

WE ARE PLEASED to learn that Mr. J. Logan, inspector of the Imperial Fire, who has been seriously ill with the grippe and pneumonia, is about convalescent.

MR. W. G. BLACK, the well-known and energetic representative at Ottawa of several fire offices, has sailed for a brief holiday to the Old Country. *Bon voyage.*

MR. J. C. BERGSTRESSER, the genial proprietor of the *Insurance World* of Pittsburg, sailed for Antwerp last week, and expects to remain abroad for several weeks.

MR. J. E. CLEMENT of this city, lately with the Phoenix office, has opened an office at 80 St. James st., as adjuster and inspector, where he will be glad to hear from his friends.

MR. JAS. F. BELLEAU of Quebec, of Belleau & Bamford, who has for a number of years represented the Lancashire and the Guardian at Quebec, was in the city last week, and called.

MR. GEORGE THORNTON of the New York Life was in Montreal last week, and called on the CHRONICLE. Mr. Thornton has long been recognized as one of the wheel-horses and a factor of indispensable importance to that great company.

MESSRS. GIROUX & COTÉ have been appointed agents at Quebec for the City of London Fire insurance company. Mr. Giroux has had ten years experience in the office of the general agents of the Guardian and Lancashire at Quebec, while Mr. Coté is a leading insurance broker in that city. Mr. Blackburn is to be congratulated on securing such live agents.

MR. T. L. MORRISSEY, Dominion manager of the Union of London, left on the 25th ult. on an inspection tour, accompanied as far as Winnipeg by Mr. F. A. Bailey, the foreign superintendent from the home office, who then went southward and westward to Chicago, Denver and San Francisco. Mr. Morrissey continued as far as Victoria, B. C., and is expected to return in a few days.

WE ARE PLEASED to announce the selection by the Governor General of the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, P.C., Q. C., the well known leader of the Senate, as Premier for Canada, in place of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. We regard this choice as the best under all the circumstances, that could possibly have been made. The new Premier is the president of the Citizen's insurance company and one of the Canadian directors of the Standard Life of Edinburgh.

MR. R. MACDOUGALL PATERSON, of Paterson & Son's general Dominion agents at Montreal of the Phoenix of London, was married on the 9th inst. to Miss Bertha, the accomplished daughter of Mr. R. B. Angus of this city, a Canadian director of the London and Lancashire Life, and officially connected with several of our prominent financial institutions. We extend to the happy pair our best wishes. On their wedding tour the newly married couple encountered an unpleasant experience at Au Sable Chasm, Lake Champlain, the hotel being burned on the night of the 10th. Mr. and Mrs. P. lost their jewellery and most of their wardrobe in the fire, and were obliged to return to Montreal.

MR. MATHEW HINSHAW, the new Canadian manager of the Atlas and National, sent out from the other side, has, we understand, arrived in Montreal. We have not yet had the pleasure of making his acquaintance; but, however excellent may be that gentleman's qualifications for the work, we believe that a selection from our own Dominion underwriters, of which there are plenty well qualified by ability and acquaintance with the field, would have been in every way much wiser and better.

THE INVESTIGATOR OF Chicago says: "Six years ago Mr. James Grant was sent from Montreal by the Guarantee Co. of North America, to take charge of the Chicago branch office, temporarily. Under his supervision the company's business prospered so that it was deemed best by the managing director to have him remain. Since coming here Mr. Grant has nearly quadrupled the company's business in this field. Now, however, his services are required at the head office at Montreal. \* \* \* During Mr. Grant's residence in this city he has gained the confidence and respect of a host of prominent business and professional men in the Northwest, and he carries with him their best wishes to his new field of labor." We reproduce the above with pleasure, and express our cordial endorsement of the good opinion expressed, while we welcome Mr. Grant back to his old home.

#### OBITUARY MENTION.

WE REGRET to learn of the death at Salt Lake City of Mr. W. A. Gibson, late of the Caledonian Fire offices, Montreal. Mr. Gibson went to Salt Lake some months since for the benefit of his health.

THE RECENT DEATH is announced of Sir Robert N. Fowler, M.P., of London, who was a director of the London and Lancashire Life and the of Fire Insurance Association. The deceased was an alderman of the city of London, and was twice lord mayor of the city.

WE ARE CALLED upon to record with regret the sad intelligence of the death on the 9th inst. of Mr. Gilbert Scott of this city, at the age of 71 years. But a few weeks ago his father also died, at the ripe age of 91, and recently an aged brother and sister passed away from earth. Mr. Scott was born in Chagford, Devonshire, England, and has resided in Montreal since 1845. He has been prominently identified with the commercial and insurance interests of Montreal, and at the time of his death was a director of the North British and Mercantile insurance company and of the Bank of Montreal. He was also a partner in the firm of Wm. Dow & Co., and president of the Intercolonial Coal Mining company, and officially connected with other business and manufacturing interests. He will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends, who have reason to mourn his loss.

### Legal Intelligence.

#### LIFE ASSURANCE.

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION, Toronto, May, 1891. *McGeachie vs. North American Life.* Non-payment of note, etc.

This case was up on appeal from the trial court at St. Catharines. One Robert McGeachie insured his life in the defendant company for \$1,000, for the benefit of his wife, in December, 1889, giving his note, due in six months, for the premium. The application, which by its terms became a part of the policy contract, contained this provision: "That if a note, cheque, draft, or other obligation be given for the first or a subsequent premium, or any part thereof, and if the same be not paid at maturity, it is agreed that any insurance or policy made on