

As we go to press, we learn with sadness of the death of the Mr. A. Holloway, of Winnipeg, widely known in underwriting circles, and whose loss there from will be generally mourned.

From figures received from most of the Canadian life companies and others doing business in Canada, it appears that the aggregate of new business for 1892 will very considerably exceed that of 1891. In our next issue we shall give results in detail.

Notice is given in the *Official Gazette* that application will be made for an Act to revive the Act to incorporate the Equity Insurance Company, and to change the name thereof to that of the St. Lawrence Insurance Company; headquarters at Montreal.

A special meeting was held last week at Halifax, composed of the Nova Scotia Fire Underwriters' Association and a number of the general managers of companies from Montreal, to confer about the situation with reference to the order from the home offices of the British companies to advance rates. The results, if any, we shall note later on.

Four of the "Supreme" officers of the Iron Hall—Somerby, supreme president; Baker, supreme medical examiner; Gladding, supreme organizer; and Eckersley, chairman of the finance committee, indicted both at Indianapolis and Philadelphia, have been arrested, and are under bail in \$5,000 at the latter place for misuse of the funds of the order in connection with the Philadelphia banking concern run by these "supremes."

The Assurance Lloyds of America, of which Messrs. Beecher, Schenck & Co. of New York are the promoters and managers, enters for business with the new year reporting 100 subscribers, each having made a cash deposit of \$5,000, or \$500,000 in all. Several life insurance men are among the subscribers, notably President McCall of the New York Life and Robert H. McCurdy of the Mutual Life.

There are several disappearances of assessment life associations reported, among which are the Mutual Benefit Life of Hartford, turned over to the National Life Association; the Home Benefit of New York, reinsured in the Commercial Alliance; and the Life Union of New York, whose directors ask for a receiver because of mismanagement of funds and general crookedness.

The Ontario Mutual Life has closed 1892 with a handsome increase in new business, amounting to nearly half a million, reaching a total of \$2,676,000. December showed the largest business ever transacted by the company in one month, and amounted to \$404,500. The death losses, we understand, were some \$45,000 less than the expectancy, and altogether the year's record has been excellent.

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada has, as is well known, heretofore conducted an accident branch with success, a liberal amount of first class business being attracted to it each year. Such, however, has been the rapid growth of the regular life business of the company, calling for the undivided attention of the management, that it was deemed best to dispose of the accident business. This was done at the close of the past year, as noted in our last issue, the Canada Accident becoming the reinsurer. We regard this as a wise move, for it seems plain that a company whose new issues have increased from \$4,000,000 in 1891 to over \$7,000,000 in 1892 can best employ the ability and resources at its command in the building up of a strong distinctively life company.

We are pleased to note that a compromise has been effected between ex-President Beers and the New York Life, by which the former is to be retained in an advisory capacity by the company, at the rate of \$15,000 per year for the present. Mr. Beers agrees to drop all further legal proceedings. This settlement, we think, will prove satisfactory to the friends of all the parties.

The "Weekly Statement," published by the Mutual Life of New York, speaking of the general agents, says: "These are the men who are to lead the cohorts of the company during this eventful semi-centennial, and to every man we look for an amount of personal effort which will roll up a volume of business unprecedented, not only in the history of this company, but in that of any other." This means that the strife between the "three giants" for big business will be greater than ever.

Calendars, etc., for 1893.—Among the insurance company calendars received we note the following: The Atlas, from Manager Hinshaw, an embossed folding pad for desk use of leatherette, finished neatly in blue and gold, and revealing a movable calendar blotter when open.—The Insurance Company of North America, from General Agent Hampson, a wall calendar, lithographed in colors, unusually large and valuable for service.—The Mutual Life, from Manager Brown, Montreal, a mammoth wall calendar of striking design in several colors, as a semi-centennial reminder.—The Western, from J. H. Routh & Son, a lithograph wall calendar in colors of striking design artistically executed, of large size; also a very pretty house or desk calendar.—The Lancashire, from Manager Thompson, a calendar in black and white, with full page for each month, well designed for office use.—The Liverpool & London & Globe, from C. Mason Kinne, assistant resident secretary, San Francisco, a handsome colored design with center dial showing the time at the principal places of the world, with calendar tablets. Also, same company, from General Agent Jarvis of St. John, N.B., a wall calendar, original design, in white on dark blue, striking in effect, with dials indicating St. John and Halifax and Eastern Standard time.—The Mercantile of Waterloo, its usual very large and very desirable wall calendar in colors, with conspicuous figures.—London and Lancashire Life, Canadian Branch, a large card for the wall in brown and gold with condensed calendar for the year.—The Caledonian, from Manager Lewis, wall card with monthly calendars in lithograph design.—The Waterloo Insurance Co., a pleasant tinted design with separate monthly calendars in colors.—The Northern, from Manager Tyre, large wall card in colors, the center piece of the design representing the St. John's conflagration and the card carrying the usual monthly calendar.—The Provident Savings Life sends an unusually fine engraved calendar, the center-piece of a child and dog ensuring its preservation.—J. W. H. Holtby of Brampton gets out a special design, wall calendar in colors, with medallion sized portrait of himself. As annual souvenirs, the North American Life sends out a morocco bound pocket calendar and diary specially adapted to agents' use; and Managing Director Cory of the Eastern of Halifax sends a book of finely executed views of the city of Halifax and vicinity. Our acknowledgments are also due to the *Times* of Toronto for a large calendar showing its new fine building, and also for a speaking lithograph of the *Times* proprietor's \$1,000 prize St. Bernard, "Maxy." Also to the Beaver Line of Steamers, and to Morton, Phillips & Co. of this city, stationers and printers, for one of the best office calendars issued. The *Moniteur du Commerce* also sends us a handy pocket calendar and diary.