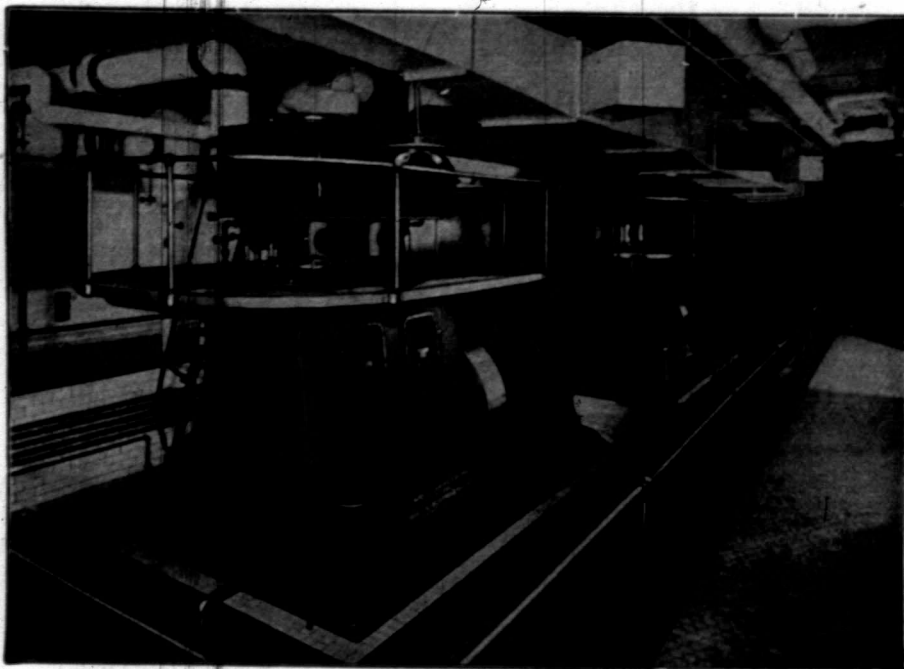


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NEWS AND NOTES.

Mr. J. B. Hall has been appointed city manager at Toronto of the Dominion Life Assurance Company.

That the leading life insurance companies have joined in a plan to investigate causes of mortality in this country, based on their own statistics of fifteen million insured lives, covering the last 40 years, was stated by Robert Lynn Cox, of New York, general counsel of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, in advocating the principle of the Owen Bill at a hearing before the Senate Health Committee to-day. There was nothing in the medical history of the world that approached the magnitude of this enquiry, said Mr. Cox, who cited the investigation which is soon to be begun as an instance of the necessity for a Federal health department, to the end that various health reforms which the research of the life insurance companies will doubtless suggest might be put into effect all over the country.

Considerable interest has been taken on the Pacific Coast in the publication of the figures in The Monetary Times of the estimated amount of the British capital invested in Canada. There are those in the West who, with hearing so much about the migration to Canada of farmers from the United States, and who, living close to the border, hear much of United States cities close by, forget the great source of investment capital for Canada. The Monetary Times article, which has been republished in Vancouver at some length, has been of especial interest to such people, and a source of information generally to the average business man, who, while he may have given the matter a thought, has never undertaken to compute the great financial assistance that the Mother Country is to Canada.

of Ottawa, and retired from the presidency two years ago.

The following companies have been authorized to carry on hail insurance in Saskatchewan, during 1910: Central Canada Insurance Company, of Brandon; Saskatchewan Insurance Company, of Regina; Alberta-Canadian Insurance Company, of Edmonton; Hudson Bay Insurance Company, of Vancouver; and the Canada National Insurance Company, of Saskatoon.

At the last monthly meeting of the Kelowna, British Columbia, Board of Trade, the secretary was instructed to write to the Mainland Board of Fire Underwriters, pointing out the efficiency of the city fire protection system, the high water pressure obtainable and the number of fireproof buildings already constructed and now being built, and urging that lower rates be charged.

Mr. J. W. Whittington, of Los Angeles, Cal., was the guest of the Montreal Life Underwriters, at a recent banquet. Mr. Benjamin L. Tomes, of Philadelphia was also a visiting guest, while Mr. Harry H. Kay occupied the chair. Mr. Whittington treated those present to one of the most interesting and instructive addresses ever delivered in Montreal, on the subject of life insurance. An excellent address was also given by Mr. John R. Reid, of Ottawa, ex-president of the Canadian Association. About seventy members were present, among them being Messrs. A. H. Vipond, G. F. Williams, G. P. Carreau, J. C. Stanton, jr., R. B. Foster, Dr. Alloway, C. H. Allen, G. H. Simpson. Music was furnished by a local orchestra and the M.A.A.A. quartette.

The Dominion Trust Company, of Vancouver, will open a branch at Regina, Saskatchewan.

The North Coast Fire Insurance Company, of Seattle Washington, has been registered in Alberta.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of St. Pierre de Broughton, has been licensed to do business in Quebec.

The Waldman fire enquiry at Montreal which finally turned into a scientific argument as to sparks and hot air has been closed, no decision being given.

Two people were recently fined \$37 and \$23 respectively, at Vermilion, Alta., for starting prairie fires. Seven others are on trial on same charge.

Mr. E. C. Townsend, of Brandon, Man., formerly general agent of the Confederation Life Association, has gone to Vancouver, where he will reside.

Mr. James H. Plummer has been appointed a director of the Canada Life Assurance Company, vice Mr. George H. Russell of Detroit, the latter having resigned.

The Alberta Permanent Loan Company, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital of \$300,000. The headquarters of the company will be at Wainwright, Alta.

Prairie fires occasioned much damage in and around Wynyard, Sask., early in the week. Mr. J. W. Johnson lost his barn and stable, with four head of cattle, also 1,000 bushels of oats and 5,000 of wheat. Other losses are also reported.

It is with regret that The Monetary Times records the death of Mr. George Hay, former president of the Bank of Ottawa. The deceased was a native of Scotland, and was in his 88th year at the time of his demise. He was one of the



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