

SUSPENDS NEW RIFLES TO MARCH '15

Another striking example of the experience of control of political boards by the Massachusetts...

REPORT SHOWS GAIN OF \$14,148,064 IN ASSETS

Total Income \$32,165,904 and Total Outstanding Insurance \$753,976,117.

UNEMPLOYED WERE INSURED.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has completed a canvass of its industrial policy-holders in New York...

NORTHERN LIFE ASSURANCE.

London, Ont., February 10.—The Northern Life Assurance Company, according to the report presented by the president, Mr. T. H. Purdon, at the annual meeting...

YEAR OPENED BADLY WITH NUMBER OF COSTLY LOSSES

Liverpool, February 10.—The chairman of the Liverpool Underwriters' Association, in his speech at the annual meeting, said that owing to the effective work of the British fleet the losses during the war thus far to British shipping had been much less than might have been expected.

MR. LUCAS AT THE FRONT.

Mr. Algernon Lucas, formerly with Messrs. J. E. Gaudet and Company, has received a commission in the "King Edward Horse" and will shortly leave for France.

BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL.—At the Montreal Maternity Hospital, on February 3rd, to Dr. and Mrs. Grant Campbell, a daughter.

DEATHS.

CATELL.—At her father's residence, 625 City Hall Avenue, Montreal, on the 8th February, 1915, at the age of 22 years, Annette, daughter of C. H. CateLL.

PERSONALS

Mr. N. R. Jennings, of Toronto, is at the Windsor Hotel. The Hon. J. D. Caron left town this morning for Quebec. Mr. A. A. Fournier, of Ottawa, is in town for a few days.

MR. GAUVIN ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Mr. J. A. E. Gauvin has been elected second vice-president of the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Albert Lambert having retired from the contest.

REAL ESTATE AND TRUST COMPANIES

Quotations for to-day on the Montreal Real Estate Exchange, Inc., were as follows:

Table with columns for company names and bid/ask prices. Includes Aberdeen Estates, Bidu Ltd., Bellevue Land Co., etc.

MARITIME PROVINCE SECURITIES

(Quotations furnished by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Members Montreal Stock Exchange, 166 Hollis Street, Halifax, N.S.)

Table of securities with columns for company names and prices. Includes Eastern Canada Savings & Loan, Eastern Car, etc.

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY

FIRE and MARINE Incorporated 1851 Assets Over \$3,500,000.00 Losses paid since organization over \$57,000,000.00

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CANDLES MOVED IN EMPTY HOUSE AND FIRE FOLLOWED

"Rats and Occasional Stray Cats" Blamed by Witness—Proprietor Told Court he Was Away at the Time.

Freeman Oscar Brown, the first man to enter the burning premises of Joseph Levine, 111 Drolet street, on January 8, told Fire Commissioner Ritchie at yesterday's enquiry that he had found the doors of the flat unlocked, and that the fire was eating its way around the kitchen table under which was a lighted candle standing in a cardboard box of shavings.

The commissioner asked whether, in the opinion of the witness, a rat could have removed the lighted candle from the centre of the table and placed it in the box of shavings, this supposition having been hinted at by a previous witness. Fireman Brown replied that it would depend upon the size and the intelligence of the rat.

Abraham Levine, a 14-year-old school boy, who with his younger brother was keeping house during the absence of his parents and other members of the family at St. Lin, Que., said that January 8 being a Friday, he had lighted two candles, in keeping with the Jewish custom, before leaving the house between 4.20 and 5.00 p.m. He did not return until 9 o'clock, when he discovered the fire. The only explanation that the witness could give for the change in position of the candles was that "there are rats in the house and occasionally stray cats."

Joseph Levine, who keeps a tailoring establishment at 230 St. Lawrence boulevard, was next called. He could not assist the court, as he was not in the city at the time of the fire. He was asked by the commissioner if he thought that it was safe to leave two school boys in sole charge of a home when he knew that candles were to be burned. He replied that he had understood that his children would remain at home, as he had not given them permission to go out. The loss, which was small, is covered by insurance in the Western Assurance Company.

MUTUAL HAD GOOD YEAR.

The year 1914 was a satisfactory one of the Mutual Life of Canada. The war has not disturbed the equanimity of the Mutual and the only perceptible effect was in the amount of new business written. Instead of the usual 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. increase this year they contented themselves with duplicating the amount written in 1913, with a small margin in favor of 1914.

WANTS STATE INSURANCE.

Undeterred by the experience of states which have tried the costly experiment of state fire insurance, Representative McKnight has just introduced a bill in the Missouri legislature to establish a state fire and tornado insurance fund to be made up from premiums on policies.

PAID \$5,500 FOR A FOOT.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. yesterday settled the suit brought by the parents of John Rooney, 8 years old for the loss of his foot through injury by a trolley car, by the payment of \$5,500.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELIEF WORK.

Washington, February 10.—President Wilson said that Col. E. M. House, in Europe as an informal agent of the United States Government, attempting to make a more business-like arrangement for the relief work in belligerent nations. The President added that his visit abroad has no other significance.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

CLARKE STREET, ABOVE CRAIG, Central property, 7x148 ft, bargain price. Will take vacant lots or second mortgages for equity, a snap. C. Withycomb.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

THE MANAGER OF A STRONG CANADIAN LIFE COMPANY wishes to obtain the services of two or three good business men, salesmen or other. Life insurance underwriters now form a respected profession, beneficial in its workings and well-paid in its results.

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