

Personal Paragraphs.

Congratulations to Mr. George W. Yarker, the well-known Canadian banker, who celebrated on Friday his seventy-seventh birthday. Mr. Yarker, after having had a distinguished career in the service of the Bank of Montreal, is now manager of the Toronto Clearing House, and many friends trust that he may long be spared to occupy that position and to continue his life-long study of Canadian banking.

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The Dominion Association of Life Underwriters was represented at the mid-year executive meeting of the National Association in New York this week, by Mr. A. Homer Vipond, of Montreal, and Mr. John A. Tory, of Toronto.

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The Head Office of the Federal Life Assurance Company announce that Mr. Alexander Mackenzie has been appointed agency manager. Mr. MacKenzie, although still a young man, has had a long and varied experience in the life assurance business, having started as a boy at the foot of the ladder with the Federal Life, rising step by step to the position he now holds. For the past few years his work has been devoted almost entirely to the supervising of the Company's agencies and in no small way has his clever handling of the Field Force contributed to the success of the Company in 1912—the most successful year in the Company's history. All insurance men will congratulate Mr. MacKenzie on his success, and those who have had business personally with him will realize that his promotion has been well deserved.

The Canadian Fire Record.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Fire badly damaged Savoy Theatre on Hastings Street, March 25.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—Drillshed of 31st regiment destroyed with contents, March 29. Loss, \$10,000.

UNITY, SASK.—John Henderson's farm house, seven miles north-east, destroyed, March 27. Two lives lost.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Mr. A. C. Hardy's mansion "Thornton Cliff" on the river-front gutted, April 1. Loss covered by insurance.

MONTREAL.—Miss D. Mongeau's fancy goods store, 2068 St. Lawrence Boulevard, damaged, March 30. Loss, \$400. Origin, unknown.

TORONTO.—Motor-Boat Club, York Street, damaged, March 26, and number of motor boats scorched. Loss to building, \$500; to boats, \$1,500.

Grand Opera Hotel, Adelaide Street, damaged, March 29. Loss, slight.

HALIFAX, N.S.—Rhodes-Curry Company's wood-working plant destroyed, April 1. Loss, \$50,000. fully insured. Supposed origin, incendiarism.

GRANTON, ONT.—Rowcliffe & Hodgson's general store, property of Mrs. J. Murray, of Toronto, destroyed, March 27. Loss about \$3,000; most of stock saved.

POTTERSBURO, ONT.—Evans House, a frame structure, and two adjoining cottages occupied by Messrs. Hodgkinson & Hall, destroyed, March 30. Owners were the Cote Estate, who carried \$7,300 insurance. The cottagers had no insurance. Fire originated in kitchen of Evans House.

BEAVER, MAN.—Blacksmith shop and chopping mill, conducted by James Hunter, destroyed with contents, March 24. Loss, \$3,000, with insurance of \$2,000. Origin, hot box.

MADOC, ONT.—Milne's dry goods store and Connor's hardware store in Dale block damaged, March 30. T. H. Thompson's furniture and undertaking store damaged. Loss, about \$20,000.

RIDGEWAY, ONT.—Fire originating in the Bell Telephone exchange, April 1, destroyed the post office block, owned by H. H. Hibbard, the Bell Telephone exchange, Ernest C. Lampin's jewellery store, J. N. Swartz's drug store, J. L. Brodie's drug store, and the residence of W. H. Collard, manager of the Imperial Bank, with most of the contents of each. Loss, \$35,000, nearly covered by insurance. Supposed origin, broken gas pipe or gas jet.

WINNIPEG.—Unoccupied buildings 2 and 4 Gomez Street, owned by Robertson & Black, damaged, March 22. Loss, \$100. Supposed origin, incendiary.

Five fires on March 26, are thought to have been of incendiary origin. Most serious was at 318 Main Street, where Lennox & Gaub's premises suffered \$300 damage.

Grocery store of J. Hronias, 291½ Selkirk Avenue, gutted, and adjoining store of J. Padolski, furrier and capmaker, damaged, March 28. Hronias' loss, \$400, covered by insurance, Padolski's merchandise loss, \$500. Insurance on buildings, owned by Padolski, \$100. Supposed origin, overheated stove pipe.

MONTREAL BUSINESS BUILDING BURNED.

A building in the Montreal business district adjoining the Bank of Toronto building in St. James Street, and extending through to Notre Dame Street was practically destroyed on Saturday night, March 31. Insurance loss, subject to additions, as follows:

ON BUILDING.	
British America . . .	\$2,500
Home	2,500
North British	10,000
Norwich Union	2,500
Loss, total.	
	\$25,000

SEMI-READY STOCK.	
Alliance	\$6,500
Atlas	2,000
Fidelity-Phoenix . . .	4,000
North America	2,000
Loss, total.	
	\$19,000

SEMI-READY, FIXTURES.	
North America	\$3,000
Loss, total.	

ROYAL STORES.	
Hudson Bay	\$3,500
Montreal-Canada . . .	2,000
Loss, total.	
	\$9,000

SCOTT BROS.	
Guardian	\$6,000
Loss, total.	

JAMES WALKER HARDWARE CO.	
ON BUILDING.	
Commercial Union . . .	\$10,000
London & Lancashire . .	5,000
Royal	5,000
Loss, slight.	
	\$40,000

JAMES WALKER HARDWARE CO.	
ON STOCK.	
Cornhill	\$ 4,850
Continental	15,000
Fidelity Undrs.	7,500
Lloyds	66,650
Loss, 10 to 15 per cent.	
	\$120,000