

decrease from the previous year when the premiums amounted to over \$1,000,000. The policy of careful underwriting with modified aggressiveness has no doubt been pursued in a season of unusual risk to fire underwriters.

The business of the Phoenix in Canada was commenced 112 years ago, and during the greater part of the period members of the Paterson family have been connected with the management. The present officials for the Dominion are Messrs. R. MacD. Paterson and James B. Paterson, joint managers, under whose fostering hands the business of the Company continues to prosper. (As previously announced, Mr. J. B. Paterson is at present serving his King and Country as Captain in the 73rd Royal Highlanders of Montreal, at present in England.) The life department of the Phoenix has an active superintendent in Mr. H. B. F. Bingham. The business written last year was entirely satisfactory. New paid for business in 1915 amounted to \$798,000; net amount of insurance in force at the end of the year to \$7,261,897; net premium income to \$211,367, and the payments to policyholders to \$265,853. The quinquennial valuation as at 31st December last resulted in the very satisfactory bonus additions of \$75 per \$1,000 for the five years, as previously announced.

PERSONALS.

Mr. E. P. Clement, K.C., president of the Mutual Life of Canada, has been elected a bencher of the Law Society of Ontario.

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Two more of the head office staff of the Imperial Life, Mr. C. E. Walker and Mr. James Mounsey, have enlisted, joining the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

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Mr. W. J. McMurtry, general manager of the Northern Life of London, Ont., will retire at his own request from the management of the Company on June 1st, but will continue in the service of the Northern Life as agency supervisor at Toronto.

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Mr. H. C. Cox, president of the Canada Life, who has lately returned from a two-months' sojourn in California, entertained at luncheon at the York Club, Toronto, last week, in honour of the Marquis of Aberdeen and Temair, who is chairman of the London, England, board of the Canada Life Assurance Company.

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Mr. G. W. Yarker, whose retirement from management of the Toronto Clearing House we announced last week, is now over 80 years of age. When in the service of the Bank of Montreal, Mr. Yarker occupied the important positions of manager in London, England, and in New York, in addition to holding other leading appointments. Bankers generally will wish Mr. Yarker many more years in which to enjoy the quiet delights of his home.

The New York Court of Appeals has decided that a man was injured "arising out of and in the course of his employment" and was entitled to compensation when killed in trying to rescue another workman who had met with an accident.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT MONCTON, N.B.

On the 14th instant, a disastrous fire occurred on the large wooden premises of the Sumner Company, wholesale and retail hardware merchants, Moncton, N.B., and the Reed Company, wholesale grocers. Insurance as follows:—

ON SUMNER BUILDING.	
Palatine	\$2,000
Northern	1,000
Union of Paris	1,000
Total loss.	
ON SUMNER STOCK.	
Palatine	\$10,000
Northern	17,950
Yorkshire	10,000
Royal	5,000
Atlas	3,000
National of Hartford	3,100
Total loss.	
ON REED BUILDING.	
Yorkshire	\$500
B. & C. Underwriters	500
Total loss.	
ON REED STOCK.	
Northern	\$2,000
Scottish Un. & Nat.	2,000
Hartford	2,000
Total loss.	
B. & C. Underwriters. \$2,000	
North Brit. & Mere. 2,500	
Western 2,000	
Globe & Rutgers. 2,000	
Aetna 2,000	
Commercial Union. 2,000	
\$6,000	
\$60,050	
\$12,000	

We understand there is a small partial loss to Reed brick warehouse and also to Sumner small warehouse.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—Western Drydock & Shipbuilding Company's building which housed the pipe, pattern and electric departments, totally destroyed, May 12. Loss about \$25,000.

FLESHERTON, ONT.—Elevator owned by J. and W. Boyd at Flesherton Station destroyed with about 30,000 bushels of grain May 11. Insurance on building \$2,000. Origin unknown.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Hay stored in Alexandra Pier sheds caused a blaze and did considerable damage, May 13. Origin unknown.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Store of David Levene, grocer and butcher, 481 Talbot avenue, badly damaged, May 14. Origin unknown. Insured.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Lumber yards of McGibbon & Hodgson Lumber Company at Cedar Cottage burned, May 10. Loss heavy.

WARROAD, MINN.—Farm residence of Mr. Ingman destroyed May 7. Origin unknown. Four persons were burnt to death.

SWIFT CURRENT, SASK.—Prairie fire in Yellow Lake district, destroyed 2,500 bushels of wheat, April 28.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Israel Slack's home and outbuildings on west shore Charleston Lake destroyed, May 12.

CALGARY, ALTA.—Old Government Industrial School now used as ordnance storehouse, destroyed May 9.

SIMCOE, ONT.—Lumber and planing mill of Lewis Fick & Son destroyed, May 11. Loss unknown.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Kitchen section of the Chateau Frontenac hotel damaged, May 15. Origin, accidental.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Vacant house at 29 Cathedral Street badly gutted, May 16. Origin, incendiary.