

tage. The growth of membership has been steady—368 in 1907, 424 in 1908, 508 in 1909, but there are over 3,000 agents of level premium companies in Canada. The comparatively small number enrolled has, as has already been mentioned, accomplished much. What might not be done if the whole three thousand were standing shoulder to shoulder in the fight for all that is for the best interests of our work. The membership should be at least doubled before the Convention of 1910. To this end, the active, efficient co-operation of every field man is asked. It will pay good dividends in increased self-respect, more favorable public opinion and cash."

Mr. Machum is throwing his whole energy into the work of the Association, and hopes to visit all the local associations during the year.

#### CASUALTY AND GENERAL NOTES.

A thief entered the store of Mr. C. Duncan of Toronto, and took a tray of gold brooches valued at \$300.

James Loyle has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for housebreaking and stealing in Burnaby.

Wm. Hendrick of Guelph, Ont., has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, for robbing J. W. Lyon's residence.

In London, Ont., Judge Latchford awarded Mr. Latham \$1,000, for injuries received while in the employ of the gas company.

Mrs. Susanah Wright, Toronto, who sued the railway company of that city for \$7,000 damages, received \$2,500. Her husband was awarded \$100.

Damages of \$1,500 were recently awarded to the parents of Adam Haggarty, a six year old Vancouver boy who lost his arm by falling from a street car on which he was stealing a ride.

An important case has been heard at Fernie, under the Workmen's Compensation Act. J. R. Moore was injured in the mines in 1908. Then all such cases were handled by a committee of the Gladstone local union, who met the management of the company. Moore received \$380.94 and was then cut off. The company claims that no notice in writing of that injury was given while Moore contends that as he had been paid for a long time the company could not now dispute his claim.

A meeting of the Prudential Insurance Company, of Newark, Peterborough district, was held in Peterborough recently, at which Mr. Birkett, superintendent of Toronto, No. 1, gave an address to the twenty-five agents assembled. Mr. Porter spoke in the warmest terms of Mr. J. F. Dryden, and his early work for the company. Several others then addressed the meeting. J. I. Allen closed with a few appreciative remarks.

Mr. J. O. McCarthy, manager of the Central Canada branch of the Aetna Life Company, sends the programme and reports of the successful Convention of the National Life Underwriters Association, held at Louisville, Ky., last week. Mr. McCarthy was one of the speakers on the topic, "Should the Practice of Employing Part-time Agents be Abolished?"

The Life Underwriters' Association of the Maritime Provinces held a very successful Convention this week at St. John, N.B. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday by Mr. J. W. V. Lawlor, of the New York Life, while Secretary Evans, of the Union Life, read a synopsis of the minutes of the 1908 convention. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mr. C. C. Jordan, of the Sun Life, president of the New Brunswick Association, and Mayor Bullock. Many interesting papers were read. A report of the meeting comes to hand too late for insertion in this week's issue.

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