

Ireland on Census day had 4,448,516; sheep, 4,722,613; pigs, 1,367,712; goats, 336,337; poultry, 15,276,128. The workhouses held 43,043 paupers, an increase of 695 over 1891, but those receiving outdoor relief was 4,633 less than in 1891, so pauperism in Ireland must have declined in the last decade.

A Peculiar Refund Claim. Mr. Henry G. Bellew, insurance broker, Montreal, has taken out two writs against the Provident Savings Life, of New York, one for \$6,275, being a claim for refund of the war extra premium paid on policies of members of the 4th Contingent on the plea that the war was over when the Contingent reached South Africa. The other writ is for \$1,622.84, balance of commission alleged to be due to him.

The British Empire and Pelican. We are favoured with an official report of the extraordinary general meeting of the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Company, held in London on the 27th of November last, to ratify the amalgamation of the Company with the Pelican, the particulars of which we have published. The Chairman, Sir John Gorst, M.P., commended the scheme to the approval of the meeting and moved its adoption. The resolution was carried unanimously. Judge Bompas moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the meeting closed, the whole proceedings having been very harmonious and brief.

INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF MONTREAL.

The Governing Council of the above Institute has issued the following circular:—

Montreal, December 11, 1902.

TO THE MEMBERS:—

The Government Council beg to announce having made arrangements for the use of the Natural History Society Rooms for every Monday, Thursday and Saturday Evening until second week in February, and thereafter every Monday and Saturday until the close of the Session. It was found impossible to secure suitable permanent rooms at the present time, and it was deemed inadvisable to go to the expense of fitting up rooms for this winter only, so the Council concluded the arrangement outlined above was the best under all the circumstances. After the 1st of May next it is believed there will be a choice of rooms, suitable as to location and in other respects, when, it is hoped, permanent quarters for the Institute may be secured.

The Classes will be held in the Natural History Society Rooms, at 8.15 p.m., upon dates set forth in Schedule throughout the Session. On Monday evening, 15th inst., at 8.15 o'clock, Mr. B. Hal Brown will hold a Class in "English Composition."

T. L. MORRISEY,
Hon. Secretary.

The classes' schedule is as follows:—

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

Monday,	December 15, 1902	Monday,	February 12, 1903
Monday,	January 5, 1903	Saturday,	February 21, 1903
Thursday,	January 15, 1903	Monday,	March 2, 1903
Thursday,	January 22, 1903	Saturday,	March 14, 1903
Monday,	February 2, 1803	Monday,	March 23, 1903

FIRE POLICY WRITING AND ENDORSEMENTS.

Monday,	December 22, 1902	Saturday,	February 14, 1903
Thursday,	January 8, 1903	Monday,	February 23, 1903
Saturday,	January 17, 1903	Saturday,	March 7, 1903
Monday,	January 26, 1903	Monday,	March 16, 1903
Thursday,	February 5, 1903	Saturday,	March 28, 1903

COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES INVOLVING MATHEMATICS.

Saturday,	January 3, 1903	Monday,	February 16, 1903
Monday,	January 12, 1903	Saturday,	February 28, 1903
Monday,	January 19, 1903	Monday,	March 9, 1903
Saturday,	January 31, 1903	Saturday,	March 21, 1903
Monday,	February 9, 1903	Monday,	March 30, 1903

INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF TORONTO.

The Insurance Institute of Toronto held its second general meeting for the season 1902 1903 last week in its rooms 27-29 Wellington street east, the President, Mr. T. Bradshaw being in the chair. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., read an interesting and valuable paper on "Some Features in the Law of Fire Insurance," and Mr. E. E. Reid, A.I.A., Actuary of the London Life Insurance Company, London, Ont., read an instructive paper on "Industrial Insurance." A discussion on some of the essential features of the papers followed, which was participated in by Messrs. J. A. Shaw, L. Goldman, Wm. McCabe, J. F. Junkin, P. H. Sims, F. Sanderson and W. H. Orr.

The Institute is to be congratulated on having secured for its files such papers from gentlemen who are able to speak with authority upon their subjects, and the careful attention of the large audience showed the keen interest taken in them by the members.

The General Secretary, Mr. J. K. Pickett, reported the addition of twenty-eight names to the list of members, which now number 263, and that 8 applications for membership are waiting to be passed upon at the next meeting of Council.

The Institute has recently adopted for its members the course of study and examinations of the Federation of Insurance Institutes of Great Britain and Ireland, with which it is affiliated, and already many of the young men of the several branches of insurance are preparing themselves for the examinations to be held next April.

Among those present from out of the city, were Mr. Thos. Hilliard, Managing Director of the Dominion Life Assurance Co., Waterloo, and Mr. B. Hal Brown, President of the Insurance Institute of Montreal.

The next open meeting of the Institute will be held on Feb. 3, 1903, when Mr. F. Sanderson, M.A., F.I.A., will read a paper on "Pension Funds for Insurance Companies' Staffs," and Mr. H. N. Roberts, Secretary Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, will read a paper on "Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance."