

"ENGLANDS POLICY."

The booklet "Englands Policy," just issued by the three insurance companies under the management of Henry Evans, New York, will be read with deep interest. Mr. Evans himself is a militant and patriotic American whose business creed is "America First," who has studied British policies and methods with admiration for what has been achieved under them and the desire to adopt that which can be applied for American purposes and thus be used to forward the march of American development. The booklet "Englands Policy" may be considered as his presentation of the accumulated signs of what British policies are to be. These are set forth in authoritative quotations from English leaders in public life and private enterprise, covering the subjects of Territorial Expansion, Shipping, Banking, Commerce, Insurance and Finances.

However quietly and silently the English pursue and enforce their policies once agreed upon, there is no other country where independent, open, blunt freedom of speech in discussion is so highly prized and invited. The quotations in the booklet are therefore highly illuminating of the purpose of the British Empire to push every advantage it has gained in war to the end of the final consolidation of power in the control of world commerce. They expect territorial gains to be permanent gains and they expect to utilize the gains against all competition. In this respect the greatest competition available will be American. There are some forty pages of these quotations without interruptive comment or argument, so that the volume of them pours out steadily revealing the immense and careful preparations making.

It is bound to make upon the reader an impression of the great force resident in a nation that speaks with so much boldness and firm confidence in its preparations. It invites the immediate question, "What is the United States doing?" The answer is not easy to be made. We haven't as many business men in Congress as there are in the British Parliament. There, when a man has demonstrated genius or great success in business, they send him to the Commons or create him a peer so that with a seat in the British Senate his knowledge and experience are made available to the nation for its power and welfare. Here success in business damns a man forever for public life and instead of sending him to Congress we fence him up and constitute Congress from eloquent prosecuting attorney and political spell-binders.

Mr. Evans speaks briefly in the introduction to the booklet and he follows up the views he expressed three years ago in the pamphlet on Shipping, Banking and Insurance which attracted so much attention.—Insurance Field.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

Fire at Toronto.—On the 20th instant a fire broke out in the St. George apartment house. Loss about \$3,000.

Fire at Oakville, Ont.—On the 20th instant a fire destroyed the factory of the Basket and Veneer works. Loss about \$60,000, partly covered.

Fire at Montreal.—By the fire which occurred on the 17th instant on the premises of the Hart Shoe Company, 467 St. Catherine St. West, and spreading to adjoining building, the following Companies are interested:—On stock (Hart Shoe Co.), Home, \$33,000. Loss about \$17,000. Building (Tiffin Estate), Sun, \$33,600; Queen, \$17,500. Total \$51,100. Loss about \$9,000.

Fire at Iroquois Falls, Ont.—By the fire which occurred on the 21st inst in the public School, the following companies are interested:—Vermont, \$2,500; Niagara, \$4,000; Atlantic, \$3,500; Union of Paris, \$5,000; North America, \$10,000; Alliance of Philadelphia, \$5,000; Prov. Wash. \$5,000; Ohio Millers, \$20,000; Franklin, \$5,000; Royal \$25,000. Total \$85,000. Loss about 65 per cent.

Fire at Nicolet, P.Q.—On the 23rd instant a fire destroyed the Normal School. Insurance as follows: Northern, \$25,000; London Guarantee, \$25,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$25,000; Employers, \$25,000; British Crown, \$25,000; Royal, \$25,000. Total \$150,000. Loss total.

Fire at Oxford, N.S.—On the 20th instant a fire broke out in the Wood Patton block, destroying the whole building together with the stock of several businesses. Loss estimated at \$50,000.

Fire at St. John's, P.Q.—Five lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the residence of Philippe Lariviere, 34 Queen St., on the 18th instant. The house was a double two story tenement. Cause said to be lamp explosion.

Fire at Montreal.—On the 22nd instant a fire broke out at the plant of Lariviere Bros., prepared flour manufacturers, 8 Iberville St. and partly destroyed the second and third floors of the three-storey building.