

RETIREMENT OF MR. CROMBIE.

Mr. A. M. Crombie will retire from the service of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at the end of the year. The announcement serves as a reminder to many of our citizens of the flight of time. Twenty years have passed since the gentleman who is now retiring to private life was appointed manager at Montreal of the Merchants Bank of Canada, having previously served the usual term in acquiring that thorough knowledge of the routine work of a bank which is necessary to fit one for positions of trust and responsibility.

Mr. Crombie commenced his career as a clerk in the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada, and when that institution was absorbed by the Merchants Bank of Canada he transferred his services to the latter. His appointment as manager of the metropolitan branch was gazetted in 1879. Eight years later, the Canadian Bank of Commerce offered him the management of their Montreal business. Mr. Crombie accepted the offer, and has given eminent satisfaction to those who sought his services. His friends will be glad to learn the bank is dealing liberally with their retiring manager. Mr. Crombie's career has been marked by strict conformity to the principles of business honour, and a scrupulous regard to probity, rectitude and reputation, and he will be followed into his retirement by the earnest good wishes of the members of the Bankers' section of the Board of Trade and the Clearing House Association, of both of which he was chairman. He also has the respect of every merchant with whom he has had business dealings. His kindly disposition has made him a most popular and esteemed citizen of Montreal.

CANADIAN LIFE MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION.

The regular quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Toronto to-day, the 17th inst.

TO DO HONOUR TO MR. A. G. RAMSAY.

We are informed that it is the intention of the Life Managers' Association to give a Dinner at an early date in honour of Mr. A. G. Ramsay, when, doubtless, some token of the esteem in which he is held by the life underwriters of Canada, will be forthcoming.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Fidelity and Surety Insurance. We are in receipt of a neatly bound copy of the paper on Fidelity and Surety Insurance read by Mr. Charles A. Dean, President of the National Surety Company of New York, before the 30th National Convention of Insurance Commissioners at Detroit in September last. As Mr. Dean says:—"The custom of giving bonds is as old as civilization," and after reading his interesting paper we find ourselves sharing in his surprise that corporate suretyship was not introduced earlier.

Halifax, Canada. We are indebted to Mr. A. J. Bell, of Halifax, for a copy of this artistic and instructive supplement to the "Industrial Advocate," published by the Maritime Newspaper Company. The illustrations are excellent, and the read-

ing matter most interesting and well calculated to increase the interest of Canadian and American capitalists in the province of Nova Scotia. An excellent picture of Mr. B. F. Pearson is given, with an account of recent new Nova Scotian enterprises and industries. We also find in the pages of "Halifax," the following tribute to the energy and activity of this captain of industry:—"One such man as Mr. B. F. Pearson, whose picture we present herewith, is sufficient alone to give any city a title to progressiveness, and it does not seem like exaggeration to say that he is one of the builders of Nova Scotia and of Halifax."

Altogether, there appears to be good reason why the editors of this work should predict a bright future for the land of Evangeline. The investment of capital in manufacturing, mining and milling enterprises tends to encourage all kinds of industrial activity in a province which has produced so many strong, talented, and capable men.

The publication in question is a good advertisement for the Canadian winter port.

THE DOMINION BANK.

Mr. T. G. Brough, General Manager.

The appointment of Mr. Brough, Manager of the Toronto branch, as general manager of the Dominion Bank in succession to the late Mr. Gamble, is announced. The directors of this Institution evidently recognize the industry and energy of the gentleman who now receives in the prime of life a substantial reward for faithful performance of important and responsible duties. Mr. Brough will be recipient of many congratulations and good wishes from a large circle of friends in the banking profession.

MR. F. H. MATHEWSON.

The regret with which the citizens of Winnipeg parted with Mr. Mathewson, the newly appointed manager of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, fully warrants his numerous friends in Montreal in predicting for him an equally successful and honorable career as a successor to Mr. Crombie. Mr. Mathewson requires no introduction to Montreal where his energy and ability is already recognized.

Obituary**MR. R. D. GAMBLE.**

Mr. Gamble, general manager of the Dominion Bank, whose death, as reported in our last issue, occurred at sea on board the White Star liner "Oceanic," on the 5th inst., was buried in St. James cemetery, Toronto, on Saturday last. The sorrow and sympathy of the numerous friends of the deceased gentleman was manifested by magnificent floral offerings at the funeral which, although announced as private, was very largely attended. The bankers' section of the Toronto Board of Trade, and a large number of prominent citizens were, among the mourning throng. Mr. Gamble, in addition to enjoying the respect and esteem of the business and banking community, was beloved by friends for his amiable and affectionate disposition, and he will be greatly missed by the many to whom he was kind and charitable in his dealings.