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The State Fire Marshal of Wisconsin, says that his department has collected evidence which show the existence of an "arson trust" operating in Wisconsin and other States for a number of years. He adds that warrants have been issued for the arrest of several of the alleged principals, most of whom live outside Wisconsin. The setting of fires was carried on, according to the fire marshal, in conjunction with a band of adjusters of fire losses.

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The report of the Montreal Fire Commissioners' Court for 1912 informs the city commissioners that during the year thus far 133 cases have been examined, as compared with 166 in 1911. In all departments, so far as number is concerned, the fires of 1912 do not seem to have required as much activity from the Fire Commission as those of 1911. There were seventeen investigations held, as against 19 in 1911 and there were 61 witnesses heard in both years.

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At a special meeting of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association the following resolution was adopted:

"That the death of Wm. Tatley, manager in Canada, of the Royal Insurance Company, of Liverpool, England, from 1873 to 1896, revives pleasant memories in the older members of this association, of a man of vigorous and forcible character, with a strong sense of duty, whose sound underwriting principles and clear intelligence enabled him to render valuable services to the association of which he was one of the original founders, and for early successive years its vice-president (declining the higher position) and chairman of the Montreal branch. His retirement, owing to impaired health, from active business several years ago, was the cause of sincere regret to his then confreres, and those who now remain desire to recall the respect and esteem which was so fully and worthily accorded him, and with the other members of this association, unite in conveying to his family their sympathy in the loss which it has sustained."

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At a meeting of the Canadian directors of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, the following resolution was passed on the occasion of the death of Sir Edward Clouston:

"It was unanimously resolved that the members of this board record their very deep sense of loss in the death of their esteemed colleague, Sir Edward S. Clouston, Baronet, who was a director of this company for over sixteen years, during the last seven of which he was chairman of this board. During the whole period he rendered great service to the company, his clear insight, broad views and wise judgment proving uniformly invaluable. At the same time his uniform courtesy and kindly consideration endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. The board feels that the community has lost a man of the first quality and one who will be keenly missed in financial and philanthropic circles."

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