

PERSONALS.

MR. E. A. LILLY has decided to engage in the insurance brokerage business. Messrs Paterson & Son, chief agents of the Phoenix, of London, have appointed Mr. Lilly city agent of that Company.

MR. J. J. KENNY, vice-president of British America and the Western, sailed for England on the 23rd ult.

MAJOR MCGREGOR GRANT, of St. John, N.B., is a visitor to the city this week.

Notes and Items.**At Home and Abroad.**

OTTAWA CLEARING HOUSE.—Total for week ending 24th July, 1902. Clearings—\$1,992,476. Balances—\$629,365. Corresponding week last year,

CASES OF CANCER IN MALES have more than doubled in proportion to population in the last 30 years.

RATES AT CAPE TOWN have been doubled owing to the serious fires in that city; chiefly incendiary it is thought.

CAPE TOWN HAD A FIRE on 27th ult., which inflicted a loss of \$1,250,000. The insurance in British companies was heavy.

AT THE CASUALTY MANAGERS' CONVENTION a committee was appointed to consider the question of a standard form of contract and uniform conditions. The members of the committee will have a year to consider their report.

THE FLAG OF THE PARIS FIRE BRIGADE was decorated with the Legion of Honour by President Loubet on 14th inst. A decoration for deserting men would seem more practical.

A WOMAN'S LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY is jestingly suggested to be organized, to be operated wholly by women. Many a true word has been spoken in jest; it would be no surprise were this hint acted upon.

LYONDS, LONDON, has not been badly hurt by the Coronation claims, in the opinion of the "Review." The cables to this effect were guesses, like so many others. The total losses were about \$200,000 instead of several millions as first reported.

MESSRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH & Co., patent solicitors, Canada Life Building, furnish us with the following weekly list of Patents granted to Canadians in the following countries. Any information can be readily obtained from them direct.

CANADIAN PATENTS.—W. A. Milne, Peat Collecting Machines; R. McArthur, Attachments for Bob-sleighs; J. B. Shantz and D. B. Shantz, Beet Bunchers and Cultivators; D. N. Miller, Railway Car Sanders; J. A. E. Delfosse, Wardrobes; J. H. Cotter, Domestic Refuse Crematories; W. E. Vanstone, Water Heaters; L. L. Merrifield, Method of Producing Gas from Peat and other organic substances; L. L. Merrifield, Gas Producers; R. Christie and T. B. Christie, Pneumatic Straw Stackers for Threshing Machines; L. A. Morrison, Wall Construction; A. Weatherhead, Non-Refillable Bottles; A. McLeod, Wash Rollers; G. M. Laidig, Nut Locks.

AMERICAN PATENTS.—J. M. Neil, Re-covering Metallic Tin; F. A. Colver, Hand Corn-planter; W. H. Fox, Hospital-Bed; J. A. Jamieson, Elevator-Bin; J. A. Jamieson, Bin; J. M. J. Phelan, Mitering and Tool-guiding Device; J. Seymour, Machine for Mixing Gas and Air; J. Seymour, Gas and Air Mixer; J. Seymour, Air and Gas Mixer; W. E. Vanstone, Heater.

REPORTS FROM THE WEST INDIES to the "Maritime Merchant" speak of Canadian insurance companies doing an increasing business. The imports also from Canada are increasing. There is a market in Bermuda for doors and sashes, also for sheep, poultry, steers, pigs. Why let Americans handle nearly all the trade?

GILMOUR & COMPANY, LIMITED, of Trenton, Ontario, have been awarded the entire contract for the inside finish of the Board of Trade building, Montreal. This, in conjunction with their doors, etc., in the King Edward hotel, Toronto, bears excellent testimony to the quality of their work and capacity of their factories. Trenton has water power in abundance.

IF A BAD SEASON develops fires in summer hotels there will be an unusual number this season as complaints are quite general that not only did the guests arrive several weeks after the usual date, but are far fewer than usual. One famous summer resort up to this week had less than half the visitors of 1901.

UNITED STATES BUSINESS WITH NEW ZEALAND, according to the "N. Z. Trade Review," amounted last year to \$9,671,000 against \$221,000 with Canada. The New Zealanders boast of being the most thoroughly British of all the Colonials; it is a pity therefore that they cannot be drawn into closer trade relations with Canada.

MR. R. W. LOWE, late secretary at the London office of the Northern Assurance Company, died on 1st inst., at the early age of 49 years. Mr. Lowe was well known for his literary attainments, more especially his knowledge of dramatic literature, of which he published a "Bibliographical Account." His culture and upright character brought him a wide circle of friends, some in Canada, who mourn his loss.

THE NEW BUSINESS ISSUED AND PAID FOR by 25 leading American life companies from 1892 to 1901, according to a table in the "N. Y. Spectator," was \$8,076,524,005, of which \$2,519,074,277 lapsed, and \$1,093,368,799 was surrendered. The gain in insurance in force in the 10 years was \$2,880,537,878, which is 35.78 per cent. of total new business issued and paid for.

THE REJECTED LOVERS' HAZARD.—A new moral hazard is apparently present in Indiana, denominated the rejected lovers' hazard, says the "Insurance Field." Howard Dixon and Lena Hart were married near Kokomo on 24th ult., and while waiting to start on their wedding trip they were informed that their new home, which had been built and furnished, had been burned to the ground. When they left the house there was no fire about the premises. The theory is indulged by neighbours that the destruction was due to incendiarism at the hands of Miss Hart's rejected lover. That is quite impossible; rejected "suitors" may have done this fiendish deed, but no "lover" could harm one for whom he had, or ever had, any affection. Miss Hart, on this theory, had a fortunate escape from marrying a brute worthy of the gallows.