

Mercantile Summary.

A demand of assignment has been made upon A. Dufresne & Co., carriage-makers, St. Dominique de Bagot, Que. Dufresne who failed in 1891, has since been doing business in his wife's name.

Here is what may be termed a symposium of editors on the subject of recklessness as to fire on this continent: Eleven million letters in the dead letter office in one year is a pretty good record for carelessness for our 70,000,000 population.—New York Sun.

Two hundred and fifty million dollars worth of consumed property in the national ash heap for 1904 is another "pretty good record for carelessness for our 70,000,000 population."—The Insurance Press.

Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dead and 51,343 injured in railroad accidents, during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1904, is a new record and "another pretty good illustration for carelessness for our 70,000,000 population."—Insurance World.

\$11,815.79 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DEBENTURES

—AND—

\$1,600.00

—OF—

Water Works Debentures. Village of TILBURY

Sealed Tenders endorsed "Tenders for Debentures" will be received at the office of the undersigned up to eight o'clock p.m. on Thursday, March 9th, 1905, for the purchase of \$11,815.79 of Local Improvement Debentures (for cement sidewalk) of the village of Tilbury and guaranteed by said Corporation, bearing interest at five per cent. per annum, payable yearly, principal and interest repayable in 15 equal annual payments of \$1,138.45 each on the 15th day of December in each year commencing December 1st, 1905, also \$1,600 of Water Works Debentures of said village bearing interest at five per cent. per annum payable yearly.

Principal and interest repayable in 10 equal payments of \$207.22 each on the 16th day of January in each year commencing January 16th, 1906.

Said debentures will be delivered at the Merchants Bank, Tilbury, Ont. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. A. WILSON,

Clerk of said Village,
Tilbury, Ont., February 13th, 1905.

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RECORD FOR 1904.

Policies Issued and Taken '04.. \$5,103,413	Interest received, 1904..... \$133,262
" " " " '03.. 4,278,850	" " " " 1903..... 93,035
INCREASE 19% \$824,563	INCREASE OVER 40% \$40,227
Business in Force Dec. 31, '04.. \$20,611,399	Total Assets, Dec. 31, 1904.... \$2,557,983
" " " " '03.. 18,023,639	Liabilities, " " " " 2,017,291
INCREASE 14% \$2,587,760	SURPLUS TO POLICY-HOLDERS.. \$540,692

Average Interest Earned, SEVEN per Cent.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT,
January 1, 1905

NEW INSURANCE WRITTEN, -	\$5,017,988.00	Increase, 1904, \$880,015.00
INSURANCE IN FORCE, - -	39,347,847.00	Increase, 1904, 2,660,464.90
ASSETS, - - - - -	10,352,123.00	Increase, 1904, 688,270.00
CASH SURPLUS, Policyholders' Account, Government Standard—	\$960,629.00	Increase, 1904, 124,235.00
INCOME, - - - - -	1,702,099.00	Increase, 1904, 106,331.00
PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS,	731,389.00	Increase, 1904, 47,013.00

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