

THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Mails from Ireland, England and Scotland.

The Archbishop of Dublin on the kidnapping of Catholic children...

Ernest Browne went to Colonel John O'Callaghan, Maryfort, was fired at by Budyko on the evening of the 28th...

On the 26th the mill and large meal and flour stores, the property of Mr. John D. Murphy, Millstreet, Co. Cork...

On January 24th the Sheriff's officer at Fermoy accompanied by several bailiffs and protected by police...

Her Majesty the Queen has, at the request of the Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and in recognition of the magnificent score with which the "Queen's Cup" was won...

In his address at Drumcondra, upon the completion of the Sacred Heart Orphanage building, for the benefit of Catholic waifs rescued from proselytism...

When I presided, last year, at the meeting of the friends and supporters of our institution—the meeting that was held in the room at the old building...

THE WICKEDNESS OF THE COMMONER IN WHICH commerce for maintenance of which they manage to rake in annually hundreds and thousands of pounds as a result of belief, undoubtedly widespread in England...

The Irish Temperance League reports that the arrests for common assault, which were 29,011 in 1886, had fallen to 21,853 in 1894...

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friends to a bridal feast. While the feast was in progress a number of young men attacked the house, and broke the door, windows and furniture.

The recent association of Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., with Mr. Horace Plunkett's Round Table Conference and Cooperative Agricultural Society project has excited deep resentment amongst his most ardent supporters in Waterford...

The Cardinal on Education. The following appears in The Times:

I. As Catholics we hold that every parent has the natural right to have his children instructed in the religion which he professes and to have such religion taught in an integral and inseparable element of the child's primary education.

This, in practice, means that the State (1) must not impose upon any child any religious teaching to which the parent conscientiously objects...

II. This being a matter of natural right and justice, is quite independent of any judgment of public opinion.

III. We do not hold that the children of Unitarian or agnostic parents should be taught by the State in the Board schools that God or that God is unknowable...

Scotland. The Archbishop's Victory. The civil authorities in Glasgow are always willing, to accept money derived from Catholic sources...

The Rev. Father Etherington, S.J., Prefect of Studies at St. Aloysius's College, Garnet Hill, delivered a timely and very able lecture, setting forth the attitude of the Catholic Church on the subject of cremation...

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A SOLD INSTITUTION.

The North American Life Assurance Company.

The annual meeting of the above company was held at its head office in Toronto, on January 31, 1895. Mr. John L. Blaikie, president, was appointed chairman, and Mr. William J. Carr, secretary.

The directors have the pleasure to report to the members the results of the Company's operations for the year ended 31st December, 1895, which show many signs of continued progress and solid prosperity in every leading branch of the Company's work.

As is to be expected in a properly managed Life Assurance Company, the mortality rate continues well within that indicated by the Table maintained in the Dominion Insurance Act...

The interest on the investments was well paid, and coupled with premium amounts to \$51,478.24 a strong proof of the solidity of the Company's assets and investments of the company.

The assets amount to \$2,300,518.15 of which the sum of \$231,802 represents the addition to the Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$1,756,222.

The Auditor made a complete audit of the Company's business monthly, and at the close of the year verified the cash on hand, and in banks, and credited each mortgage, debenture, and every other security held by the Company.

For the year 1895, you made a very handsome gain in surplus, adding to that amount some \$67,000 for the year, after setting aside \$25,000 as an additional contingent reserve to anticipate any change in the Government...

WM. T. STANBURN, Consulting Actuary. In accordance with instructions received, I have made an analysis of your surplus fund and send you schedules, showing individual allocations of surplus to policies entitled to participate therein...

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Includes entries for Dec 31, 1895 and Dec 31, 1896.

I have examined the Books, Documents, and Vouchers representing the foregoing Statement and Balance Sheet, and also each of the Securities for the properties in the latter, and certify to their correctness.

The year 1895 produced the largest net business in the history of the company, the amount issued for the year being \$3,621,850; the number of policies being 2,222.

Being an increase for the year of \$231,802. In addition to this the financial statement shows that \$25,000 has been set aside as a special contingent reserve fund...

Interest and rents due at the close of the year amount to \$13,611.90, and the total reserve being \$1,756,222 is just one per cent, being nearly double that of the previous year.

This cannot fail to be regarded as highly satisfactory, as it is a fair indication of the quality of the company's investments. In this connection, I may state that the interest and rents have sufficed to pay all the death claims of the year, and leave a surplus of \$22,705.17.

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As an evidence of our anxiety not to overstate the value of assets, but to be on the conservative side in this important particular, I call your attention to the fact that our municipal debentures could be sold at an advance of 10 to 15 per cent over what they stand in the statement of assets.

The interest earned for the year has amounted to \$7,287.27, which, calculated on the mean amount of the fund is 6.76 per cent.

I am sure you are all satisfied that the business of the company is in a perfectly sound condition. The North American is singularly fortunate in the excellent staff of officers representing it in its various branches.

The Hon. Sir Frank Smith, in the course of his very interesting and eulogistic remarks respecting the company and its management, said: "I am pleased with the statement you have given us, and I think very creditable with you here this morning, to congratulate you on the success the company has attained."

In referring to the investments of the company, Mr. E. Galley said: "It has been customary each year for me to examine the mortgage register of the company to see the condition of the mortgage loans, and after looking through your books at the close of 1895, I was greatly surprised to find that the interest on the loans had been so well paid, and such a very small amount of interest outstanding and unpaid."

Dr. Carlyle, the company's auditor, said: "It is known to many of you that I have been auditor of the company from its inception, consequently I have had a long and very accurate knowledge of its financial condition."

I have examined all the bonds owned by the company, except those deposited with the Government, and also the certificates for the stock on which the company has made loans, and finally the mortgage represented in the statement was in the vaults of the company.

After checking over this last annual statement, I began to conjecture what the annual statement of the company will be at the end of another 15 years. I will not venture on the figures at which I arrived, but I may say that I take out another 15-year period for the company's investment policy, for I have no doubt that it would be just as satisfactory as the splendid results to be paid me under the one I have maturing this year.

After the usual vote of thanks had been passed, the election of directors took place, after which the newly elected board met, and Mr. John L. Blaikie was unanimously elected president, and the Hon. G. W. Allan and Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., vice-presidents.

DEAR SIR—Seeing you take a deep interest in agricultural matters, as well as the many useful items in your valuable paper, I afford me much pleasure in mentioning to you a few lines on the subject of Culture, which is taking the attention of the farmers recently, since the price of wheat and other branches of industry have become unprofitable.

In the North West, as well as in several parts of Ontario, the branch of Canadian industry is taking the attention of the farmers for the simple reason they find it pays better than wheat and several other crops.

The best land for growing this valuable plant is a friable loam and clay subsoil. From the sowing of half a bushel of seeds of twenty-eight pounds Flax seed, being four pounds loss to the bushel than wheat, the average yield per acre in the North West, where it is sown for the seed, is only from twenty-two to twenty-five bushels to the acre, while it takes two seasons to get a crop of Fall wheat. After following the land and putting on a heavy coat of manure you get two crops of flax and the price of the seed is fifty per cent higher than wheat in the North West.

A most important item has lately been discovered by John Love Esq., formerly Deputy Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa on his farm of some ten thousand acres in Manitoba, in the construction of a steam engine, which will plow twenty acres a day in connection with a heavy steam engine, this plough turns twelve furrows at a time, and the engine is supplied with fire from the flax straw, and the services of only three laboring men are required to attend to the engine with water and fuel, and produce of seed from this part of the country, last year was over a million and a quarter bushels and no doubt will be much increased this coming season.

In Ontario in the counties of Waterloo, Wellington, Perth and part of Huron Flax is grown very extensively, and it requires the farmers in other parts of the Province to visit this section of the country and take in the flax works of Jas. Livingston, Esq., M.P. for Waterloo, to satisfy themselves of the importance of this important item.

Who art thou that complainest of thy life of toil? Complain not. Look up, my wearied brother; see the fellow workmen there, our God's Eternity, sacred band of the Immortal celestial bodyguard of the empire of man kind! To thee, Heaven, though severe, is not unkind; Heaven is kind—as a noble mother; as the Spartan mother saying with a smile to her dying son: "With it, my son, or upon it. Thou, too, shall return home in honour; to thy far distant home in honour; doubt it not—if in the battle thou keepest thy shield!"

VERY HELPFUL TO LADIES. Quirk's Kidney Cure. Will not both sexes are sufferers from kidney troubles, in many cases, and is liable to peculiar weakness and pains, because of disorganization of the kidney? Objection is taken, and rightly, to many remedies because of the method of cure, as well as after unpleasant results. This is never the case with the South American Kidney Cure. It gives ease to the patient in six hours, and an annoying effect follows, for in a short time the urine, in all cases, an entire cure is effected. There is no other medicine like South American Kidney Cure. It is a remedy for the kidneys and bladder only—not a general specific that is supposed to cure everything that ends by effecting no cure. South American Kidney Cure does its particular work and does it well.