



Original Charter

THE result of Cyrus Taylor's enterprise and industry was that application was made in December, 1868, to the local legislature of Ontario to incorporate "The Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company," the name by which the organization was to be known. As we shall see it was afterwards changed by Act of Parliament—when the institution had reached the mature age of thirty years.

The charter members and provisional directors were: Isaac E. Bowman, M.P.; Moses Springer, M.P.P.; C. M. Taylor, Esq.; John Allchin, Esq.; John B. Snyder, Esq.; and J. W. Walden, M.D.

The late Mr. Taylor enjoyed the distinction of being regarded as "the father of The Mutual."

But although the inception of the enterprise must be credited to the late Mr. Taylor, political influence and financial backing were necessary in order to secure a charter and also to secure the confidence of the public. These essentials were supplied to a great extent by the late I. E. Bowman, M.P., who became the provisional President and afterward the first President of the Company.

The late Mr. Bowman was for many years a most loyal and influential friend of the struggling Company. Although a man of wealth, of social position and of