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BOOK NOTICES.

THE INSURANCE DIRECTORY, REFERENCE, AND YEAR BOOK. This publication, which contains the Post Magazine Almanac, has reached its 58th year of publication, and the one for 1898 is even more complete than preceding ones. As a compendium of information relating to ordinary life, industrial life, fire and accident insurance it is without a rival. The directory section gives the address of the head offices and branches of the British, Colonial and Foreign insurance companies, with the names of the chief officers, and the directors, solicitors and medical officers of the principal companies. The telegraphic addresses of insurance companies is a very useful feature. A section is devoted to the recital of British Acts of Parliament, with latest amendments, relating to insurance. The statistical part comprises a synopsis of the accounts of the leading companies, fire, life, accident, etc., including colonial and continental ones. The work cannot well be dispensed with by insurance offices.

INTERSTATE WARFARE, by Mr. James G. Batterson,ford, Conn. This is a treatise by a well-known authority, who urges the National supervision and control of insurance companies, and points out the evils resulting from retaliatory laws in the several States. Mr. Batterson states his views with much clearness and force.

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, published by authority of the Minister of the Interior. This handbook is meant rather for foreign than domestic consumption, though a study of it generally by the people of Canada would be useful in arousing national pride in the present condition and future prospects of this Dominion. We commend the work to the notice of Canadians who have old country connections; it would correct many erroneous ideas prevalent as to Canada. We should like a copy of this Handbook to be placed on the desk of every newspaper editor in the old land; it would from many a blunder free them, and foolish notion.

THE BANKERS' MAGAZINE, OF NEW YORK. The Feb'y. number of this admirable publication contains a full supply of well-selected material and of editorial comments that are valuable and interesting.

BLUE BOOKS. We have received: Report on routes to the Yukon, by Mr. W. T. Jennings, C. E.; Report, parts I and III, of the Inland Revenue Department, which are devoted to Excise and Adulteration of Food; Report of the Marine and Fisheries' Department, 1897; also Tables of Trade and Navigation for 1897, and the Report of the Auditor-General, which is larger than ever. This Report should be published in three volumes; it is altogether too cumbersome to be handled with convenience.

THE CIVIL CODE OF LOWER CANADA, by Mr. Henry J. Kavanagh, Q.C. A copy of this book deserves a place upon the desk of every merchant and banker in the country. It is a capital compilation with an alphabetical index, which is a model of lucidity.

We have received copies of the *Insurance World Fire Chart*, *Argus Insurance Chart*, and the *Fire Insurance Pocket Index*, for 1898, all of them containing a mass of figures and useful information for Insurance Agents.

We have to thank the *Review Newspaper Company*, of 20 Bucklersbury, London, for the "Record of the Great Fire in Cripple-gate." This illustrated account of the tremendous conflagration of November last is most interesting reading for Insurance Companies and all those who know London.

The speech of the Hon. Clifford Sifton, on the Yukon Railway, has been received at this office in pamphlet form. Whatever may be the political views of readers of the speech, they cannot but pronounce it a clever and powerful presentment of a matter now occupying so much of the attention of Parliament.

We are in receipt of a Circular from the Superintendent of Insurance, for the State of New York, shewing the scale of fees and taxes charged by the Insurance Departments of various States.

It appears from examination of its interesting tables that only one State license is required from each Insurance Company. Every municipal corporation has the right to demand the same amount of license as the State; but the city of New Orleans is the only municipal corporation that demands it.

PERSONALS.

AMONG THE VISITORS at the CHRONICLE Office during last week was Mr. Chas. Archibald, of Halifax, and Cape Breton. Mr. Archibald is well-known among mining men, and is interested in several mining and industrial companies. He is a Director of the Bank of Nova Scotia and other Halifax Institutions.

THE FINAL MATCH in the Insurance Hockey League was played in the Crystal Rink on the 4th inst. before a large gathering of Insurance men.

The Royal Queen team captured the trophy by a score of 5 to nil, defeating the rival aspirants for the Guardian Cup, the London, Lancashire and Standard representatives. The winners passed through the full series of games without suffering any defeat.

MR. JOHN R. DOUGALL, proprietor of the *Witness*, has been appointed a Director of the Sun Life Assurance Company in succession to the late Mr. W. I. Withall.

We understand that Mr. W. L. Chipman, so long the able and affable secretary of the Canadian Bankers' Association, has received the appointment of assistant inspector of the Molsons' Bank.

MR. ROBERT YOUNG, of St. John, N. B., who has recently been appointed General Superintendent of Agencies for the Great West Life Assurance Co., favoured this office with a call.

MR. A. J. RALSTON, of St. John, has been appointed Manager for Maritime Branch of the Great West Life. Both of these gentlemen have won promotion by success in their previous positions.

WE REGRET TO LEARN that Mr. James Lyster, of Montreal, Manager for Quebec Province for the Great West Life Assurance Co., is obliged to go south for the benefit of his health. We wish Mr. Lyster a speedy recovery and return.