



The Story of the Home Office

A NUMBER of interesting views of the home office of the Mutual Life of Canada are scattered through the present volume. This beautiful building was opened in January, 1913, additional facilities having been made necessary by the continuous expansion of the business of the Company.

Not always did the Mutual occupy so commodious a home. For years after its incorporation the business expanded very slowly, for the public are loath to entrust their funds to a new and untried company.

At first the records of the Mutual Life were housed in the office of a conveyancer in Waterloo and in the intervals of drawing up deeds and mortgages he would attend to the business of the Mutual. The name of this man will be forever associated with the pioneer days of the Mutual Life—the late Mr. Moses Springer already referred to in connection with the establishment of the Company. Mr. Springer's office was "The Birthplace of the Mutual."

It was not more than two years before it was found necessary for the Mutual to have a home of its own and a few rooms were rented in the second floor of the "Devitt" block. These rooms were sufficient for about six years although the business