

A Deserved Promotion.

The numerous friends of Mr. F. Sanderson will be glad to hear that, at last Monday's meeting of the directors of the Canada Life Assurance Company, he was promoted to the official position of actuary, his appointment being recommended by President Ramsay.

Mr. Sanderson is an honor graduate of Toronto University, a member of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain, of the Actuarial Society of America, and also of the Actuarial Society of Edinburgh. We have the pleasure of publishing in this issue of THE CHRONICLE, a review, contributed by Mr. Sanderson, of the new Mortality Experience, covering the period 1863 to 1893, as deduced from the records contributed by companies in respect of annuities granted within the United Kingdom.

The Gold of Four Colonies.

The gold returns of Victoria, West Australia, Queensland, and New South Wales for the first four months of the present year compare with the same period of 1898 as follows:—

	1898. Ozs.	1899. Ozs.
Victorian gold received at the Melbourne Mint	261,368	275,701
Western Australian gold exported	297,894	433,219
Queensland production	267, 71	277,667
New South Wales production	95,422	129,682
Total	922,655	1,113,269

The total shows an increase of 193,614 ozs.

Without allowing for any further increase during the balance of the year, the output of gold from these four colonies for 1899 will exceed fifty-seven millions of dollars. With the Klondyke, Kootenay, Trail Creek, Nova Scotia, and other mining fields to cultivate, Canada is deserving of the confidence and capital of our people.

At Last.

THE CHRONICLE has frequently warned enquirers against the temptation to believe in the circulars issued periodically by one, Anthony. He is no relation to the saint of that ilk, and, although his operations may have been, like the chorus girl's skirts, exactly up to date, they were not up to what the law required, and now the New York "Commercial Bulletin" thus announces that Anthony's career is temporarily ended:—

"The conviction of Frank W. Anthony of Brooklyn in the United States District Court for wildcat insurance operations, announced in yesterday's issue, was pleasant news for reputable underwriters and brokers. Anthony has for years been marketing worthless insurance policies, and efforts to punish him through the local authorities in Brooklyn have always proven peculiarly unsuccessful. On a charge

of fraudulent use of the mail he was finally brought before the United States Court and his local "pull" did not interfere with an honest and diligent prosecution. He had two or three offices in this city, run under the names of dummies, which he visited regularly for the purpose of handling the mail, and these will probably now be closed up."

Girouard. Since Lord Kitchener has reminded Canadians, who are evidently not given to hero worship, that the Dominion had its share in his last expedition to Khartoum, where we had, to use the Sirdar's words, "Girouard as director of railways, and Carrington Smith in the Egyptian army—both good men and true," public opinion is finding expression in occasional letters to the papers recommending a reception to Mayor Girouard on his approaching return to Canada. A thoughtful admirer, formerly an officer in the Victoria Rifles, very properly says:—

"The fact that he has achieved greater successes than any other Canadian in the British army, that he has been preferred by British officers according to his ability, and without regard to the fact that he is a French-Canadian—that he has been a credit to the military training schools of Canada—as well as to the pluck, ambition and ability of younger Canada, should surely be sufficient to gain for him from his countrymen a welcome home that would not only be a credit to us, a source of pride and satisfaction to him, but should encourage the young men of this country to appreciate more and more, that no matter in what part or in what calling they may choose, so long as it is within the range of the British Empire, that there is a chance of success which is as good for the grandsons of a humble Canadian as for those of an earl of Great Britain."

As there may be a division of opinion as to what form the welcome home to this distinguished Canadian should take, we venture to recall the reception given by Halifax to Stairs, the gallant Kingston cadet and first lieutenant of Sir H. M. Stanley. Upon his arrival in his native city from the expedition to darkest Africa, all Halifax attended a reception extended to him at the City Hall, in his native city, and the warmth of the welcome must have been pleasing to him, however, much his quiet, retiring disposition disliked the publicity of the function. This deceased soldier of the Empire was also honoured at his home on the North West Arm by one of the prettiest water fetes ever seen in that city of aquatic carnivals and naval displays, Halifax, and the name of Stairs was woven into some of the most artistic illuminations and pretty conceits that the quaint fancies of his friends and school-fellows could devise wherewith to decorate their boats, canoes and steam-launches.

Is not something of the same character, by land or water, possible for the proposed reception to Mayor Girouard?