

## Notes and Items.

By a large majority vote, Leamington, Ont., has decided to provide itself with water works.

**Mr. A. D. G. Van Wart**, a well known insurance special of St. John, N. B., called on us this week.

The new water works at Calgary are about completed, and are said to be of a high order of excellence.

**Messrs. Pettit & Ellis**, of Calgary, have been appointed general agents for the Citizens Ins. Co. of Canada.

A valued policy bill is before the present session of the Vermont legislature, and the prospects are that it will pass.

**Mr. A. K. Blackadar** of Ottawa, actuary of the Insurance Department of Canada, paid Montreal a visit this week.

The enterprising firm of Goodwin & Wilkinson of Vancouver have been appointed the agents there for the New York Life.

**Mr. A. Holloway**, of Winnipeg, who represents several fire offices in Manitoba and the Northwest, visited Montreal last week.

It is rumored that **Mr. W. H. Hayward**, the manager of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life of New York for Great Britain, has resigned.

The building of the New York Life, recently completed at Minneapolis, is pronounced to be one of the finest office buildings in the West.

**Messrs. Quinn and Phipps**, formerly with the Ontario agency of the New York Life, are now with the Equitable in the United States.

**Mr. Geo. Knight**, formerly with the Federal Life at Hamilton, is now chief city agent at Toronto for the Provident Savings Life of New York.

The Toronto Agency of the Manufacturers' Life has been re-organized recently by Manager Ellis, and an increased business is said to be the result.

Before long we expect to chronicle the advent in the Canadian field of another fire insurance company. At present we are not at liberty to give particulars.

It is stated that the general manager of the Caledonian insurance company will visit the United States during the next two weeks and take Montreal in his way.

**Mr. Ernest Woods**, who has been assistant actuary for the two past years of the Westminster General Life, has been promoted to be principal officer of the company.

**Mr. Geo. Armstrong**, for several years State special of the Hartford Fire for Minnesota, now represents the company for the State of Michigan, with headquarters at Detroit.

**Mr. Geo. U. Ahern**, at one time connected with the North British and Mercantile in this city, has been appointed inspector of the Victoria Board of Fire Underwriters.

The new building of the Sun Life of this city is making good progress, and will soon be ready for the roof. When completed it will be a credit to the company and conspicuous among the best buildings in Montreal.

**Mr. David Burke** of this city, Dominion manager of the New York Life, recently spent some time among his Ontario agencies, with the result that some valuable additions have been made to the Western agency force.

The alleged adjustment swindles, fire patrol corruption, and deviltry in general, suggested by the recent revelations of the *Chronicle* of New York, are to be investigated by the New York Board of Fire Underwriters.

**Mr. Geo. Wegenast**, assistant actuary of the Ontario Mutual Life of Waterloo, favored the *CHRONICLE* with a pleasant call returning from the Hartford meeting last week of the Actuarial Society of America.

**Mr. Bernard Faymonville** has become secretary of the Firemen's Fund insurance company of San Francisco, succeeding **Mr. W. J. Dutton**, vice-president and secretary, resigned. **Mr. Faymonville** was assistant secretary.

It is said that a new mutual fire insurance company at Minneapolis, to insure flour mills and elevators, is soon to be launched. Ex-Governor McGill, at one time insurance commissioner of Minnesota, is to be the president.

It is stated, on the authority of the *Insurance Observer* of London, that the Providence-Washington insurance company paid 42 per cent. for the United States business of the South British, reinsured some weeks ago.

It is now decided that the United Fire Re-Insurance company of Manchester, England, will enter Canada under the management of **Mr. Percy F. Lane**, of the New York office. The company is heartily welcome.

**Mr. John C. Paige** of Boston, manager for the United States of the City of London Fire, and for the Imperial Fire in the Eastern and Middle States, has gone to England on business which may have an interesting sequel.

**Mr. S. C. Duncan-Clark** of Toronto, chief agent of the Lancashire Fire for Canada, and president of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, spent a couple of days in Montreal this week, and looked in pleasantly on the *CHRONICLE*.

Another Insurance Journalist is to be congratulated on attaining connubial happiness. This time it is **Mr. J. H. C. Whiting, jr.**, of the *American Exchange and Review* of Philadelphia, who was recently married to Miss Agnes Stewart Mundell.

The Chicago underwriters have agitated the advisability of increasing rates in the Stock Yards district for some time; but it seems they needed the \$750,000 fire a month ago in the Anglo-American Co's packing house to bring their courage to the sticking point. It is now agreed to make a new tariff for the Stock Yards district, according to the *Investigator*, to go into effect about December 1. In the meantime rates have been advanced 25 per cent.