The changes since 1889 were as below:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1899........ | 6,139,555 | 25,632,020 | 2,510,883 |
| 1899........ | 6,795,720 | 27,237,664 | 2,623,813 |
| Increase in No.. | 656,165 | 1,605,644 | 112,930 |

From these figures it is apparent that, while growing wheat is declining in England, the raising of cattle, sheep and swine is increasing in spite of the enormous quantities of live and dead meats shipped from this side and from Australia. The remarkable prosperity which Great Britain is now enjoying has raised the demand for meat products to a degree beyond all precedent. What will happen to this trade when business again falls away, as it will at the end of a cycle of greater or shorter length, is hard to predict, but in view of the great increase in the number of food animals in England in the past ten years, and the devotion of very large areas of pasturage, which were once left unoccupied by cattle, the cattle raisers in Canada will do well to avoid being over-sanguine. Another feature of great moment in England just now is the unprecedented demand for labour in manufacturing districts. This is draining the rural districts, and taking away the class of men whom we are so desirous of setting on the farm lands of Canada.

To some sentimentalists the reduction going on in the incomes and, therefore, the power of the landed aristocracy of England is a matter of regret. But their replacement by new men, who have made their own fortunes by mercantile enterprise, and by financial talent, is really a return to earlier conditions when titles of nobility were the rewards of commercial enterprise, and devotion to the public service by the fulfilment of national duties which those titles indicate and for the continued discharge of which they were held. The rise then of the men of finance and trade to the front rank in England is a wholesome movement.

## AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Mr. J. P. Bamford has been appointed representative of the above company in Montreal, where he is well known as agent of the Sun Insurance Office.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Owing to the death of Mr. C. M. Taylor, first Vice-President of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, Waterloo, Ont., the Board on Thursday last elected Mr. Wm. Snider, merchant miller, Waterloo, to fill the vacancy on the Directorate of the Company. Mr. Hoskin, Q. C., 2nd Vice-President, was moved up to the first Vice-Presidency, and Mr. B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P., Kingston, who has been a member of the Board since 1883, received the appointment of 2nd Vice-President. We are pleased to learn that the new business of this popular Company is, so far, in excess of the same period of last year

## FIRE LOSSES IN CANADA FOR AUGUST, 1899. (ESTIMATED).

| DATE. | LOCATION. | RISK. | TOTAL LOSS. | INSURANCE LOSS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. | | | | |
| 1 | Inwood........ | Stores & D'lings | $15,000 | $7,000 |
| 3 | Ottawa........ | Machine Shop.. | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 4 | Milton Island... | Boath'se & Yacht | 12,000 | 7,000 |
| 5 | Woodstock...... | Farm Property.. | 2,000 | 1,400 |
| 7 | Winnipeg ...... | Linseed Oil Mill | 13,000 | 4,000 |
| 9 | Galt.......... | Farm Property.. | 3,000 | 1,800 |
| 11 | Whitby........ | Soda Water Works........ | 5,000 | 3,000 |
| 12 | Delhi.......... | Hotel ......... | 3,500 | 2,300 |
| 12 | Alliston........ | Farm Property.. | 2,500 | 1,000 |
| 12 | Penetanguishene | Lumber......... | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| 12 | Magog......... | Mill........... | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| 12 | Hudson Bay Pt.. | Dwelling ....... | 900 | 900 |
| 13 | Montreal. ...... | Novelty Store... | 4,000 | 2,500 |
| 13 | Oshawa......... | Store.......... | 20,000 | 15,000 |
| 14 | Manotick ....... | Stores & D'lings | 8,000 | 2,500 |
| 14 | Tweed.......... | Dwelling. ...... | 1,500 | 500 |
| 14 | Toronto ....... | Mattress Factory | 5,000 | 1,000 |
| 15 | Montreal ....... | Cooperage & Work Shop.... | 10,000 | 8,000 |
| 16 | Montreal....... | Dwelling ....... | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 16 | Cobourg........ | Dwelling ....... | 2,000 | 1,450 |
| 17 | St. Ferdinand de Halifax...... | Convent........ | 40,000 | 30,000 |
| 18 | Woodstock....... | Freight Sheds... | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 20 | Hamilton .. .... | Box Factory.... | 33,000 | 30,000 |
| 21 | Huntingdon .... | Farm Property.. | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| 21 | Petrolea........ | Freight Sheds... | 2,700 | 2,700 |
| 21 | Wellington ..... | Farm Property.. | 1,500 | 850 |
| 21 | St. Thomas...... | Dry Goods Store | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 22 | Kamouraska .... | General Store... | 7,500 | 6,000 |
| 23 | Toronto.... .... | Factory........ | 4,000 | 2,000 |
| 26 | Quebec..... .... | Dwelling ...... | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| 28 | Burke's Falls.... | Stores & D'lings | 20,000 | 10,000 |
| | | | $235,700 | $159,000 |
| Add 20 per cent., for unreported losses and losses under $1,000............ | | | $47,140 | $31,800 |
| Totals.................... | | | $282,840 | $190,800 |

SUMMARY FOR CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 1899 COMPARED WITH 1898.

| | 1899. | | 1898. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total Loss. | Insurance Loss. | Total Loss. | Ins. Loss. |
| For January.. | $1,221,240 | $ 622,080 | $ 434,280 | 302,160 |
| " February. | 1,120,920 | 625,560 | 960,240 | 531,360 |
| " March.... | 347,040 | 222,440 | 558,000 | 392,760 |
| " April..... | 418,320 | 356,760 | 411,960 | 265,080 |
| " May...... | 990,240 | 578,160 | 340,440 | 201,720 |
| " June..... | 427,080 | 287,120 | 451,480 | 243 240 |
| " July.... . | 569,400 | 364,480 | 460,920 | 314,280 |
| " August... | 282,840 | 190,800 | 578,400 | 315,960 |
| Totals.... | $6,231,080 | $3,047,420 | $4,095,720 | $2,566,560 |

HINTS TO TRAVELLERS.—An experienced traveller says that most of the fatigue of a long journey is quite unnecessary, and comes from an unconscious effort to carry the train instead of letting the train carry us. That is, resisting the modern instead of relaxing and yielding to it. He advises always resting the feet on the rail in front, if such is provided, as to keep the feet off lessens the vibration that is conveyed to the body and prevents just that much strain. A bag will do as well for a footsool if nothing else is to be had. The body while sitting in a car should be as completely relaxed as possible. Until one attempts this relaxation in a railway car it is not discovered how tense is the effort to resist the motion—all of which is in direct accordance with modern physical culture, which has discovered that true repose goes further than mere non-action.