

Mercantile Summary.

The Imperial Oil Company's grease plant at Sarnia, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday entailing a loss of \$100,000, covered, it is understood, by a system of self-insurance.

The Plant Steamship Company is to put another steamer on the route between Boston and Halifax. She will be operated along with the "Halifax" and "Olivette," giving a tri-weekly service.

The McAlpine Publishing Company, of Halifax, has just completed the most successful year in the history of the business. They have declared a dividend of seven per cent. on the preferred shares, payable in July. The board of directors and officers were re-elected as follows:—H. W. Barnes, president; Geo. E. Boak, vice-president; Wm. Taylor, treasurer; J. C. McIntosh, Walter Mitchell.

The Canadian Mining Institute which has been holding its annual convention in Quebec City, elected officers as fol-

lows:—President, Mr. Geo. R. Smith, Thetford Mines, Que.; vice-presidents, for one year, Dr. F. D. Adams, Montreal; Major R. C. Leckie, Temagami, P.O., Ont.; for two years, Frederick Keffler, Greenwood, B.C.; G. Herrick Dugan, Sydney, C.B.; treasurer, J. Stevenson Brown, Montreal; secretary, H. Mortimer Lamb, Montreal.

The following is a list of patents recently granted to Canadian inventors in Canada and the United States: T. D. McGregor, Peterboro', Ont., shirt cuffs; R. W. Penman, Galbraith, Ont., sawing apparatus; A. H. Switzer, Sutton West, Ont., snow, dirt and damp excluders for rubbers, snow excluders; C. E. Winks, Winnipeg, Man., throat protectors; J. W. Wright, Winnipeg, Man., collapsible tanks; F. W. Burpee, Vancouver, B.C., shingle machines; S. Voyer, Montreal, bar refrigerating apparatus; C. L. Higgins, Montreal, overshoes; J. P. Smith, Vancouver, B.C., concentrating tables; J. Dudley, Hamilton, Ont., turbine engines; C. J. Stuart, Montreal, engines, turbine engines; G. Bunker, Toronto, plasterers' hawks; J. Armstrong, To-

ronto, coffee pots; F. W. Stewart, Montreal, and J. D. Belyea, St. John, N.B., shirts; J. E. Caham, Sprague, Man., frogless railroad switches; W. D. and A. B. Mitchell, Toronto, stand-up, turn-down collar, made of celluloid or other suitable composite material; A. H. Power, Toronto, furnace pipes; J. W. Ratz, Tavistock, Ont., hot air registers; J. A. Sayward, Victoria, B.C., appliances for loading and unloading lumber trucks; G. Valjant, Toronto, ventilated shoes; M. J. B. L. Wylie, Orangeville, Ont., clothes boilers; J. A. A. Rouleau, St. Canegonde, Que., linings of converters and zinc retorts; E. Beaumont, Toronto, moulds for concrete blocks; J. T. Roedding, Tillsonburg, Ont., rubber soles and heels for footwear; J. P. Northey, Toronto, sound-producing devices, suitable for syrens or like instruments; A. L. Martin, Niagara Falls, Ont., monkey wrenches; A. Charland, Lake Megantic, Que., alarms for gauges, clocks, etc.; R. Stanford and P. R. Colpitt, Halifax, N.S., signals; D. C. McKenzie, Victoria, B.C., cash change-giving devices.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

1905 Figures.			
Assurances issued and paid for in cash.....	\$18,512,056.51	Surplus over all liabilities and capital (according to the Hm. Table, with 3 1/2 per cent. interest)	1,735,698.50
Income over 1904.....	2,700,152.27	And in addition paid policyholders in profits..	166,578.30
Cash Income.....	5,717,492.23	Surplus by Government..	2,921,810.00
Income over 1904.....	1,155,556.04	Standard	25,200,894.71
Assets at 31st December ..	21,309,384.82	Life assurances in force....	9,963,231.86
Income over 1904.....	3,447,023.00	Income over 1904.....	9,963,231.86
Increase in Surplus	1,177,793.50		
The Company completed the placing of all policies on the 3 1/2% basis, although the law allows until 1915 to do this, requiring.....	616,541.00		

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Assets - - - \$2,119,347.89
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