

preceding years, together with the losses for the balance of the years 1904 and 1905:

|                  | 1906.         | 1905.         | 1904          |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| January.....     | \$17,724,800  | \$16,378,100  | \$21,790,200  |
| February.....    | 18,249,350    | 25,591,000    | 90,051,000    |
| Total 2 mos....  | \$35,973,150  | \$41,969,100  | \$111,840,200 |
| March.....       | 14,751,400    | 11,212,150    |               |
| April.....       | 11,901,350    | 23,624,000    |               |
| May.....         | 17,736,250    | 15,221,400    |               |
| June.....        | 11,789,800    | 10,646,700    |               |
| July.....        | 13,173,250    | 11,924,200    |               |
| August.....      | 11,435,600    | 9,715,700     |               |
| September.....   | 13,715,250    | 14,387,500    |               |
| October.....     | 12,267,000    | 12,866,200    |               |
| November.....    | 16,178,200    | 11,515,000    |               |
| December.....    | 15,276,600    | 14,422,350    |               |
| Total 12 mos.... | \$175,157,800 | \$232,364,050 |               |

The January and February losses together show an improvement on those of 1905. Should this be maintained for the rest of the year, the companies will have a very rare experience, but it is premature to anticipate. Fire insurance is a most uncertain business, so the only wise course is to be prepared for the worst.

#### QUERIES' COLUMN.

In order to furnish our readers with information we propose to devote this column to replies to correspondents. Letters should be addressed to "THE CHRONICLE, Enquiry Department, Montreal."

Answers will only be given to such communications as bear the writer's name, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and only to questions referring to matters of general interest in regard to which the Editor of Queries' Column will exercise his own discretion.

1542.—John A. Brantford, O.—Dominion Textile preferred pays 7 p.c. in quarterly payments of 1 3/4 p.c. The next dividend is payable on 14th April, the stock will sell ex-dividend on 30th inst. The first dividend was paid on 17th October last, and 5 1/4 p.c. was then paid covering three quarters.

1543.—J. L. S. Amherst, N.S.—The Consolidated Minin & Smelting Company of Canada, was formed by the merging of the St. Eugene, War Eagle and Centre Star Mines, the Trail Smelter and the Rossland Power Company. The report dated 1st March, 1906, shows that of the authorized capital of \$5,500,000, there is subscribed and paid up \$4,608,888.

INSURANCE COMPANY LOSSES.—MRS. Edith Thomson sued the Maryland Casualty for \$10,000 on a life policy issued to her late husband. The jury found that the Maryland Casualty Company had to pay their policy. Counsel for the insurance company say that they will appeal the case. Mrs. Thomson claimed that her husband's death was the result of injuries received in a street car accident, while the Casualty Company claimed Mr. Thomson was suffering from bright's disease when he applied for insurance and that his death was hastened by this disease.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

FIRE & CASUALTY INSURANCE CHART, prepared by "The World," Pittsburg, being 30th year of publication. The work gives the liabilities and assets of the various insurance companies in the United States, a list of officials, and of the companies that retired from business, 1900 to 1905 inclusive.

CANADA ABROAD.—Prospectus of the Canadian General Service & Colonization Co., Ltd. The object of this company, speaking generally, is, to advertise Canada. It will have the following departments: Government Exhibits, Immigration and Colonization, Private Exhibits, Foreign Commerce, General Service and Publicity and Promotion: Information bureaus will be established, and efforts made to secure a higher class of immigrants. The company is establishing in the best available locality in New York, a prominent exhibition of Canada's products and resources.

A PANORAMIC VIEW OF HALIFAX HARBOUR, showing the squadron under command of Prince Louis of Battenburg, has been sent us duly framed and glazed. For this very agreeable present we tender thanks to Alfred J. Bell, insurance agent, Halifax.

CONTRACT CARD RECORD.—Messrs. Evans and Johnson, Montreal, have favoured us with a specimen of the "Card Record" which they are issuing. The "Record" consists of date cards in a very neat case which are so arranged as to be exceedingly convenient for recording dates of engagements, appointments, and obligations.

INSURANCE BANKING AND STOCKS.—To Mr. A. Filiatrault, we are indebted for a brochure which contains a vigorous plea in favour of "Canada for Canadians" in the insurance sphere.

MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE, the 63rd annual Report of the Council, being for year 1905. This report contains copies of the resolutions of the Council, and their reports on the fire protective service of the city, of the correspondence between the Council and the Fire and Light Committee of the Corporation, with other matters relating to this subject. The statistics cover returns of the business of the port for 1904 and 1905, with other information respecting the proceedings of the Board of Trade in 1905.

POST MAGAZINE AND INSURANCE MONITOR, 1905.—We are exceedingly obliged to the publishers of the "Post Magazine" for a handsomely bound copy of that publication comprising the issues of 1905. The work is made all the more valuable containing an admirably arranged Index. Respecting news of insurance matters in Great Britain and comments thereon we look to this magazine with confidence, being assured by experience that the former will be reliable and the latter intelligent and expert.