

Judge Orr, of the Minnesota District Court, at the instance of Attorney-General Young, has signed an order directing the Great Northern Railroad Company to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be granted pending the final adjudication of the proceedings to restrain the proposed issue of \$60,000,000 of Great Northern stock. The order is returnable, and will be argued this week.

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Rumour has it that E. H. Harriman's expressed criticism of President Roosevelt as a "fire brand" has been a contributing cause to the investigation to be begun this week by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is thought that this will lead to the dissolution of the Harriman merger. It will be remembered that Harriman obtained control of the Illinois Central and Chicago-Alton roads some months ago, which, in connection with the Southern Pacific gave him parallel lines from New York to San Francisco.

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Mr. C. E. E. Ussher, the well known general passenger agent of the C.P.R.'s Eastern lines, has been promoted to the office of assistant traffic manager, Western lines, with headquarters at Winnipeg. Mr. Ussher's position will be filled by Mr. Wm. Stitt until recently general passenger agent of the Canadian-Australian Steamship lines at Sydney, New South Wales. Mr. Ussher's new position has been created by the company in order to cope with the astounding development of Western business.

INSURANCE ITEMS.

Notwithstanding that Frederick A. Burnham and George D. Eldridge are under indictment on criminal charges, they have been re-elected by the directors of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company to the offices of President and Vice-President respectively.

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Yukon's Government House, the finest building north of Vancouver, was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day, together with many of the personal effects of Governor and Mrs. McInnes. Only the tottering walls of the building remain, the total loss being about \$75,000.

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This week the life insurance changes provided for by the Armstrong Bill go into force and effect in New York State. One immediate result of the harassing restrictions placed upon the companies has been the withdrawing of Canadian life offices from the state.

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For years McGill University has suffered no fire loss of consequence. What narrowly escaped being a most serious blaze happened a few evenings

since, when the interior of the new Mining and Chemistry building suffered some loss from smoke and fire.

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The New Year was ushered in by an early morning fire in Quebec City originating in the Marsh boot and shoe store rooms. The flames spread to the Dominion Shoe Company's premises, and to the cigar factory of Miller & Lockwell. Tourigny & Marois, shoe manufacturers, also sustained loss. The total damage is estimated at about \$100,000, chiefly insured in non-tariff companies.

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Of unpleasant interest to many Casualty companies is the prevalence of typhoid in Canada. Montreal, Winnipeg and other centres of population, have had abnormal experiences of late, while Ontario's health returns show about 1,500 cases treated in one month, with 113 deaths as against 55 for the corresponding period in 1905. Impure water and milk supplies are as usual the chief causes recognized.

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Montreal's Fire Alarm Department gives the record of fires for the past year as being 1,008, with 603 "false alarms" of one sort or another. One of the latter was caused by a country cousin attempting to post a letter home by opening the door and pulling down the hook of an alarm box. Naturally, dwellings head the list with 521 fires, then come sheds with 78, and stables with 41. A noteworthy feature of the year is the breaking out of 36 fires in electric cars.

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Mr. John M. Dove, who for the past thirty years has filled the position of general manager of the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, has retired from that position. The announcement is made that he has been elected to a seat at the board, which will, no doubt, be gratifying to everyone interested in this great corporation. As previously announced in THE CHRONICLE, the reins of management have fallen into the hands of Mr. Alfred George Dent, who previously has acted as sub-manager. Mr. J. C. Rimmer, assistant secretary, has been promoted to the sub-managership. The new general manager has a wide knowledge of the insurance business, and is thoroughly conversant with the foreign field, having travelled considerably in his capacity as foreign superintendent.

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Not only by means of fire insurance have the losses of San Francisco been distributed over the civilized world, but through that city's Relief Corporation the peoples of the earth have contributed to the ameliorating of suffering and want. The needs of San Francisco brought from the Govern-