

ESTABLISHED 1809.

Fire Premiums 1902 Income Life Branch	\$11,878,0
Total Revenue	\$18,190,6
Total Assets over Canadian Investments	\$ 85,000,00 7,865,00
Greatly in excess of other fire companies in	Canada.
Resident Agents in Toronto	:

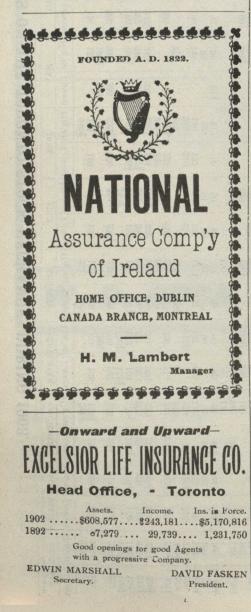
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> Agents Wanted in all Unrepresented Districts.



## TORONTO STOCK TRANS-ACTIONS.

There has been a fair under-tone to the market since the beginning of the year, though the volume of business has not been large, nor have prices made very much change. The following is a summary of the transactions in the more widely known stocks: Bank of Montreal, 6 at 24834-9; Toronto, 20 at 227; Commerce, 205 at 1521/2-3; Imperial, 5 at 214; Dominion, 43 at 22534-6; Standard, 9 at 225; Traders', 4 at 133; West Assurance, III at 97; C.P.R., 3,447 at 1161/2-119; Tor. Elect. Light, 15 at 133-4; Can. Gen. Elect., 262 at 139-1401/2; Com. Cable, 375 at 163-5; Rich. & Ont. Nav., 15 at 791/2; Tor. Rail., 819 at 99-3/4; Twin City, 485 at 8834-901/8; Can. Per Loan, 367 at 120; Dom. Steel, 225 at 93/4-103/8; Dom. Coal, 244 at 69-73; N.S. Steel, 195 at 791/4-815/8; Sao Paulo, 272 at 881/2-891/4; and Northern Nav., 10 at 73.

## RECENT FIRES.

Possibly the intensely cold weather has had something to do with it, but the first week of the New Year certainly seems to have been characterized by a number of burnings of more or less importance, in different parts of the Dominion. Among the more important may be mentioned the following: Ottawa City Post Office, destroyed at a loss of \$80,-000, not insured; Morin & Co.'s wholesale drug warehouse, and McCall, Shehyn & Co.'s wholesale dry goods store, in Quebec, total loss about \$100,000, insured; the Mount Royal Club, Montreal's finest club house, loss over \$100.000, insurance, \$83,000; Col. Liardet, the secretary, and one member of the Fire Brigade were killed, besides which several were injured; Stirling Brothers' boot and shoe warehouse, at London, Ont., at which Fire Chief Roe was killed and four other firemen injured; loss \$20,000 on building and \$50,000 on contents, Gorman & Eckert, dealers in spices, next door, stock damaged by water, as also are the O. J. Bucke Company of Chicago, dealers in chewing gum material; the Hamilton street Public School, in Toronto, burned at a loss of about \$25,000, at which the most striking feature was the high value of the fire drill system, by means of which, in this case, some 500 or boo children made their exit from the burning building within a space of two minutes, without the slightest injury to any one of them; McLeod & Hawthorne's dry goods store, in Montreal, loss, \$10,000, mostly insured. Brinkworth's general store, and Frank Williamson's implement warehouse at Belmont, Man., totally destroyed at a loss of \$9,000, partially insured; Clyde Forks Lumber Company's new mill at Clyde Forks, Ont., loss \$10,000, with very small insurance; Laurier Engine Company's patent storage building at Montreal, gutted, loss \$15,000.



Agency Organizers Wanted.

The Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company wants January 1st, 1904, Two Agency Organizers, one for their Maritime Province Division and the other for their Northwest Division. Must have a good knowledge of the territory, with successful experience in canvassing and in selecting and developing agents. A good opportunity for energetic young men.

