THE FIRE RECORD.

Huntsville, Ont.—Plant of Huntsville Engine works partly destroyed, August 24. Estimated damage, $1,500, partly covered by insurance.

Welland, Ont.—Taggart & Smith's bicycle and auto repair shop, Cross Street, burned August 23. Damage to contents, $1,800, to building $800.

Roberval, Que.—Several residences, etc., burned August 22. Loss believed to be heavy.

London, Ont.—Edward Harrison's house, King Street, damaged, August 21. Estimated loss, $2,000.

Chicoutimi, Que.—Quebec & Lake St. John Railway's depot, destroyed August 20.

Traffic Earnings—*Continued*

Havana Electric Railway Co.

Week ending	1909.	1910.	Increase
Aug. 7	41,309	45,289	3,980
" 14	40,583	43,167	2,584
" 21	39,458	43,225	2,767

Duluth-Superior Traction

Week ending	1909	1910	Increase
Aug. 7	20,125	23,520	3,395
" 14	19,630	22,412	2,781
" 21	21,486	23,950	2,464

From Shanghai we have received a copy of the July issue of The Shield, a magazine of insurance published by the China Mutual Life Insurance Company, Ltd., of which Mr. J. A. Wattie, formerly of the Sun Life of Canada, who will be remembered by many friends in Montreal, is managing director. The China Mutual was started twelve years ago, and has recently moved into new and palatial offices described in an inset to The Shield. At the annual meeting held at the end of May last, it was stated that in many respects unexcelled progress had been made by the company during the year, new records having been established in new business secured, in net increase in business in force, in increase in assets, in income and in the insurance fund. It is interesting to note that the actual rate of interest earned by the company during the year on its entire assets, invested and uninvested, is 6.8 per cent., the average on the actual amount invested being considerably higher. The Shield is capitally produced in both English and Chinese characters, is well illustrated, and an extremely creditable office magazine.