

Our thanks are due to the Actuarial Society of America for No 11 of its "Papers and Transactions" to which extended notice will be given in a future issue.

Rumor is busy across the border speculating as to the possibility of other British Companies following the example of the Guardian. Our neighbors are evidently a little "scared" by the summary action of the Guardian and the presence of late of so many managers from England.

We have received copies of Mr. T. C. Hindman's letters addressed to the stock-holders and agents of the Columbian Fire Insurance Company of America which recently passed into the hands of a receiver. The quarrel between these two gentlemen appears to be a pretty one as it now stands, but we have no taste for recriminations.

The Life Agent's Manual—This Journal's new edition (1894) of J. D. Houston's well known handbook, in addition to complete tables of rates, synopsis of policy conditions, interest and discount tables, and an exposé of assessment assurance, contains new tables never before published, for computing policy reserves by a simple process easily understood by anyone. It is only necessary to subtract the number in one table opposite the age at issue of policy from that for the age attained, and opposite the difference in another table will be found the reserve value for each \$1000 of assurance. Our contemporary, *The Spectator*, in speaking of the manual says: "It is an extremely valuable work for agents operating in Canada, as it gives the premium rates and a synopsis of the policy conditions of all life companies operating in the Dominion."

Insurances on J. R. Booth's saw mills and machinery at Ottawa destroyed by fire on 26th ultimo:—Royal, \$13,000; London & Lancashire, \$10,000; North British & Mercantile, \$10,000; Aetna, \$10,000; Hartford, \$8,500; Lancashire, \$8,000; North America, \$5,000; Mercantile, \$5,000; Queen, \$5,000; Imperial, \$5,000; Guardian, \$5,000; Manchester (Albion), \$5,000; Alliance, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$5,000; Union, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$4,000; British America, \$3,500; United Fire, \$3,000; Sun, \$3,000; Eastern, \$3,000; London Assurance, \$2,500; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2,500; National of Ireland, \$2,500; Atlas, \$2,500; Western, \$2,500; Phoenix of London, \$2,500; Caledonian, \$2,500; Total, \$143,500. The insurances represent about half the value of the mill and contents, and the loss is a total one. The neighboring mill of Messrs. Perley & Pattey, although only about 20 feet distant from the one burnt, fortunately escaped with very trifling damage.

OBITUARY.

We regret having to chronicle the death of Mr. Jeremiah Griswold, which took place at his home in Brooklyn, on 21st ultimo. The deceased gentleman was a recognized writer and authority on the history and the principles and practice of fire insurance. Some of his most important works were published by this Journal, of which he was the esteemed associate editor for some time, amongst them being the "Fire Underwriters' Text Book," the "Handbook of Adjustments," and the "Fire Agents' Text Book," all of which are quoted as Text Books in every part of the English-speaking world. Mr. Griswold died at the ripe old age of eighty.

PERSONAL MENTION.

MR. A. J. BELTON, general manager of the Guardian Assurance Company, spent a short time in Montreal last week.

MR. SHEPHERD HOMANS, president of the Provident Savings Fund has sailed with his wife and daughter to Europe, where they will spend several months.

MR. WM. MACKAY, inspector of the Royal, has returned from his holiday in Great Britain, which he seems to have thoroughly enjoyed.

MR. JOHN W. MOISON, we regret to say, has been very ill again, but is now reported somewhat better. We hope that he will speedily recover his usual health.

MR. GEO. W. RONNE has recently been appointed special executive agent of the North American Life Assurance Co., and is at present in Montreal in the interests of his company.

MR. W. TATLEY, of the Royal, sailed for England by the "Lake Superior," on 26th ult., on a visit. He will be absent for about six weeks, and we trust will find the trip beneficial in every respect.

MR. GEO. SIMPSON, assistant manager of the Royal, whose illness we briefly referred to in our last issue, we are pleased to learn, is much improved in health, and will resume business in course of a day or two.

AMONGST OUR INSURANCE FRIENDS who are now *en route* for Great Britain we may, mention Mr. A. Browning, Mr. A. W. Haddrill, secretary Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, and Mr. Hunter of the Royal.

MR. WM. SANDERSON, M.A., an honor graduate of Toronto University, and an officer on the actuarial staff of the Canada Life, has passed the first examination of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain and Ireland.

AMONGST THE CALLERS at our sanctum last month were Manager Thompson of the Lancashire Insurance Co., Mr. A. K. Blackadar of the Insurance department, and Mr. R. H. Matson, Canadian general manager of the Provident Savings Fund.

MR. JOHN MCCLARY, former vice-president of the London Life, has been elected president of the Company in the room of Mr. Joseph Jeffery deceased. Mr. McClary is well known in London business circles as president of the McClary Manufacturing Company.

MR. P. M. WICKHAM, inspector of the Queen, will take entire charge of the business during Mr. Mudge's absence. Mr. Wickham has been connected with the Company for about twenty-four years, and has deservedly won the entire confidence of the head office as well as that of Manager Mudge.

MR. F. H. JOHNSTON, who for some time has acted as associate manager with his father for the Confederation Life's branch for the Province of Quebec, has accepted an appointment in the actuarial department of a New Jersey Life Company. He has our congratulations and best wishes in his new sphere.

MESSRS. G. O. WOODMAN AND HOWARD WRIGHT, of Winnipeg, have entered into partnership as insurance agents, and have secured the general agency of the Imperial and the Phoenix of Hartford for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Both gentlemen are well and favorably known to the business community, and should do a successful business.

MR. H. J. MUDGE, who sailed for Great Britain by the SS. "Lake Superior" on 26th ultimo, has taken a needed and well earned rest and holiday in the Old Country, for two or three months. Mr. Mudge has spent over twenty years with the Royal and Queen offices, and has been manager for some years of the latter company. He has not been at all well of late, but we hope that his trip will be an enjoyable one. Mr. Mudge is deservedly popular, and no manager in Canada has worked harder or with a greater degree of success.