were insured against the risks of looting and damage at 5s per cent. But on similar shops in South Wales 5 guineas per cent. was quoted, and even then underwriters only undertook to pay the claims in excess of £25.

The office and contents of a Liberal newspaper in North Wales were insured for a considerable amount at 1 per cent., underwriters only to pay the excess of £25.

Fruit to be brought to the London Docks was insured for a month at 5s per cent.

Railway trucks were covered against damage at 1 per cent., and their contents of coal at 1 per cent., with the proviso that underwriters should only pay claims in excess of £10.

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS DURING FEBRUARY.

According to the record of industrial accidents kept by the Department of Labour, 61 persons were killed and 178 injured during February, 1912. This record compares very favourably with that of January, when 86 workmen were killed and 214 injured. Compared with February, 1911, the record is still more favourable, as 93 were killed and 107 injured in that month. The worst disaster of the past month was the premature explosion of dynamite on construction work near Fort Frances, Ont., on the line of the Canadian Northern Railway, by which 13 construction hands were killed and six others seriously injured.

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A FEW FIGURES.

Here are the figures of "total admitted assets" as at December 31, 1911, of the six largest American life companies:—

Mutual of N. Y.	$587,130,263
New York Life	684,684,686
North-Western Mutual	285,575,219
Equitable, N. Y.	503,867,097
Metropolitan	352,785,890
Prudential	258,824,978
Total	$2,672,868,133

And here is their insurance in force at the same date:—

Mutual of N. Y.	$ 1,504,974,662
New York Life	2,102,105,746
North-Western Mutual	1,147,273,523
Equitable, N. Y.	1,375,441,460
Metropolitan	2,399,878,087
Prudential	2,018,499,340
Total	$10,548,172,818

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INCREASE IN BURGLARY RATES.

It seems regrettable indeed that thievery is on the increase, but if the experiences of the various insurance companies transacting a burglary business are taken as a criterion, there can be no doubt about the matter. Losses during 1911 were so frequent and heavy that new rates had to be promulgated. These new rates, which affect a considerable number of classes of merchandise, became operative February 1. Heretofore there have been three classifications—a $15 class, an $18 class and a $24 class. To these has been added a fourth class—the $30 rate. The increases, amounting to between ten and fifty per cent. are put into being by the transfer of certain classified risks from one rate class to another. In actual operation this means that certain goods insurable last year under the $15 and $18 rate are this year insurable, respectively, under the $18 and $24 rate, and so on.... Underwriters generally are agreed that the past year was one of the worst in the history of the business; in fact, many of the companies admit that burglary insurance has been transacted at a virtual loss during 1911.—The Spectator, N. Y.

The Canadian Fire Record.

DAUPHIN, MAN.—Cattanach homestead burned, March 14. Two lives lost.

TRENTON, ONT.—Two small houses destroyed, March 11. Loss about $900.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—Whelihan block destroyed, March 12. Loss $20,000, with little insurance.

ACME, ALTA.—Merchants Bank building, Alberta hotel and a dozen stores wiped out, March 12.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Two frame houses on Second street, Mechanicsville, burned March 12. Loss, $4,000.

HILLHURST, P.Q.—G.T.R. station destroyed, March 14. Origin, freight car jumped track and crashed through station.

LONDON, ONT.—House of W. H. Oram, Wortley road, store of T. A. Rowatts and the Foresters Hall, damaged, March 15. Loss placed at $20,000.

ST. CATHARINE'S, ONT.—Market Electric Company's workshop at rear of store, St. Paul street, damaged, March 17. Quantity of valuable material lost.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—Residence of Louis Feigehen, destroyed with contents, March 17. Loss, $8,000 with insurance of $5,500 in Home and York Mutual. Supposed to have originated from furnace.

MADOC, ONT.—J. White's machine shop, occupied by W. J. Atkins and T. Hill, destroyed, March 15. Atkins' loss small; Hill's loss about $1,000; small insurance. White's loss, $1,500; insurance, $400.

TORONTO.—Basement of Canadian Carpet & Comforter Manufacturing Company, Dufferin street, partly gutted, March 9. Loss, to stock, $5,000; to building, $500. Supposed origin, defective electric wiring.

BRACEBRIDGE, ONT.—Building owned by A. A. Mahaffy, M.P.P., and occupied by him as a law office and by James Thomson as a stationery and jewellery store destroyed, March 7, together with adjoining store owned by S. H. Armstrong, and occupied by W. M. Ross, grocery, and R. H. Ryan, photographer. Building and contents, total loss of about $35,000. Insurance, $14,000.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Fire which broke out in Macartney block, Erie avenue, March 17, resulted in two deaths, the gutting of the upper rooms of the Macartney and Hewson blocks, and the damaging of following stores:—J. J. Connor, shoe dealer; A. C. Thorburn, druggist; R. Macartney, druggist; Anderson & Logan, clothiers. Losses as follows:—Logan block, damage to building, $7,000; insurance, $4,000. Toronto Shoe Company, stock and fixtures, $6,000; insurance, $3,000. Other occupants, $2,000; no insurance. Hewson block, damage to building, $6,000; covered by insurance. A. G. Thorburn, drug store, stock and fixtures, $8,000; partly covered. The offices of D. A. Coste; Wm. Hewson, insurance agent; St. David's Mineral Water Company, and the belongings and furnishings of the room occupied by Wm. White and James Hare, total loss; probably $2,000. McCartney block to the south of Logan block, slightly damaged by fire on the roof and by water in the building; also a drug store and contents, $1,000; covered by insurance. Seybash block, to the north of the Hewson block, damage to building and stock of G. C. Ditmars, jeweller, water-soaked, $1,000; covered by insurance. Offices of the Dominion Gas Company, water-soaked, damage, $500.