

NORTHERN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The Northern Life Assurance Company, of London, Ontario, announces that it is increasing its agency force and is prepared to offer advantageous terms to whole or part-time agents. Local agents who would be interested in a connection with the Company should communicate with the provincial manager for Quebec, Mr. R. I. Dutton, 130 St. James Street, Montreal.

Attention is drawn to the leading figures from the annual statement of this company appearing on another page. At December 31st last, the Company's assets amounted to \$2,531,028, an increase of \$235,891 during the year, and there was insurance in force of \$10,401,232. The income last year amounted to \$513,935, policies issued and revived being just over two millions. A favorable mortality experience was enjoyed, actual death claims, including war losses, being in a ratio of only 56 per cent. to the expected. The surplus was increased by \$43,192 and at December 31st last amounted to \$139,344.

GIVING NEW INSURANCE COMPANIES TIME.

The Minister of Finance has introduced the following short bill at Ottawa:—

"1. Any insurance company whose power to apply for a license under the provisions of The Insurance Act, 1910, will expire before the end of the next session of Parliament, may obtain an extension of such power until the end of the next session of Parliament by filing a notice with the Superintendent of Insurance in form 1 of the schedule to this Act within two months after the passing of this Act, and paying to the said Superintendent a fee of one hundred dollars.

"2. A list of all companies obtaining extensions under the provisions of this Act shall be published in the prefix to the first volume of the annual statutes of Canada published thereafter."

This bill obviates the necessity of a new insurance company, which finds that owing to present-day financial circumstances it is unable to qualify for its license in the time originally given it, applying for an amending Act extending the period.

GENERAL ACCIDENT OF CANADA.

The General Accident Assurance Company of Canada will apply to Parliament for an Act amending the Company's Act of Incorporation by increasing its powers to make insurance contracts, by reducing the minimum number of its directors and by providing that the majority of its directors shall not necessarily be persons resident in Canada and British subjects by birth or naturalization.

ONE VIEW OF THE OTTAWA BONFIRE.

The burning of the Parliament buildings at Ottawa affords a lesson for the fire preventionist. The cause of the fire may have been one thing or another, but the kindling wood the flames fed on was a disgrace to the Dominion. Canada has an official architect somewhere. He will be unworthy of his job if the Parliament building, when reconstructed and refurnished, is not a little more fire resistant.—*Insurance Press.*

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. Leslie McDuff, manager for Nova Scotia, is the first president of the new Century Club of the Mutual Life of Canada. Mr. McDuff has also recently been elected president of the Nova Scotia Life Underwriters.

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Sir Gerald H. Ryan, general manager of the Phoenix Assurance Company, of London, England, has been appointed by the British Treasury chairman of a commission to consider and report upon any amendments in the financial scheme of the National Insurance Act.

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Mr. William Panton, editor of the Milton Champion, who has been the Gore District Mutual's agent at Milton, Ont., for half a century, was presented by the company at the recent annual meeting with a gold watch.

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Canadian underwriters who have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Henry Mann, secretary of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, on visits to the Dominion, will be interested to learn that his son, Captain Heathcote U. Mann, of the London Irish Rifles, has been awarded the Military Cross. At Maroc and Loos on 25th and 28th September, 1915, he displayed conspicuous gallantry under fire during the attack and when consolidating the German second line trench.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.

An American insurance executive much respected by those associated with his Company in the Canadian field, passed away at Philadelphia on the 8th instant in the person of Mr. Eugene L. Ellison, president of the Insurance Company of North America since 1909. Mr. Ellison died very suddenly at his desk from heart failure, the sad event occurring when a number of the leading general agents of the company, including Mr. Harold Hampson, of Messrs. Robert Hampson & Son, Ltd., Montreal, were meeting at the Company's home office. Mr. Ellison's association with the Insurance Company of North America extended over 44 years. He became assistant secretary in 1884, vice-president in 1897 and president in 1909 and during his term of executive administration did much to enhance the reputation of this fine old company.

STATE INSURANCE AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

We call the attention of our readers to the second instalment, appearing on another page, of the important paper by Mr. W. E. Gray, general manager of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, on the subject of "State Insurance and Workmen's Compensation." This paper has been widely recognized as the most important British contribution to this subject for some years, and under present circumstances in the Dominion, the necessity of insurance officials and agents thoroughly informing themselves of the facts and arguments in this matter needs no emphasis. Only thus can the menace of State insurance in the Dominion be intelligently met.