavy taxation imposed on foreign Companies, the tax being in proportion to the amount of the share capital. The annual tax on the *North British* was £2,400.

Attorney-General Sherman of Massachusetts has furnished Insurance Commissioner Tarbox with an opinion that a corporation officer who makes a return which he knows to be a "mere approximation of the truth" is guilty of perjury in the eye of the law, even though the return was made as according to the knowledge, information and belief of the affiant.—*The Investigator*.

The *Glasgow and London Insurance Company*.—We understand that the *Glasgow and London* are going to make the necessary deposit with the Dominion Government. It is also their intention to transact a re-insurance business in the United States, the Head Office for America being in Montreal, under the supervision of the present managers, Messrs. Stewart Browne and E. L. Bond.

Mr. David Downs, who was for some years inspector of the *London and Lancashire Life*, and was subsequently connected with the *Equitable Life*, has been appointed manager for the Province of Quebec of the *Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine*, from the first of January next. The *Union Mutual* has secured the services of an energetic and successful representative, and we shall expect to see a large increase of business resulting from his appointment.

Stock Insurance.—The *Canadian Cattle Lloyds* have determined to ask incorporation and power to insure against loss from the perils of the sea, or otherwise, all live stock shipped from any port in the Dominion of Canada to any port in Great Britain or Ireland, or any port on the continent of Europe, or in the United States of America, and, *vice versa*, from any port of the United States of America or the continent of Europe or Great Britain or Ireland to any port in the Dominion of Canada, and for other purposes.

The *Post Magazine* of London says that the *Manchester and London Insurance Company* has disposed of its business on advantageous terms to the *Manchester Fire office*. It was first offered to the *London Assurance Corporation*, but a basis of agreement could not be arrived at. Still larger transactions of a similar kind are mentioned. We are informed that a fire office, with a premium income of over £500,000, is anxious to abdicate, but has not yet found a suitable successor. It is said that negotiations have been opened in turn with five of our largest companies, but at the time of writing (December 1) no definite arrangement has been concluded.