

elevator, stairways and vaults are in the centre of the building, and ample light is secured through large light wells and by the use of prismatic glass. A special feature of the building is the lofty ceilings.

The lavatories, which are finished in marble throughout, are located on the top story. Every attention has been given to perfect heating and ventilation, while the decoration of the building throughout is both simple and artistic.

The company's own office is located on the main floor, and is in every way well suited to meet the requirements, being very handsomely finished and decorated, and altogether most commodious, and comfortable.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

The general manager of this company has issued a circular letter notifying Canadian clients that Messrs. Griffin & Woodland have been appointed to represent the company in the Dominion of Canada.

Notes and Items.

At Home and Abroad.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES.—The attention of investors desiring to purchase securities of the very first rank, is directed to an advertisement on another page of this issue, calling for tenders up to the 4th of July next for some \$40,000 Ontario Government Annuities.

A BIG POLICY.—Mr Frank H. Peavey, of Minneapolis, is credited with having insured his life for \$1,000,000, with the Mutual Life. The annual premium is said to be somewhat about \$50,000, and as Mr. Peavey has previously invested heavily in life insurance, we may reasonably place the Western owner of grain elevators on the long list of very wealthy men.

A CONVINCING CIRCULAR.—The American Legion of Honour, one of the oldest fraternal benefit associations in America, has called for a double assessment from its members. The grand commander's circular says:—"We have not only the weakness of increasing age, but we are without the strengthening influence of young and vigorous initiates * * * We have the liabilities for benefits to our dependents constantly accruing at this time more in amount than the regular number of one assessment a month will cover. We cannot afford to let these liabilities accumulate, and we cannot in justice to our beneficiaries delay their claims. There is no alternative to promptly calling whatever number of assessments are needed." The membership of the order is now only 16,894, comparing with 61,355 in 1891. During last January the claims amounted to \$128,000, while the assessments only brought in \$111,686; in February the claims amounted to \$141,000, and the assessments to only \$111,988; and in March the claims amounted to \$142,500, and the assessments to \$107,955.

THE YUKON OUTPUT.—Advices from the Yukon to the Victoria "Colonist" give the following as the wash-up of the various creeks in the Canadian Yukon country:—

Claims.	Men.	Value.
49—Eldorado.....	541	\$ 3,746,200
13—Gay Gulch.....	62	106,800
6—French Hill.....	15	24,900
3—French Gulch.....	22	48,000
2—Oro Grande Gulch.....	15	21,000
8—Eldorado Hill-sides.....	32	32,700
29—Bonanza, above dis.....	315	1,231,900
47—Bonanza below dis.....	642	1,984,590
34—Gold Hill.....	235	1,002,000
8—Bonanza Hill.....	26	52,600
16—Chehecaco Hill.....	176	712,300
13—Adams Creek.....	37	92,200
8—Adams Hill.....	61	195,400
11—Magnet Gulch.....	96	477,000
10—American Gulch.....	81	225,000
17—Fox Gulch & Oro Fino.....	121	702,000
6—Monte Cristo.....	58	173,500
12—King Solomon's Hill.....	148	749,100
11—Dominion, above up.....	68	158,000
31—Dominion, below up.....	339	1,220,950
10—Dominion, above low.....	106	277,500
28—Dominion, below low.....	194	489,460
17—Dominion, Hill-sides.....	86	192,250
4—Dominion, Tributaries.....	12	22,850
40—Sulphur, above.....	275	862,220
29—Sulphur, below.....	186	594,500
31—Gold Run.....	456	1,937,950
18—Hunker, above.....	142	423,100
35—Hunker, below.....	311	788,000
5—Hunker benches.....	59	180,000
8—Gold Bottom.....	23	39,200
—Quartz Creek.....	100	200,000
—All other creeks.....	250	500,000
560	5,280	\$ 18,553,270

RECOVERING.—Mr. J. H. Brewster, of the Scottish Union and Lion, who has been quite ill with inflammation of the bowels, is now recovering rapidly and is expected at his office in a few days.

A BLINDNESS INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED is the most recent development of nineteenth century speculation and philanthropy. This company has just been formed by a number of people in the Potteries "to insure and indemnify against loss and extra expense through blindness, whether partial or total, and whether by accident, or disease, or otherwise, and to effect re-insurance upon risks undertaken by the company, and to accept surrender of policies." The amount of capital is fixed at £25,000.—"Manchester (Eng.) Policyholder."

ORIENT OF HARTFORD DEAL.—The New York "Commercial Bulletin" says: "As a result of Manager F. W. P. Rutters' visit here, the London & Lancashire Insurance Company will take over an American company, interested managers intensely. Further details are, that negotiations which have been in progress for some weeks past, have culminated in an arrangement between the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company of England, and the gentlemen composing the directorate of the Orient Insurance Company of Hartford, under which the two companies are proposed to be worked in conjunction. The combination will obviously be a very significant one, for on the one hand the London & Lancashire is one of the richest and most prosperous of the British companies, and on the other, the name, traditions and prestige of the Orient of Hartford, and the business which it has on its books, constitute a very valuable