

A French marine insurance company of Paris, called La Fonciere Transport Marine, has entered Louisiana, and appointed an agent at New Orleans.

Speaking of a class of insurance officials we have all met with, the *Weekly Underwriter* tersely says: "The president of an insurance company will sit back in his chair with the air of a conquering hero, and boast that his company never 'patronizes' insurance journals. No, the journals 'patronize' him, in the real meaning of patronage. They give to him of their bounty. The poor we have always with us, and of all the poor the spiritless poor are the most degraded. In the insurance business we journalists have sized up these people fairly well."

The conflagration hazard is again strikingly illustrated, this time at Milwaukee, where on Friday night last acres of business blocks and dwellings were swept away in the face of a fierce wind, against which the fire department though a good one was powerless. The loss will be about \$6,000,000 which means over \$3,000,000 loss for the insurance companies.

An interesting arbitration to determine the fire loss sustained in April last by one Coventry at Woodstock, Ont., has recently been conducted before Judge McDougall of Toronto, as arbitrator. The stock in question consisted of tweeds, gents' furnishings, etc., a part of it having been removed the day before the fire to another store, the burned goods awaiting removal in packing boxes on the Monday following the fire, which was early Sunday morning. The insurance was for \$4,000 in the Norwich Union and \$2,000 in the Commercial Union. The adjusters appraised the loss at \$1,500, and the plaintiff claimed it to have been over \$4,000. The evidence is alleged to have developed some highly suspicious circumstances. Both Mr. Alexander Dixon, the manager, and R. J. Wylie, the appraiser of the Norwich Union, testified that the boxes said to have been destroyed could not possibly have held the goods claimed for, and other expert testimony was to the same effect. The judge took the case under advisement.

THE CANADA ACCIDENT ASSURANCE. CO.

We understand that this company is now being thoroughly reorganized, with ample British capital behind it, and has arranged to take over the business in Canada of the Mutual Accident Association of Manchester, England, and also the Citizens entire accident business. This, in addition to its own business and the good reputation which it enjoys with the Canadian public, together with the arrangements perfected for a vigorous management, we believe will place the Canada Accident at the head of that line of business in the Dominion. The head office of the company is hereafter to be in Montreal. Mr. Lynn T. Leet, for many years connected with the general agency at Montreal of the Travelers Accident of Hartford has been appointed manager; while Messrs. Eastmure & Lightbourne, heretofore the well-known general agents at Toronto of the Mutual Accident and the Citizens will continue in the same capacity for the Canada Accident. We shall take pleasure in recording the progress of this institution from time to time, and bespeak for it the cordial patronage of all our citizens.

PERSONAL MENTION.

MR. ARTHUR H. SCAIFE has been appointed manager of the New York Life for British Columbia, with headquarters at Victoria.

MESSRS. MAHONY & BELLEAU have been appointed agents at Quebec of the United Fire in place of Messrs. Giroux & Coté.

MR. C. Z. PERRY has been appointed manager for the Sun Life for Vancouver and the mainland, in place of Mr. R. B. Oxley, transferred to Victoria.

MR. GEO. H. BURDICK, secretary of the Phoenix Fire of Hartford, spent several days recently visiting the Montreal agency of his company.

MESSRS. PIPKIN, of London, manager of the Atlas, and ENGELBACH of Dublin, manager of the National of Ireland, spent a few days in Montreal the middle of last month.

MR. F. STANCLIFFE, of this city, manager of the British Empire Mutual Life, sailed for England on the 19th ult. We wish him a pleasant visit and safe return.

MR. THOS. DAVIDSON of this city, managing director of the North British and Mercantile, went to New York on Saturday last, to see Mr. G. Auldjo Jamieson, director of the company, before his sailing for home.

MR. P. W. MARLING has entered the life assurance field in this city in connection with the Canada Life, of which his uncle, Mr. J. W. Marling, is Provincial manager. We wish him success in his chosen field.

MR. J. A. FERGUSON, for several years connected with the company in the United States, has been appointed general manager of the New York Life for Great Britain and Ireland in place of Mr. Thomas Crawford, resigned.

MR. W. BENTHAM, general secretary for England of the Standard Life Assurance Company, after 40 years of service with the company, retires and Mr. J. H. W. Rolland, now secretary at the head office, succeeds him.

MR. GEO. F. SEWARD, for many years the vice-president and active executive of the Fidelity and Casualty insurance company of New York, has been elected president in place of the recently deceased president, Mr. W. M. Richards.

MR. R. W. KINAHAN, city agent in Montreal of the National Assurance Company of Ireland, is to be congratulated on leading to the marriage altar on the 25th ult., at the home of the bride's parents in Chicago, Miss Florence Dunne, daughter of Hon. J. Dunne.

MR. ALEXANDER DUNCAN of Edinburgh, general manager of the Scottish Union and National, accompanied by Mr. Martin Bennett of Hartford, U.S. manager, was in Montreal and Toronto several days recently. Mr. Duncan sailed from New York for home on Saturday last.

MR. JAMES CLUNES, general manager of the London Assurance Corporation, is now visiting the agencies of the company in Canada and the United States. After visiting Toronto, Montreal and Quebec he leaves this city for Chicago this week. Mr. Clunes expressed himself as well pleased at the solid progress of Montreal in all respects since his last visit.

AMONG THE CALLERS on the CHRONICLE recently were: Messrs. James Clunes, London; Harold Engelbach, Dublin; Geo. H. Burdick, Hartford; Samuel Pipkin, London; Seymour Kisch, Vancouver; D. M. McMillan, Brandon; James Boomer, Toronto; E. L. Philips, St. John, N. B.; C. D. Cory, Halifax; and H. G. Moorehouse, Sault Ste Marie.