

LONDON GUARANTEE AND ACCIDENT COMPANY, LIMITED, ABSORBS THE NORTH EMPIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The North Empire Fire Insurance Company has recently passed under the control of the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Limited, of London, England, negotiations were carried on by Mr. J. E. Hounsom, Fire Manager of the London Guarantee, who has visited Winnipeg on several occasions in connection with the matter. The Head Office of the Company will be continued at Winnipeg, but after January 1st, 1920, will be situated in the Paris Building in that city. A Toronto Office has been established in the Confederation Life Building, Toronto. Mr. J. A. Thompson, of Winnipeg, will continue to act as president and several of the former directors will continue on the Board. The management of the Company will now be under the direction of Mr. J. E. Hounsom. Messrs. Fess & Smith, Limited, Winnipeg, will act as Western General Agents for the field west of Port Arthur, Ont., and business in that field will be reported to them. The Toronto office will receive reports of business east of Port Arthur, and the Company now anticipates entering the City of Montreal and the Lower Provinces to do fire business. Messrs. Thompson, Dale & Power, Limited, Toronto, have been appointed city representatives for the Company. All policies of the Company and interim certificates will be guaranteed by the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Limited. With the additional security of the London Guarantee behind the North Empire Company, and with greater facilities for handling a larger amount of business it is anticipated that the Company under the new conditions will greatly increase the premium income throughout Canada. Mr. H. B. Thompson is acting as secretary of the Company, with his office in the Paris Building, Winnipeg. Further announcements will later be made in connection with the extensions of the Company's business in the East. The North Empire Fire Insurance Company has a Canadian Charter, and with the backing of the London Guarantee should appeal to the insuring public, and will, no doubt, receive largely of their patronage.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SIME

After an illness of several months duration, the death occurred on the 5th inst., of Mr. John Sime, Assistant General Manager of the Western and British America Assurance Companies, Toronto. Mr. Sime was known as an assiduous and indefatigable worker, and the important position which he held for some years, was filled with credit to him-

self and advantage to the fine old Canadian institutions with which he was connected. He was most popular and highly respected by everyone connected with him in business. Possessed of a genial and courteous disposition, his colleagues had a real affection for him, and his loss will be deeply regretted, not only in a business, but in a personal sense. Mr. Sime was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, sixty-two years ago, and came to Canada in 1907, previous to which he was connected with various large British companies, during his long career in fire insurance. The deceased gentleman was unmarried. His relatives are one brother and two nieces, resident in Scotland. We understand that one of the latter (Miss Margaret Cuthbert) is expected to arrive in Canada this week, where she was coming to visit Mr. Sime.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN H. STODDART.

The death occurred on the 2nd instant of Mr. John H. Stoddart, New York, senior member of the firm of A. and J. H. Stoddart, so well known as managers of the New York Underwriters Agency, in the upbuilding of which he labored continuously for the past forty-five years. The New York Journal of Commerce says:—

Mr. Stoddart was an able and progressive underwriter. As an executive he possessed, to a marked degree, the power of imbuing those under him with the high ideals which controlled his every act. With him there was but one code of right action. He was resourceful to a degree, but knew sharp practices only to abhor them. The great business, in the success of which he played so prominent a part, stands as a monument to his great talent.

TREATY REINSURANCES LIMITED.

We have before us a prospectus of the Treaty Insurances, Limited, 54 Gracechurch street, London, Eng., which has been recently formed for transacting reinsurances by Treaty for Fire, Marine and Accident risks. All the shares of the Company are held by the following six British office:—Atlantic Assurance Company, Ltd., Century Insurance Co., Ltd., London and Scottish Assurance Corporation, Ltd., London Guarantee and Accident Company, Ltd., Scottish Insurance Corporation, Ltd., Western Australian Insurance Co., Ltd. The subscribed capital (combined) amounts approximately to \$8,075,000 and paid up \$2,360,000. It is the only British Reinsurance Company of its kind, and is an associate of the Fire Office Committee, and a member of the Accident Offices Association. Mr. C. E. Golding is secretary of the institution.