

PERSONALS.

Mr. William Triggs was recently appointed manager of the Canadian office at Toronto of the State Life of Indianapolis. * * *

Mr. F. W. Ross, of Hamilton, has been appointed Winnipeg manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in succession to the late Mr. Blair Robertson. * * *

Mr. H. V. Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, who has almost entirely recovered from his recent illness, is staying for a period at Atlantic City. * * *

Mr. William H. Brent, member of the insurance firm of C. K. Fraser & Co., Sherbrooke, P.Q., was in the City this week. Mr. Brent's firm represents several important fire companies, among which are the Union, Northern, British America, Atlas and Liverpool & London & Globe. * * *

Mr. D. M. McGoun, of Montreal, manager for Canada of the Standard Life Assurance Company, has received official intimation that his son, Lieut. McGoun, who is attached to a British regiment, has been wounded in Mesopotamia. It is hoped that re-assuring news of the young officer's progress will soon follow. * * *

Major W. H. Seymour, the Imperial Life's Hamilton manager, is now with the 173rd Overseas Battalion (Highlanders). Mr. Hugh Murray, who is also connected with the Imperial Life, is Paymaster with the 205th Battalion. Mr. Melville Alexander, formerly of the Imperial Life's head office staff, is now with the Royal Flying Corps in England. * * *

Lieut.-Col. W. M. O. Lohead, O.C. the 118th Overseas Battalion (Berlin, Ont.), was in peace time district manager of the Mutual Life of Canada at Berlin and president of the Berlin Board of Trade. At one period, Col. Lohead spent several strenuous years in Japan, in the interests of the Manufacturers Life. * * *

The news came to hand last week that Lieutenant R. N. Jones, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, had been instantly killed by a shell on April 6th. Lieutenant Jones was a brother of Mr. H. V. F. Jones, assistant manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and was formerly manager of the Alexander Avenue branch at Winnipeg of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The respectful sympathy of bankers and business men is tendered to Mr. H. V. F. Jones at this time. * * *

Mr. Elmer W. West, manager of the General Insurance Agencies, Limited, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., spent a few days in the City this week visiting the head offices of some of the companies he represents. Mr. West informs us that American capitalists have completed the purchase of power interests from the Algoma Steel Corporation, including the Street Railway and Ferries at Sault Ste. Marie. He states that it is expected there will be large expenditures in connection with the development of water powers, etc.,

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FREDERICTON, N.B.—On the 16th instant, a fire occurred on the premises of the Smith Foundry, Fredericton, N.B. Insurance as follows:—North British & Mercantile, Phoenix of Hartford, Phoenix of London, Springfield, Home, Norwich Union, Home Underwriters, Aetna, Royal, Hartford, each company carrying \$5,000. Total, \$50,000. Loss, about 10 per cent.

KINGSVILLE, ONT.—On the 18th instant, a fire destroyed the plant of the Erie Tobacco Company, Kingsville, Ont. Insurance as follows:—Royal, \$4,500; Queen, \$7,500; Liv.-Manitoba, \$4,500; Guardian, \$4,500; Norwich Union, Mercantile, Canada National, British America, amounts not yet reported. Total insurance, \$39,000. Total loss.

PORT McNICOLL, ONT.—Drug store of P. H. Beattie damaged to extent of about \$3,000, April 17. Loss covered by insurance. Shoe stock of James Elmhurst in same building damaged by water. No insurance.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Barns and outbuildings of John Turner destroyed with forty head of cattle and two horses, April 16. Loss heavy. Origin, buildings struck by lightning.

STOUFFVILLE, ONT.—Home of Mr. W. H. Wilson completely destroyed with six hundred dollars in cash, April 16. Dwelling partly covered by insurance. Origin, unknown.

FLESHERTON, ONT.—Large residence of Oliver Turner, destroyed, April 5. Origin, overheated stove. \$1,000 insurance on building.

SASKATOON, SASK.—Seven frame buildings destroyed with much military stores of 96th and 65th Battalions, April 16.

CHATHAM, ONT.—Home of E. Cross destroyed, April 6. Loss partly covered by insurance.

COMBERMERE, ONT.—Hudson House destroyed with contents, April 13.

SPARKS FROM THE CLASSICS.

The ancient Romans had ideas on the subject of fire prevention. "Your own property is concerned when your neighbor's house is on fire," remarks Horace, and Quintus Curtius Rufus reminded his fellow-citizens that "A spark neglected has often raised a conflagration." Unfortunately history does not record whether the latter redheaded gentleman was a fire underwriter and spoke from sad experience.

ANOTHER GERMAN DODGE.

Canadian companies who are approached with suggestions of re-insurance by companies located in neutral countries will do well to bear in mind the suggestion that German insurance companies are providing most of the necessary capital to establish new re-insurance companies in those countries. It is reported also that for the same purpose German companies, whose re-insurance business has been very heavily hit by the war, are endeavoring to acquire the names and businesses of certain companies in neutral countries.