

NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS TO PARLIAMENT.

Notice is given that application will be made at the forthcoming session of Parliament for an Act giving the local master of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice at Hamilton power to make assessments on premium notes of policy-holders in the Canadian Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to make all necessary direction for compelling payment of such assessments, etc.

By the Dominion Fire Insurance Company, for an Act empowering them to close business, wind up their affairs, and distribute the surplus assets of the Company.

For an Act to authorize the Sun Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Montreal, to change its name to that of the Sun Life Assurance Company, to reduce the qualification of its directors, and for other purposes.

For an Act to authorize the Mutual Life Association of Canada to change the name of the Association. Also to empower the said Association to issue policies on the principle of non-participation of profits, and for other purposes.

Notice is given that an application will be made to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada at the next session, for an Act to incorporate the Mutual Benefit Association, of Sherbrooke.

Notice is given that the Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company, in liquidation, will apply to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, at the next session, for an Act to amend and extend the Statute 43 Victoria, cap. 70, entitled an Act to empower the Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company to relinquish their charter, and to provide for the winding up of their affairs, and to enable them to finally close and liquidate the affairs of the said Company, within a fixed delay of one year, to be computed from the passing of the Act prayed for, and to extinguish the claims not brought before the Courts within such delay; also the claims of persons unknown and not found within said delay, and also for other similar purposes.

Notice is given that in consequence of there being now no policies of the Positive Government Security Life Assurance Company maintained in Canada, the office in Canada is finally closed, and all applications of every kind should be made to the head office of the Company.

The Dominion Government will present a bill at the coming session of Parliament placing Mutual Benefit or Cooperative Life "Insurance" Societies under the supervision of the Superintendent of Insurance.

The Simcoe County Council resolved to petition the Legislature "to amend the Municipal Law so as to allow the fence-viewers in each township to be a commission to control the setting out of fires between the 15th days of July and September in each year, with such powers as might be thought necessary to carry out the object in view, and subjecting the party contravening the provisions of the Act to proper penalties."

A Meeting of the Shareholders of the Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company was held in the Company's office, at Ottawa, John Rochester, M.P., in the chair. The meeting had been called for the purpose of winding up the business of the Company, but when the matter came to be discussed, it was ascertained that it would be necessary to apply to Parliament for an Act to authorize such proceeding, as the Company had not gone into insolvency, but into liquidation some three years ago, when it was decided to cease doing business. The directors were authorized to take the necessary steps to secure the required legislation. It was also decided in the meantime to continue to realize on all available assets of the Company, which consist of unpaid calls, amounting to \$1,000; notes on hand, \$600 or \$700; and some judgments amounting to probably \$2,000. There is some \$3,000 on hand, and it is said nearly all the liabilities are wiped out since going into liquidation. Some \$160,000 will be the total loss, of which about \$62,000 was expended in effecting re-insurance of the Company's outstanding policies and the remainder was paid out for fire losses and the defalcation of the General Manager and agents' losses. The Company will still retain its office and the Secretary will continue to collect, as far as possible, the still amounts due by shareholders.

IS THIS CAUSE AND EFFECT, OR COINCIDENCE.

At a recent meeting of Milwaukee millers, resolutions were adopted saying that "owing to the unwarranted condition of the wheat market, which is manipulated in the interests of speculators and against legitimate business, we believe it is for the interests of the millers of this country to make common cause and shut down their mills until the price of wheat shall be at a figure to compete with the markets of the world." All the mills in Milwaukee have shut down, and invited the co-operation of Minneapolis millers.

Another disaster, involving serious loss of life and great damage to property, has occurred at Minneapolis. Four large flour mills and one cotton mill were destroyed by fire, involving a total loss of \$416,000, on which there is an insurance of \$207,000. An explosion in one of the mills caused the loss of five, and probably more, lives.

In a lecture delivered some time ago, Professor L. W. Peck, to illustrate the explosiveness of a mixture of dust and air, said: "If a large log of wood were ignited, it might burn a week before being entirely consumed. Split it up into cord wood, and pile it up loosely, and it would burn in a couple of hours. Cut it up into shavings and allow a strong wind to throw them in the air, or in any way to keep the chips comparatively well separated from each other, and the log would, perhaps, be consumed in two or three minutes; or, finally, grind it up into fine dust or powder, blow it in such a manner that each particle is surrounded by air, and it would burn in less than a second!"

The authorities of the Town of Sydney, Cape Breton, have taken a commendable course in ordering a thorough isolation of all cases of diphtheria. The Board of Health have passed most stringent laws relating to the matter, and have even gone to the extent of enacting the imposition of a fine, not to exceed \$100, on any person coming into the Town of Sydney from a dwelling in which diphtheria exists. When it is known that in one town, that of Arichat, with a population of only 1,000 persons, no less than eighty three deaths from diphtheria were registered last spring, the action of the Sydney authorities will be considered wise and prudent.