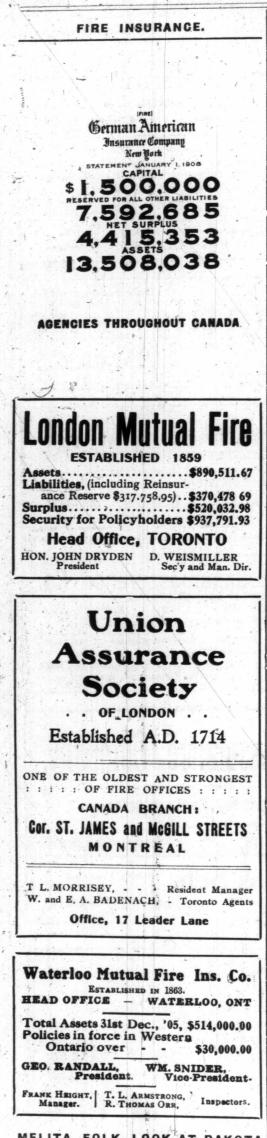
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MELITA FOLK LOOK AT DAKOTA CAS WELL.

The other week two dozen prominent business men of Melita, Man., and vicin-ity visited the new gas well south of

Westhope, North Dakota. The crops be-tween Melita and the boundary line, a distance of eighteen miles, are well ad-vanced, and are in considerably better condition than those in the district im-mediately south of the boundary line, where the soil is light and has been had where the soil is light and has been badly blown by high winds. The party drove out to the well, which

is located about eight and a half miles south of Westhope. The well was bored quite recently, and gas was struck in a stratum of sand at a depth of 170 feet. The supply appears to be inexhaustible, and a pressure of 100 pounds has been developed at the mouth of the well. a little distance from the well, the useful-ness of the gas as a fuel was amply de-monstrated, as it burned in the fire box of an old engine.

The proposition is being financed by a local company, which intends to sink a deeper hole a few hundred yards distant from the present one. The gas will be piped to Minot, some fifty miles dis-tant; it will also be used to supply Westhope and other towns in the vicinity.

The delegation was much impressed with the importance and possibilities of the discovery and convinced of the ad-visability of boring a well at Melita, where gas was discovered some years ago, but for which further search was not made at the time. Probably, either the town or a company will shortly undertake a thorough test in the locality.

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE CO.

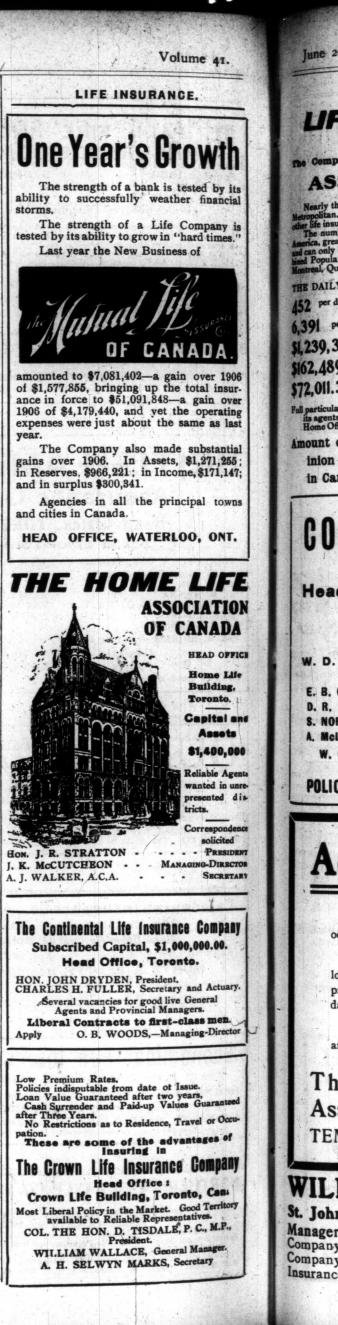
From the report submitted last month at the 103rd annual meeting held in Edinburgh in May, it is learned that a surplus has been earned on the year's trad-ing in the fire department of slightly over £77,000. The net fire premiums of 1907 amounted to £445,634 and interest receipts on fire funds to £5,909. Losses absorbed 46.82 per cent. commission, expenses and taxes 36.79 per cent. The Life Department was organized in

The Life Department was organized in 1833. Its business for 1907 covers new assurances of over £600,000. Death claims, including bonuses, totalled £143,-082. In spite of the exceptional fall in the value of marketable securities the profit earned during the quinquennium amounted to £257,244, as compared with amounted to $\pounds_{257,344}$, as compared with £182,200 five years ago, evidencing three good points in the conduct of the business—economy of management, financial ability in the investment of the funds, and discrimination in the selection of The rate of interest assumed in lives. the calculations has been 3 per cent., but the rate earned has been 3³/₄ per cent. A Personal Accident department has

been established, in which accident assurance is written on very favorable terms. In the Employer's Liability Department policies are granted securing payment of the full compensation prescribed by the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906. The society also issues policies which make provision for old age combined with life assurance by payment of monthly premiums.

Although an old company, the Cale-donian, is not old-fashioned in its modes of business, except in so far as that term denotes fair dealing, prompt settlement, and strong reserves.

From July 11th to 31st "The World's Great Mining Exhibition" will take place at Olympia, London, W. This ex-hibition will, as its name implies, be representative of every sort and description of mining throughout the world, and will—it is believed—be the first of its kind yet organized in this country.



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