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CITY COUNCIL SAYS EVERYTHING IS SAFE

Mayor Martin is Satisfied with Present Conditions of the City's Water Supply, And Does Not See Any Need of Expensive Investigation—Fire Underwriters Aroused.

A delegation, represe ting the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, waited on the Board of Control yesterday afternoon to ask the Controllers to agree to an inspection of the city's water plant by a board of expert engineers of the National Board of Underwriters.

Mayor Martin regarded the matter as of small consequence, while Mr. Cote expressed the opinion that everything now is quite satisfactory.

The delegation consisted of Mr. Harold Hampson, president of the Canadian Fire Underwriters: Mr. T. L. Morissey, J. H. Labelle, H. M. Lambert and Mr. L. Howgate, secretary.

Mr. Hampson explained that the underwriters desired a thorough examination of the plant by expert waterworks engineers.

Mr. Cote said the engineers had examined the system and found it quite satisfactory.

Mr. Hampson said that he was not quite so supply the position on the control of the plant by expert waterworks engineers.

can be secured to your Beneficiary with Absolute Security by Insuring in the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, Portland, Maine Mr. Hampson said that he was not quite so sure. He pointed out that there were many breaks in water mains and that a year ago great damage was caused because of lack of water at the Consumers' Cordage Company's plant.

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Not Satisfied with Waterworks.

After another exchange, Mr. Morrissey broke in: "I am not satisfied that hings are right in the Montreal waterworks now. I cannot tell you what is rong. I can tell you that some of the companies have discussed the question withdrawing from Montreal this year. Therefore we want the opinion of men who know."

ne men who know."

Mr. Cote—"We have been having an investigation. We are satisfied that higgs are quite satisfactory. We have it in mind to have the conduit examined. If it is not right we are prepared to ask the Council to vote money to add another conduit. We feel that Montreal will have adequate water for he next twenty-five years, when the present enlargement plans are carried in "

out."

Mr. Cote, Mr. Hampson and Mr. Morrissey discussed the matter then the Mayor broke in: "We must pay for the water," he said. "You cot the premiums and you get the Board of Trade to kick up a fuss and sti action and raise the rates, or you fail; you send lots of money to Engl and to the United States, and you make lots of money for your shi The Federal Life Assurance Company or Canada— another record year in 1913. One st gratifying results was that the scarnings showed an increase of in the carnings of 1912. s a Company of progress that any writer should be glad to be connec-Openings in Ontario and Quebec the right calibre.

action and raise the rates, or you fail: you send lots of money to rangaind and to the United States, and you make lots of money for your share-holders."

Underwriters Might Cease Eusiness.

Mr. Cote took issue with Mr. Hampson and the latter replied that the underwriters had found other matters not satisfactory. For instance, they had complained about the pump house. "Had it burned down it would have been serious. Montreal would have been without water for weeks and months." Se. 2000 or \$3,000. They merely wanted to find out what the real position is. "If the underwriters got nervous they might cease business."

The Mayor—"No fear of that: they are making too much money."

Mr. Hampson—"Well, it has been done before."

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Mr. Morrissey took a hand in the discussion, and, with Mr. Hampson, agreed that it was not a question of criticizing civic officials. If the City would not undertake the inspection, then they would go ahead themselves.

Mr. Cote wanted to know what Mr. Hampson thought was wrong.

"That is not for me to say. We don't want to make any statement until we get the information."

Mr. Cote pointed out what had been done in the way of increasing the pumping capacity and what has been planned for the future, and also dealt with the emergency plant.

Nothing Wrong, Says Mayor.

A little later the Mayor added: "Before I came to the-Mayor's chair for two years ago I wanted an investigation into the water department. Now my eyes are opened, and I am sure that everything is satisfactory."

City Engineers May Be Incompetent.

Mr. Cote and Mr. Hampson: "In other words you say that the City engineers are incompetent."

The Mayor—"We are interested in that."

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Mr. Hampson—"So are we."

Mr. McDonald took a hand in the discussion and his the end it was arranged that the Association will furnish further information, and after a conformation. The conformation of the Fire Department, are to be invited further action in the matter will be K. W. Blackwell, Tancrede Bienvenu,
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LOANS ON POLICIES ARE DECREASING RAPIDLY

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Many Loans Were Made on Policies Last Year in Western Canada, But State
of Affairs Has Now Improved Greatly — Money is More Plentiful

One of the most unfavorable features of the life insurance business in the United States and in Canada during the year 1913 was the extent of the applications for loans on life insurance policies. The adverse conditions of general business is given as the cause.

In the United States the amount of the increase of the outstanding loan account at the close of the year was \$63.725,000, against an increase in 1912 of \$43,244,000, a difference of nearly \$20,500,000.

Life insurance companies doing business in Western Canada were called upon to make a very large number of loans, while in the east the same state of affairs existed.

affairs existed.

Things, however, have already begun to improve, and the Montreal agency of the Sun Life Assurance Company states that the number of applications for loans on policies, which were the most numerous in the history of the agency during the year 1913, have been falling off very rapidly during the last two months.

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Mr. Percival T. Moore, of New York, is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. D. Angus, Mackay street.

Postpone Banqueting Until Work is Over.

Mr. W. P. Mackenzie, of Shearson, Hamily & Ce. Fis. in Montreal.

The plan of the Life Underwriters' Association of New York to arrange for the June meeting a dinner to be held at some shore resort, preferably Brighton Beach, is considered a good one. The idea was suggested by D. G. Senelair at the meeting last week, and it is considered by members that the resumption of dinners in connection with neetings will be a nopular move. The dinner and meeting plans has been in vogue for several years, and during the past year the plan of mid-day luncheons with speeches was tried out. This was not particularly satisfactory, however, as a great many of the general agents found it impossible to break away from work for fully twe hours in the midst of a busy business day.

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Mr. J. C. Walsh and Mr. Maurice Walsh, who have been spending some time in the Old Country, arrived in Montreal yesterday morning.

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Montreal, May 31 .-

Montreal, May, 31.—
Warehouses of Montreal Cotton and Wool Waste Company at the corner of Dalhousie and Ottawa streets. Building and stock badly damaged. Fire lasted two hours: cause unknown.

Montreal, May 31.—
St. Andrew's Anglican Church at the corner of Beaver Hall Hill and Lagauchetiere street stuck by lightning.

Carriage and waggon storage houselonging to Joseph Morleau, 152 Duresne street. Loss estimated at \$5,000 artly covered by insurance.

Three Rivers, June 1.—. Grocery and wine store of Mr. Ouelette: two children burned to eath. Building badly damaged; fire used by explosion of oil stove.

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Hagersville, June 3—
Mill and bakery of R. J. Rank badly lamaged. Loss estimated at \$30,000, completely covered "by insurance. Blacksmith shop of Thomas Snelzer laso damaged to the extent of \$1,100.

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