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TORONTO, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1869.

SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR.

Mercantile. **Gundry** and Langley.

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INSURANCE CONVENTION,

A RCHITECTS AND CIVIL ENGINEERS, Building Surveyors and Valuators. Office corner of King and Jordan Streets, Toronto. HENRY LANGLEY. THOMAS GUNDRY.

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IMPORTERS of Teas, Wines, etc. Ontario, Chambers, eer. Church and Front Sts , Toronto.

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C. P. Reid & Co.

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PRODUČE BROKERS and General Commission Mer-chants. Advances mide on Consignments. Corner California Front Screets, Toronto. Corner

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In accordance with a circular issued some time ago, a convention of the representatives of Mutual Insurance Companies was held in Hamilton, on 28th April. The companies represented, and their representatives, were as follows :-Beaver Mutual, Toronto, S. Thompson and C. E. Chadwick ; To-ronto Mutual, Toronto, S. Thompson and C. E. Chadwick; Ontario Farmers' Mutual, Whitby, L. Fairbanks and J. B. Bickell; Agricultural As-sociation, London, Wm. Niles, W. R. Vining, L. Fairbanks and J. B. Dickell; Agricultura Association, London, Wm. Niles, W. R. Vining, and D. C. McDonald; Niagara Mutual, St. Catharines, Thos. H. Graydon; Wellington Mutual, Guelph, Charles Davidson; Waterloo Mutual, Waterloo, Moses Springer and C. M. Taylor; Ontexis Mutual London James Johnston Canada tario Mutual, London, James Johnston ; Canada Farmers' Mutual, Hamilton, R. P. Street and Thos. Stock ; Hamilton Mutual, Hamilton, N. Hammond and W. G. Crawford ; Gore District Mutual, Galt, Thomas M. Simons and Robert McLean.

Mr. C. E. Chadwick, of Ingersoll, was called to the chair, and Mr. Robert McLean, of Galt, was appointed Secretary. The circular calling the convention having been read, a discussion arose as to the best mode of proceeding, when the following resolution was carried :

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Simons, That Messrs. Charles Davidson, Moses Springer, D.C. McDonald, R. P. Street, Thos. H. Graydon, the mover and seconder, be a committee to draft an amended bill for submission to the Legislature, to consolidate the laws having reference to mutual insurance, and to report to an adjourned meeting, at which all the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in the Province of Ontario

shall have the opportunity of being represented. Moved by J. B. Bickell, seconded by C. M. Taylor, That the foregoing Committee be request ed to send a copy of the proposed act, as adopted by them, to each Mutual Insurance Company in the Province of Ontario, at least six weeks before the next meeting of the representatives of the different insurance companies, to enable the Board of Directors of each company to pass their judg-

ment thereon. Moved by C. M. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Biekell, That Messrs. R. P. Street, W. R. Vining, C. E. Chadwick, the mover and seconder, be a committee to report on the propriety of a lopting a uniform tariff of rates in connection with the question of re-assurance for purely farm Mutuals.

Moved by Mr. Simons, seconded by Mr. Gray-don, That Messrs. Moses Springer, S. Thompson, Chas. Davidson, the mover and seconder, be a committee to consider the question of re-insurance, in connection with a uniform tariff of rates in mixed companies.

The Convention adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., to enable the foregoing committees to report.

The Convention met as per adjournment, when the committee appointed to report in regard to purely Farmer's Mutuals, presented the following report, which, on the motion of Mr. Street, se-conded by Mr. Graydon, was received :

The committee appointed to consider a uniform tariff of rates with a view to the question of reinsurance, beg leave to report : Your Committee recommend that the Mutual Farm Insurance Com-panies should agree to adopt the following scale of rates :--Premium note system, 1st class isolated dwellings, 1; 2nd class isolated dwellings, 1; 3rd barns, outbuildings and stables, 1; with a uniform cash payment of one-sixth of the premium note.

And on the cash system :- A payment of six tenths of what the premium note would amount

And in scale of distances :- That 80 feet shall be considered isolation; that uuder 80 feet and over 60, the rates shall be, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd over 60, the rates shall be, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd class-11, 14, and 13, respectively; under 60 and over 40 feet, 14, 13, and 2. That your Committee recommend the adoption of the above rates as a basis upon which to effect re-insurance with other companies. All of which is respectfully submit-ted. RICHARD P. STREET, Chairman.

On motion being made, the representatives of mixed Companies were added to the above Com-mittee, and a resolution passed appointing the next meeting of the Convention to be held in Hamilton. Resolutions were passed expressing the opinion that the insurance of more than two-thirds of the actual cash value of either buildings or contents is opposed to the interests of Mutual Insurance Companies ; that unity of action in th Insurance Companies ; that unity of action in the matter of offering a liberal reward by Mutual In-surance Companies, for the conviction of incen-daries, is highly desirable, and that this subject be specially referred to at the next meeting of the Convention. That a multiple of four of the tariff of the Associated Proprietary Companies, form the basis of the Premium Note System for a three-years' insurance of Mutual Companies doing busi-ness. This rule to apply to all risks except iso-This rule to apply to all risks except is ness. lated private dwellings and farm properties; that one-fifth of the premium note rate be the cash premium for re-insurance for one year.

That a multiple of four of the lowest rates of Proprietary Companies be the premium note rate on isolated private dwellings, and that isolation for first-class buildings be 66 feet; second-class 80 feet; and third-class 120 feet; and further, that feet; and third-class 120 feet; and further, that one-fourth of the premium note rate be the cash premium for one year's insurance. That each one-fourth of the premium note rate be the cash premium for one year's insurance. That each Mutual Fire Insurance Company do supply each other with copies of policies, applications, and in-structions to agents, when so requested, with a view to the assimilation of the conditions of in-surance. The Convention meet again at the call of the chairman. — Condensed from Hamilton Times.

FIRE RECORD.—Bowmanville, April 30.—A fire broke out this morning in the brick block oc-cupied by the Royal Canadian Bank, McCullough cupied by the Royal Canadian Bank, Sicculouga & Co., dry goods, and Joseph Jeffery, tailor. By the exertions of the fire company and citizens, the fire was confined to the part of the building where it was first discovered. The principal sufferer is Mr Jeffery, who has lost all the furniture in the third story. The building is badly injured. McCullough & Co's goods were slightly injured by removal:

Brantford, April 30 .- Mr. Ott's tannery was des troyed by fire last night. The Loss amounts to about \$2,000 ; insured for \$1,500. Cause of fire unknown.

Blenheim, Ont., April 18 .- Mr. Morris' pre-