James Dever, Senator.
Steeves Bros., Merchant and Ship Owner.
Hilyard & Ruddick, do.
J. F. McDonald, Ship Owner.
David D. Robertson, do. and Com. Merchant.
R. J. Leonard, Ship Broker.
Thomas Maclellan, Manager Bank B.N.A.
Thomas E. Millidge, Ship Owner.
A. R. Ferguson, Merchant.
J. & A. McMillan, do.
Edward Willis, Editor *Daily News*.
R. G. Lunt, Steamers.
John Vassie, Merchant.
B. R. Lawrence, do.
Berton Bros., do.
Thomas B. Buxton, do. and Ship Owner.
Nevins Fraser & Co., Ship Builders.

As we understand the matter, the Government of the day submitted the memorial of which the above is a copy, together with other papers in reference to the shipping of Canada to the "committees on banking and commerce,"—which committee unanimously reported back to Parliament recommending the Legislation in reference to the establishment of a "*Home System of Classification*," that is now in existence, and which by proclamation in the *Royal Gazette*, went in effect 27th March, 1874, under this Act viz: "the Act relating to shipping, and for the registration inspection and classification thereof." Canada Lloyd's will go into operation, and will be purely voluntary, and not in any way compulsory. The Government will recognize the certificates of "*English Lloyd's*" and "*French Veritas*," as of equal value with the certificates of "*Canadian Lloyd's*." So that the "*Home System*" will be non-compulsory, the opposition is nothing more nor less than a "tempest in a teapot." The great interest taken by "*French Veritas*," and the immediate friends of that foreign institution, is to put it mildly somewhat suspicious. The "*National*" question as to how the shipping of the whole Dominion of Canada shall be classed, is one that may properly be allowed to harmonize itself: without the meddlesome interference of the Surveyors of *French Veritas* at the same time "*as the world goes*" they may be considered logical in their opposition: as it is supposed the fee to be charged will only aggregate for each vessel classed in "*Canadian Lloyd's*," about one-half the charge made by "*French Veritas*" for a similar service, when the regular fee, travelling expenses and other extra charges of that institution are taken into account, and aggregated together, "*English Lloyd's*" and "*French Veritas*" will gradually be forced to reduce their charges for classification: as the Canadian system gains favor, as it doubtless will when our ship builders and owners have positive and undoubted assurance that the home system is purely voluntary, and that it is recognized all over the world as of equal value with the other systems of classification recognized by Canadian shipowners.

LIFE ASSURANCE
IN THE
UNITED STATES.

The New York Insurance *Monitor* of March, 1874, published the following extract from the Insurance Blue Book of American Insurance Companies which have suspended:—

SUSPENDED LIFE COMPANIES.

The following list is believed to embrace all the Companies in the United States not now doing Life Insurance, that have been at any time engaged in its active prosecution together with their subsequent fate so far as known. The companies that retired from life business prior to 1865 had, in almost every case, a very limited policy issue, and a few names have possibly crept in, of corporations that never attempted to exercise their chartered rights. All of the important suspensions, with one or two exceptions, are embraced in the first of the following lists.

It will be observed that in many cases the companies simply gave up their life departments while they continued in the prosecution of some other branch; the word "suspended" refers, therefore, only to the suspension of life insurance, and will not be understood as a term of reproach by companies still extant and engaged in some other line of business.

LIFE COMPANIES THAT HAVE SUSPENDED SINCE 1865.

Chartered or Organized.		Ceased Life Business.	
1868	American Tontine of New York.	1871	Re-insured in Empire Mutual, N. Y.
1869	Amicable Mutual of New York.	1872	Re-ins'd in Guardian Mutual, N. Y.
1869	Anchor Life of New Jersey.	1872	Failed.
1868	Arlington Life of Virginia.	1869	Merged with the Piedmont, now Piedmont and Arlington.
1867	Atlas of St. Louis.	1872	Re-insured in St. Louis Mutual, Mo.
1869	Baltimore of Baltimore.	1867	Re-ins'd in Equitable of New York.
1870	Ben Franklin of New York.	1870	Re-insu'd in United States of N. Y.
1867	Cincinnati Mutual of Ohio.	1871	Re-ins'd in Union Central, Cin., O.
1867	California of San Francisco.	1872	Re-ins'd in Craftmen's, N. Y.
1868	Commonwealth Life of New York.	1873	Underwritten by National of U. S. A.
1868	Craftsmen's of New York.	1872	Re-insured by Hope Mutual, N. Y.
	Carolina Life of Memphis.	1873	Re-ins'd by Southern, Memphis.
1868	De Soto of St. Lou's.	1871	Re-ins'd in Republic Life, Chicago.
1868	Delaware Mutual, Wilmington.	1873	Underwritten by National of U. S. A.
1868	Economical Mutual, Providence, R. I.	1873	Re-insured by Republic of Chicago.
1869	Empire Mutual of New York.	1872	Re-ins'd by Continental N. Y.
1867	Empire Mutual of Chicago.		Retired after a brief experience.
1869	Empire State of New York.	1872	Re-insured in Life Association.
1869	Eagle of Chicago.		Re-ins'd in Republic Life.
1868	Eclectic of New York.	1873	Failed.
1867	Excelsior of New York.	1872	Re-insured in the National of U. S. A.
1869	Farmers' and Mechanics' of N. Y.	1871	Re-ins'd in Empire Mutual, N. Y.
1866	General L'fe and Acc. of Newark, N. J.	1868	Re-ins'd in New York Life.
1865	Great Western of New York.	1870	Failed.
1869	Great Western of Chicago.		Re-insured in Republic.
1869	Georgia Mutual of Macon.	1870	Re-ins'd in Cotton States, Macon.
1870	Government Security of New York.	1874	Re-ins'd in North America, N. Y.
1867	Hahnemann of Ohio.	1872	Re-ins'd in Republic of Chicago.
1869	Hope Mutual of New York.	1872	Merged with New Jersey Mutual.
1869	Hercules of New York.	1873	Re-insured in New Jersey Mutual.
1866	Home of Cincinnati.	1872	Re-ins'd in Union Central, Cin., O.
1869	International of Chicago.		Re-ins'd in Universal Life, N. Y.
1868	International of Jersey City.	1872	Re-ins'd in United States, N. Y.
1869	Laboringman's Kewanee and Chicago.		Continues as Trust Company.
1869	Lincoln Life, Chicago.	1870	Depos'd $100,000, but did no business.
1867	Masonic Orphan's Home, Nashville.	1869	Re-insured in Nashville Life.
1868	Mutual Protection of New York.	1872	Merged into Reserve Mutual.
1868	Mississippi Valley of Louisville.	1872	Re-insured in St. Louis Mutual.
	Missouri Valley of St. Louis.	1868	Re-ins'd in Missouri Valley of Kansas.
1867	Missouri Mutual of St. Louis.	1874	Re-ins'd in Mound City of St. Louis.
1866	New York State of Syracuse.	1872	Re-ins'd in Guardian Mutual, N. Y.
1867	National Capital of Washington.	1873	Re-ins'd in Penn Mutual, Phila.
1868	National of New York.	1873	Re-ins'd in National of New Haven.
1868	Policy-holders' Life of Charleston.	1873	Re-ins'd in Life Association.
1865	Provident Life of Chicago.		
1872	Reserve Mutual of New York.	1872	Re-insured in Guardian Mutual.
1867	Standard of New York.	1871	Re-ins'd in Government Security.
1869	Safety Deposit of Chicago.	1873	United with Mutual of Chicago.
1856	Southern Mutual of Athens, Ga.		Ruined by repudiation of S. C. Bonds.
1857	St. Louis Mutual.	1873	Re-insured in Mound City, Mo.
1867	United Security of Philadelphia.	1871	Re-ins'd in Penn Mutual, Phila.
1867	United States of Indiana.		
1866	Western of Cincinnati.	1869	Re-insured in Cincinnati Mutual.
1864	Widows' and Orphans' of New York.	1871	Merged into Reserve Mutual, N. Y.
	Western Mutual of St. Louis.	1869	Re-ins'd in Commonwealth of N. Y.
	Widows' and Orphans' of St. Louis.		Re-ins'd in Life Association.
1870	Wilmington Life of North Carolina.	1873	Re-ins'd in Life Insurance Co., of Va.