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**Home Life Association
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The annual meeting of the Home Life was held at the head office in the Home Life Building, Toronto, and was well attended. The report submitted of the year's business was gratifying in every particular to those assembled. It was shown that applications for insurance to the amount of \$1,243,450 had been received and considered by the Association, and that policies were granted for \$1,143,000. The net assets now amount to \$484,584 at the end of 1903, and with the uncalled capital the Association holds \$1,319,401.18 as a security to the policyholders. The premium income increased during the twelve months 28 per cent., or from \$93,654.78 to \$119,663.73, and the expense account was reduced by \$3,741.51. The whole authorized capital of the Association, which is \$1,000,000, is now subscribed, and the paid-up capital is \$165,183.

Several changes have taken place among the officers. Hon. R. Harcourt, who has been president of the Association since its organization, has retired from that position, and is succeeded by John Firstbrook Esq., of Toronto, president of the Firstbrook Box Company, and A. J. Pattison, Esq., becomes 1st vice-president. The affairs of the Home Life are in a thoroughly healthy state, and prospects for a good year's business during 1904 are considered exceedingly bright.

The directors elected at the annual meeting were: John Firstbrook, president; A. J. Pattison, 1st vice-president; John S. King, 2nd vice-president; John S. King, M.D., medical director; J. W. Curry, K.C.; Rev. W. Briggs, D.D.; F. Diver, John Hillock, R. A. Wood, Toronto; Thomas Elliott, Brantford; Prof. N. F. Dupuis, M.A., Kingston; George E. Amyot, Quebec; James R. Inch, LL.D.; Hon. J. W. Longley, Prof. J. F. Tufts, M.A., D.C.L., Maritime Provinces; Thomas W. Boddy, J. Stanley Hough, Ashmore Kennedy, H. C. Graham, J. H. Spencer, Manitoba and Territories; Thomas McCaffry, Charles E. Stevenson, British Columbia.

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A UNITED STATES syndicate has purchased the deposit of talc recently discovered near Louisburg, Cape Breton, with a view to developing it on an extensive scale so soon as spring opens.

THE Mayo Mining and Development Company, Windsor, Ont., capital, \$250,000 has received a Dominion charter for the purpose of carrying on all branches of a mining milling, reduction and development business. Among the provisional directors is Hon. Richard Harcourt.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Montreal Cotton Company, held last week, the following were elected directors: Mr. S. H. Ewing, Mr. H. M. Molson, Mr. Jacques Grenier, Hon. J. K. Ward, Mr. Hamilton Gault, Mr. R. R. Stevenson, Mr. James Rodger, Mr. James Wilson. At a later meeting of the directors, Mr. S. H. Ewing was elected president, and Mr. James Wilson, vice-president.

THE New York World sends us a post-card in the following terms: "We are sending you by this mail The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1904. It is the best almanac The World has ever issued—which means, we think, the best almanac anybody ever issued. Take it and be glad!" We have taken it; and we are satisfied. The book has 594 pages, of which only 120 are devoted to advertisements, while 30 pages are given up to a written and illustrated description of the St. Louis Fair. This leaves 444 pages to tell about the statistical features of the United States in general, New York in particular, and the rest of the world in between. All sorts of information to be found in it. Any one who chooses to send 35 cents to the Press Publishing Co., Pulitzer Building, New York, may get a copy of this very convenient reference almanac.