

## L. A. TRUELLE, ESQ.

ACTUARIAL EXAMINATIONS  
AND DEGREES.

Mr. Truelle is a native of the Ancient Capital having been born there in the month of May, 1865, and received his education at the Quebec Commercial Academy. On the establishment of the Quebec Agency of the Sun Life of Canada in the year 1885, he obtained the appointment of Cashier, fulfilling the duties of that responsible position with such accuracy and acceptability that on the death of the District Manager, the late lamented Mr. Louis Tessier, eleven years later, he was, in conjunction with Mr. Dion promoted to the joint control of the Agency which continues to prosper under their direction.

## RICHMOND, Va.

The following lines were read by their author at the recent meeting of the International Society of Railway Surgeons, over which he presided with great acceptance. Dr. Ross is Chief Examiner for The Sun Life of Canada in the State of Virginia, and is an honored and trusted official of the Company.

"On the banks of the James in the far way South  
Stands a city conspicuous for sight,  
Like world-renowned Rome with her many crown-  
ed hills,  
A city where focused the fight.

Colossal bronze statues grace the summit of hills  
And perpetually stand, to proclaim  
To the men of all ages who love native land,  
Here were heroes who won the world's fame.

Near her confines stand fortresses, manned long  
ago,  
And beyond them still, breast-works, to tell,  
Where brothers met brothers who differed in  
thought,  
And reasoned their differences well.

In all famed Virginia no city so fair,  
So Mecca-like none in our land,  
Under Heaven's blue sky none readier to greet,  
This honored International Band.

Historic old Richmond swings open her gates,  
Right royally hands you their keys,  
Gives you welcome to hearthstones and homes  
everywhere,  
Bids you *come*, and her longings appease."

GEO. ROSS, M.D.

The actuarial profession in Canada owes to the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain a debt the magnitude of which we are only beginning to realize. When this venerable society, which had already done so much to raise the study of life contingencies to a science, decided to establish centres for examinations in the various colonies of the empire, the effect was at once felt. The coveted letters F.I.A. (Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries), could no longer be obtained except by the passing of four very severe examinations, covering at least three years, but these tests were to be hereafter held at our own doors. There was thus an incentive to undertake a heavy course of study, and several well-known Canadians have already secured their degrees. But the title they have obtained is but half of their reward. The close and methodical study of their profession for several years must give such a grasp of the subjects as could not otherwise be obtained, and this of itself is worth all the time spent. The successful gentlemen are, Mr. A. K. Blackader, Actuary of the Dominion Insurance department; Mr. R. Henderson, formerly of the same department, but now at the head office of the Equitable Life in New York; Mr. T. Bradshaw, Manager of Imperial Life, Toronto; and we now have the pleasure of adding the name of Mr. T. B. Macaulay, Secretary and Actuary of The Sun Life of Canada, Montreal. Mr. Macaulay, of course, has long occupied a prominent position in connection with the Actuarial Society of America, of which he was one of the charter members, and to the council of which he has been elected.

For the information of those who are not familiar with the system, we may say that the Examinations are held on the same days in England, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Cape Colony. The same printed papers are submitted, the local supervisors merely seeing that everything is done in order. The answers of the candidates are then sealed up and sent to the regular examiners in London.

The results for 1898, recently published, will give an idea of the severity of the ordeals. We venture to think that no university can be pointed out in any part of the world where the percentage of persons "plucked" is greater.

The first examination has to do principally with the highest branches of Algebra. For