

political prominence, he yet found time to give, practically free, his influence and ability to the development of the Mutual Life Company. He began his political career as clerk of the Township of Woolwich in Waterloo County, was in 1864 a member of the Legislative Assembly of Canada and the first representative of his riding under Confederation.

Cyrus M. Taylor succeeded in interesting two prominent citizens of Waterloo in the venture, Mr. I. E. Bowman already referred to and Mr. Moses Springer. In order to establish a mutual company it was necessary to secure a large number of provisional policyholders, who by uniting and pledging their initial premiums would provide the funds necessary to float the company. To form such an organization a genial and magnetic personality was required, and these qualities were found in Mr. Springer. By his untiring efforts the five hundred original policyholders who formed the company were collected, and thanks to the political influence of Messrs. Springer and Bowman, the necessary charter was secured, the Company being incorporated in 1868.

After the charter had been secured a meeting of the provisional board was held and the election of officers resulted as follows :

Isaac E. Bowman, M.P., - President.

Moses Springer, M.P.P., - Secretary.

C. M. Taylor, Esq., - - Treasurer.

J. W. Walden, M.D., Medical Director.