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Insurance Briefs.

J. N. Yeomans, representative of the Confederation Life Association at Wilnipeg, has severed his connection with that company. It is probable that he will move to Hamilton, Ont., where he will engage in the insurance business.

The latest fake in insurance is the Burglar Insurance Co., established in that great insurance centre, Hartford, Connecticut. The object of the scheme is to insure against loss by burglary, robbery, or theft, and any liability arising from any unknown or contingent event whatever.

The Winnipeg board of underwriters has addressed a letter to the Brandon council, intimating that insurance rates will be raised, unless vigorous measures are taken to improve the fire department of the place. This action of the underwriters has grown out of the recent disastrous fire at Brandon. The underwriters urge that this fire is conclusive proof of the inefficiency of the fire protective appliances.

According to the superintendents of insurance report, the total number of premiums issued by Canadian life insurance companies for 1888 was 3,290,739; number of policies new and taken up, 21,646; amount of policies, \$25,092,743; number of policies now in force, 73,352, with a net amount in force of 116,872,150; number of claims, 575, showing a net amount of claims of \$929,707. Of this sum \$889,520 were paid. The report shows this branch of insurance was quite a large increase over the business done the previous year.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says that the swindling practice, which now is on the increase in New York city, of procuring policies and returning them when a month's premium or more has been carned, without any payment, is one of the most despicable forms of petty thievery extant. In one case it was discovered that a party had kept his goods insured for nearly a year by this method. He transferred his profitless patronage from one company to another, but happened to be accidentally caught by a clerk leaving one office he had thus favored to take service in another, which had been selected as another victim. Local underwriters are also annoyed by the trick now practised by some brokers of promising any rate in order to cover a risk on Saturday afternoon, or the after noon before a holiday, and then replacing the risk at their leisure, and returning the policy "not wanted."