The New Workmen's Compensation Act puts the following responsibilities upon British masters and mistresses:

(1) In the event of death occurring through an accident, the liability of the employer is the payment of three years' wages, including an allowance for board, the total sum not exceeding £300.

(2) In the event of temporary disablement, one-half of the wages, including an allowance for board, must be paid during the period of incapacity.

(3) In the event of permanent disablement, a like half of the wages, with a like inclusion for board, must be paid throughout the duration of the disablement.

The Losses by Fire in the United States and Canada during the month of March, as compiled from the New York Journal of Commerce, aggregate $20,559,700, as compared with $18,727,750 in March, 1906, an increase of nearly two millon dollars. The fire losses since the first of January this year reach $64,501,200, as against $54,700,900 for the same period in 1906. A feature of the month was the large number of heavy lumber losses. There were during March the unusual number of 408 fires where the loss reached $10,000 or over each.

The British Crown Assurance Company is a new company in course of formation in London, under the direction of J. Buyers Black and Malcolm Gelletti. The authorized capital is to be £500,000 in £5 shares, of which 50,000 are offered for subscription at par, £1 to be called up. Fire insurance on non-tariff lines—mainly in the United Kingdom—is to be the staple business; but powers are to be taken for other branches.