

Jeffrey Beavan, Esq., joint manager of the New York branch of the London and Lancashire fire office, was in Montreal during the past week, and favored us with a call.

The Glasgow and London Insurance Company has commenced business in Australia. Mr. F. F. Leslie has been appointed general agent at Melbourne for South Australia.

The losses to Insurance Companies on the Pacific Coast have thus far during 1886 been about ten per cent. greater than for the corresponding period last year.—*Fireman's Fund Record*.

Royal Canadian.—Mr. Harry Cutt has been appointed secretary to the Royal Canadian Insurance Company. Mr. Cutt was formerly secretary of the Atlantic and Northwestern Railway Company.

Mr. R. H. Watson informs us that he has resigned his position as Superintendent of the Union Mutual Life. He leaves the company with the good-will of all connected with it.

The formation of a new Stock Fire office is spoken of in New York with a capital of \$1,000,000. It will, if organized, be conducted on similar plans to the New England Mill Mutual and the Mutual Fire of N. Y.

The Popular Science News asserts that the average length of life is constantly increasing, and the time may yet come when persons 100 years old will excite no more curiosity than of eighty years at the present time.

The Insurance Agent is a missionary, persuading men to perform a manifest duty, and the only reason that he is ever unpopular is owing to the fact that few men like to be reminded of a duty unperformed.—*Weekly Statement*.

The "Anglo-American" has, we are informed, established a marine agency at St. John, N.B. The "Anglo-American" prowler is quite competent to receive premiums, but paying claims is beneath its dignity.

The Directors of the Standard Life have appointed Mr. Thomas H. B. Black, resident secretary at Glasgow, as successor to the late Mr. R. S. M. Forbes. Mr. Black was previously inspector at Leeds for the Crown Life office.

Mr. C. B. Whiting, of Hartford, Conn., for several years secretary of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, has been elected President of the Orient Insurance Company of Hartford. Mr. Whiting is a popular and able underwriter.

Mr. Jean R. Stebbins, of Little Falls, has been elected president of the Agricultural Insurance Company of Watertown, in place of the late Dr. Munson. Mr. Stebbins is one of the largest stockholders of the Agricultural, and has been a director for the last 15 years.

The New York Life has an office building in Paris which cost \$1,046,317; one in Vienna which cost \$207,371 and one in Berlin which cost \$183,174. The Equitable's office building in Paris cost \$325,633, and the Germania's in Berlin cost \$273,378.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of N.Y. has opened an agency in Mexico. The New York Life, Equitable Life, and a Co-operative Association are the only other companies transacting a life insurance business in that country.

The Puget Sound Insurance Company of Tacoma is the cognomen of a "wild cat" which recently came to light in connection with a loss at Toronto. We learn from a contemporary that the concern has been shut up since March 23rd ult.

May Removals in Mon'treal.—The City of London has removed to No. 1 Exchange Court, Hospital St.—The Commercial Union from St. Francois Xavier St. to No. 173 Notre Dame St.—The Guardian Assurance Co. to the new Fraser Building, St. Sacrament St.

Mr. John Kennedy, Inspector of the Royal Insurance Company, Montreal, sailed for Great Britain on the 27th ult for a two months' holiday trip. It is some twelve years since he sniffed the air of sweet Epsbury town. We wish him a pleasant holiday among the banks and braes of his native land.

John Higley, of Hamilton, Ont., accused of receiving money on certificates of a New York assessment society, which were never issued, has been released on bail, only to be tried on a similar charge at St. Catharines, whereupon the law will look after his record in Hamilton.—*The Standard*.

Mr. H. Sutherland of Halifax—the energetic general Agent of the Federal Life Assurance Company for the Lower Provinces and Quebec was in Montreal during the past month. We are informed that he has decided to make Toronto his headquarters instead of Montreal, as at first intended.

The Citizens Insurance Company of Canada received 120 applications for fire insurance lately by one mail, 118 of which were accepted, representing in premiums \$1,844. General Manager Hart was beaming. Perhaps it may not be out of place to inform his agents that he won't object to a continuance of that sort of business.

Messrs Meak & Raynes, advocates, etc., of Montreal, have removed from Place d'Armes square to Exchange Court, No. 10 Hospital Street. The name of this rising young firm will be familiar to our readers as the compilers of the insurance legal decisions published in our columns. They give special attention to insurance cases.

New Companies.—Among the insurance companies lately licensed to do business in Canada are:—"The Mutual Accident Association (limited)" of England; "The Temperance and General Life" of Toronto; "The Canadian Mutual Aid Association" of Toronto; and "The Provincial Provident Institution" of St. Thomas.

Mr. E. Hallamore who has been for some time superintendent of agencies for the British Empire Life has been appointed general agent of that company for the province of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, associating with him Mr. L. A. Dastous, of Sherbrooke. The name of the firm will be Messrs. Hallamore & Dastous. We wish the new firm every success.

Bonds, Mortgages, etc.—The editor of the INSURANCE AND FINANCE CHRONICLE will be glad to hear from insurance agents and others who may have or know of any principal debentures to be disposed of in their neighborhood. We have inquiries for investments of this nature in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$500,000. Please address the editor, INSURANCE AND FINANCE CHRONICLE, Montreal.

An esteemed Correspondent in Nova Scotia writes us:—"Digby, N.S., has passed the necessary municipal order for a steam fire engine. Nearly all the important towns in Nova Scotia have or are preparing to get steamers for fire purposes. The average annual loss by fire is small in Nova Scotia, as compared with other Provinces, and I think, therefore, the Underwriters in some cases charge a little too high."