

TELEGRAMS

SHIPS

ADRIAN SERVICE

Halifax to Liverpool:— After 100 tons) Jan. 11th. 1 a.m. (15,000 tons) Jan. 18th. 1 a.m. (15,000 tons) Jan. 25th 1 a.m.

RAILROADS

ADRIAN PACIFIC

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FIRE EQUIPMENT OF CANADA IMPROVED

Capital of the Dominion However has Water System That is Considered Dangerously Defective

YEAR SAW MANY CHANGES

Licenses Given to Two French and Two American Insurance Companies—Five Firms Have Retired or Been Re-insured.

With some notable exceptions, Canadian cities have shown considerable enterprise in the equipment and maintenance of waterworks systems and fire fighting apparatus during the past year.

A year ago Montreal was prostrated as regards fire protection, with a broken main-supply condition. Matters are not yet in a satisfactory condition.

Following a recent inspection, the underwriters imposed a sharp advance in rates. The havoc wrought in Ontario and Utah by the conflagration of 1900 is as yet too fresh in the memory of the people to have been forgotten.

Insurance companies have lately been scrutinizing with anything but satisfaction the results of the business in the maritime field, embracing the three provinces Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

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The latter company has taken over its agency staff; the others start with a new agency organization. Some five companies retired or were re-insured, including the company above referred to.

Two of these companies have operated throughout the Dominion at large, while the other three did business in only portions of the field, and all but one company operated outside the tariff.

VICTORIA HAD SMALL FIRE LOSS.

The fire loss of Victoria, B.C., for 1914, aggregated only \$48,562, the smallest total in years. Last year's figures of \$1,332 were supposed to be exceptionally favorable, but the present year's showing is even better.

This is ascribed to the close inspection which is in force in the congested section and to the greater efficiency of the motor apparatus, which allows of more prompt response to alarms.

The loss this year on buildings totalled \$19,310, and on contents \$29,252. The total insurance carried on the buildings affected by fire was \$623,800, compared with \$253,559 in 1913.

FIRE ON ST. CATHERINE STREET.

Damage to the extent of several thousand dollars was done yesterday afternoon by a fire which broke out at 526 in the men's furnishings store of P. Gross, located at 1125 East St. Catherine street.

The blaze is supposed to have originated from an overheated stove, and when discovered had gained a good start. The firemen of the eastern division of the brigade, under Deputy Chief St. Pierre and District Chiefs Gauthier and Martin, battled with the blaze for over half an hour, extinguishing it only after it had worked its way into the rear store of L. Bouleau, at 1421 St. Catherine street.

COMMERCIAL BLOCK BURNED.

Palmer, Mass., January 7.—The commercial block, a three-story wooden structure on Main street, was burned on Tuesday, with a loss of \$40,000.

AMERICAN BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, \$28,976,741, decrease, \$55,608,114. Boston, \$21,907,725, decrease, \$796,794.

SUCCESS AND LIFE INSURANCE.

A sky-rocket is a brilliant thing as it soars upward. So is the career of a successful man. But the rocket's life is short and its sparks do not keep anybody warm.

SUN LIFE OF CANADA LEADS THE EMPIRE!

Outside of Companies issuing Industrial Policies, the Sun Life of Canada does the largest life insurance business in the British Empire.

The Sun Life of Canada leads all Canadian Life Companies in Assets, Business in Force, New Business, Net Surplus, and in all other respects in which companies are usually compared.

ROBERTSON MACAULAY, President. T. B. MACAULAY, Managing Director. Head Office MONTREAL.

OF 559 EXPORTERS, 229 ARE AGAINST THE SHIP PURCHASE BILL

Many American Shippers Were Averse to Expressing Opinion Because of Unfamiliarity with the Subject.

New York, January 7.—As a result of a canvass of 2,447 leading exporters of the country, 559 replies were received of which 85 expressed approval of the government ship purchase bill, 26 were in favor under certain conditions, 229 were opposed while the balance who answered excused themselves from expressing an opinion, because of unfamiliarity with the bill, a desire not to go on record or because their export shipping is handled for them by others.

The canvass was made by mail beginning December 17, and ending January 4, thus being completed before the debate on the measure began in the Senate. Those asked by the American Exporter to express their views were 1,196 manufacturers known to be engaged in or seeking export trade and 1,257 export commission houses, manufacturers' export agents, New York buying offices for foreign firms and corporations and foreign freight forwarders, and included all members of the American Manufacturers' Export Association, the American Exporters and Importers' Association, and a large portion of the Merchants' Association.

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ACTIONS AGAINST INSURANCE COS.

Toronto, January 7.—W. S. Brewster, K.C., of Brantford, formerly member of the Legislature for North Brant, has been appointed by the Ontario Government to take charge of the litigation against the insurance companies which resisted the payment of the provincial tax. The amount involved is about \$145,000.

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INSURANCE CLUB FORMED.

An organization to entertain members of the insurance fraternity at the San Francisco Exposition has been formed under the official title of the Pan-American Pacific Club. It has sixty-nine charter members, and a membership committee is now strenuously seeking for additional applicants in order to make this number an even hundred before closing of the charter.

The temporary officers are: President, Warren H. Porter, Western States Life; vice-president, J. H. Portland, United States Fidelity and Guaranty; secretary, Garner Curran, deputy commissioner World's Insurance Congress.

CITY AND DISTRICT BANK.

The annual meeting of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank has been called for February 5th.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT INSURED BY AETNA LIFE

It is stated officially that more than 100 Canadian soldiers now at the front in France and Belgium have been insured by the Aetna Life Insurance Company.

Those who received the benefit of the policies of the Aetna were recruited from Wentworth County, Ontario. The premiums were paid by the county and the men were covered by policies ranging from \$50 to \$1,200 each.

The families of the soldiers are the beneficiaries. The policies are the regular twenty-year endowment policies of the Aetna, and were charged at the regular rates in spite of the great risk involved. It is understood that the premiums will be paid from the Wentworth County treasury, and that at the end of the war the men will be permitted to continue the policies if they so desire.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 25c each insertion.

BIRTHS.

ROTHSCHILD—On Tuesday, December 22nd, 1914 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rothschild, Cochrane, Ont., a son.

TOOHEY—On Thursday, December 31, 1914, at 1760 Mance street, to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Toohey, a son.

MARRIAGES.

CAM-THOMAS—On Thursday, December 31, 1914, at Westwood Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, by the Rev. R. W. Dickie, D.D., Winifred, daughter of Lieut.-Col. J. J. Thomas, of Vancouver, B.C., to William G. H. Cam, of Montreal, eldest son of the Rev. W. H. Cam, Parsonage Rectory, Northamptonshire, England.

GENGE-CONDIE—At 15 Cornelia street, Smith's Falls, Ont., on Dec. 30, by the Rev. Alex. L. Fraser, B.D., Harold S. Genge, of Verona, Ont., to Jessie Mildred Condie, of Smith's Falls.

DEATHS.

BAZIN—Suddenly, at the residence of his son, Dr. A. T. Bazin, Westmount, on Sunday evening, January 3rd, 1915, Doctor James Alfred Bazin, of Ormstown, P.Q., formerly of Montreal, in his 85th year.

BAYNE—In Carleton Place, on Friday, Dec. 25th, 1914, Alexander Bayne, in his 76th year.

BINGHAM—At Paris, Ont., on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1914, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Lovett, Selma, wife of Rev. Thomas Bingham, formerly of Amprior, in her 67th year.

PERSONALS

Mr. N. Drouin, Mayor of Quebec, is registered at the Place Viger.

Mr. Eugene Brieux is the guest of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa.

Mr. Amelius Jarvis was in Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier this week.

Lieut.-Colonel E. M. Renouf is spending a few days at Ste. Agathe.

Messrs. E. P. Clarkson and G. A. Powell, of Toronto, are at the Ritz-Carlton.

The following were introduced on Change at the Board of Trade yesterday: Captain A. Gentles, Boston, by A. G. Thomson; G. W. McInnis, New York, by Wm. Cairns.

REAL ESTATE AND TRUST COMPANIES

Quotations for to-day on the Montreal Real Estate Exchange, Inc., were as follows:—

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, Company Name, Price. Includes Aberdeen Estates, Beudin Ltd., Bellevue Land Co., etc.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

CLAIKE STREET, ABOVE CRAIG, Central property, 76x148, at bargain price. Will take vacant lots or second mortgages for equity; a snap. C. Withycomb.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

THE MANAGER OF A STRONG CANADIAN LIFE Company wishes to obtain the services of two or three good business men, solvent or other. Life insurance underwriters now form a respected profession, beneficial in its work and well-paid in its results. To men who wish to make a move to an independent position and who are without capital this opening should appeal strongly. Write, stating previous business to Manager, P.O. Box 2915.

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WE HAVE some very fine offices, show rooms in the Windsor Arcade Building, corner of Peel and St. Catherine streets, and Southern Building, 128 Elgin street. For further particulars and booklets apply The Crown Trust Company, 145 St. James street, Montreal 7990.

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MACHINERY.

THE FOSS & HILL MACHINERY CO., 344 ST. James, sells Tunstun Hack Saw Blades. They cost no more than common blades, cut faster and keep sharp longer.

CARRIAGES, ETC.

HORSE BLANKETS, AUTO AND CARRIAGE TOPS manufactured; new and second-hand harness; water-proof horse and wagon covers; repairs of all kinds. D. Howell, 102 St. Henry, Main St.

HORSE IN RETURN FOR HIS KEEP, light express work, by reliable party, for one month or the winter. Will be well cared for. Apply to 2290 Hutchison St. or telephone Rockland 1453.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

COMPETENT LADY STENOGRAPHER (BOTH languages), experienced in Financial, Law & Commercial work, desires position; or would take temporary position. Good references. Address: A. M., 1290 Cartier street, City.

OUTLOOK FOR 1915 IS DARK SAY AMERICAN UNDERWRITERS

Fire Insurance Statements Will Not Show Real Losses.—Almost No Profit Last Year and Weaker Companies Will Suffer.

New York, January 7.—Fire underwriters contemplating the record of fire losses sustained, premium income and collections for insurance outstanding are satisfied that probably not one company will show a trade profit as the result of the business of 1914 and that increases in assessments will be due to decreases in the reinsurance reserves and improvement in the value of the securities held.

"The outlook for fire insurance is not a promising one at the beginning of 1915," said one of the most prominent underwriters in the country yesterday. "We are facing a flood of hostile laws in the various states, the losses continue numerous and large, and the premium income is still below normal on account of the falling off in insurable stock and the stagnation of business."

"Of course there is every reason to expect that there will be a steady improvement in business with increasing stocks and larger values to insure and this fact should keep the loss ratio down, but if we are to face a continual agitation for reduced premiums from state governments, there is little prospect that the companies will be able to take advantage of improved conditions and make an underwriting profit."

"Of course the strong companies have not been weakened by the situation but there are weak companies which cannot stand the drain and strain of another year such as was last year, and remain in the field for business."

FEAR OF FLOATING MINES ENHANCES FREIGHT RATES.

St. John, N.B., January 7. Deal freights to United Kingdom east coast ports are the highest known in years.

The Norwegian bark Juno is in port to load at 100 shillings a standard.

The Juno is a trim little craft and came around here from Australia via Barbadoes. On learning that she was to load for a North Sea port, most of her crew deserted, hoping for the higher wages being paid for voyages of this nature.

Considering the risk caused by floating mines, the high rate of freight is not to be wondered at.

Another Norwegian bark is loaded and anchored in the stream after a hard task picking up a crew.

SUN LIFE APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Frederick Morgan has been appointed manager of the Chile Agency of the Sun Life of Canada. For many years Mr. Morgan occupied an important position with Smith, Bell and Company, Limited, fiscal agents for the Sun Life in Manila, and for six years held the post of cashier in the company's agency in Manila. In April of this year Mr. Morgan was appointed manager for Hong Kong and he has now been promoted to the management of the agency in Chile, with headquarters at Santiago, a position vacated by the retirement of Mr. P. Parry-Jones on account of ill-health.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

SOUTH SHORE: A FARM COMPRISING 125 acres with buildings, very suitable for subdivision, not far from the Armstrong-Whitworth Mammoth Plant, now in operation, for cash, or will trade equity for built property and some cash. Apply for further particulars to Post office, Box 2615, Montreal.

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