

MONTREAL'S 1916 FIRE RECORD.

Fire Chief Tremblay reports that alarms during 1916 in Montreal were about 1,000 less than in 1915, numbering 2,607 against 3,574. During the year the Inspection Bureau made 101,173 inspections, 7,481 places were found in a dangerous condition, necessitating 10,769 re-inspections. The fire inspectors were successful in 95 actions taken before the Recorder's Court against persons refusing or neglecting to comply with their instructions. The men also made 320 reports to the Building Inspector regarding fire escapes needed, building defects, unsafe installation of heating apparatus, etc.

DIGEST OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS.

The "Digest of Workmen's Compensation Laws in the United States and Territories, with Annotations," compiled by F. Robertson Jones and published annually since 1913 by the Workmen's Compensation Publicity Bureau, 80 Maiden Lane, New York City, is brought up to date this year by means of a supplement. A feature of the "Digest" which greatly enhances its value as a work of reference is a collection of cases (English and Canadian, as well as those of the United States) cited at appropriate points. The subject of compensation opens up a new and extensive field of adjudication, and the cases here assembled afford a judicial determination of many disputed points which have arisen.

Mulvaney—"Mike got his life insured for tin cints."

Murphy—"How was that?"

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