

### Personals.

Mr. F. J. J. Stark, has been appointed accident manager of the Dominion Gresham Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, and will assume his duties on the 1st August next. The offices are located on the Dominion Gresham Building, St. James Street, Montreal. Mr. Stark was formerly assistant manager of the London & Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company, and manager of the Accident & Guarantee Company of Canada, now the Sterling Accident & Guarantee Company.

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Mr. Arthur J. Hughes resigned his position of director and secretary of the China Mutual Life Insurance Company, Ltd., of Shanghai, on 31st May, 1912, to assume the position of managing director of the China United Assurance Society, Limited, of Shanghai.

The China United Assurance Society is the first attempt to found a purely Chinese Company on sound lines under foreign management. Mr. Hughes has associated with him as secretary and actuary, Mr. F. Defries, A.I.A. (England). The Company is supported by such widely-known Chinese as General Li Quen Hung, vice-president of China; Chen Chi-Mei, Minister of Commerce; Wang Zung Wen, late acting Viceroy of the Province of Szechuen and others. It takes over a local Chinese Company es-

tablished some four years ago, with all its branches in China, Java, Sumatra, Singapore, the Straits Settlements and America. The Company has ample capital, and its prospects for success are very good.

Mr. F. Willard Smith resigns the secretaryship of the Sovereign Fire Assurance Company of Canada on 1st August next, and on that date will become connected with the firm of James F. Stone Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., an Underwriting Corporation and United States General Agents for the Monogahela Underwriters, besides specializing re-insurance in all its branches. Mr. Stone is President of the American Union Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and senior member of the old established brokerage firm of Stone and Matthews.

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Mr. John G. Borthwick, manager for Canada of the Caledonian Insurance Company, has returned to Montreal after a six weeks trip to the Pacific Coast, visiting the agencies of his company. Mr. Borthwick was greatly impressed with the great expansion which has taken place in Vancouver and Victoria, and other important cities visited by him. He states that business is booming throughout the West owing to the bright prospects of a good harvest. He reports the insurance business in the West growing rapidly and the Caledonian gets a fair proportion of same.

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