

THE CANADIAN TELEGRAPHERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Toronto, January 15th, 1884.

The ninth annual meeting of the Canadian Telegraphers Mutual Insurance Association was held in the Board Room of the Great North Western Telegraph Company, on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1884.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m., the President, H. P. Dwight, Esq., in the chair.

On motion, it was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read and confirmed, they having been printed and circulated.

The President then read the following :

Report of the Officers and Executive Committee of the Canadian Telegraphers' Mutual Insurance Association, to the members at the annual meeting, held at the Head Office of the Great North Western Telegraph Company, Toronto, on Tuesday evening, January 15th, 1884.

The officers of the Canadian Telegraphers' Mutual Insurance Association have much pleasure in presenting the following annual report of the operations of the Association for the year ending December 31st, 1883.

During the past year we regret having had to chronicle the loss of three of our members by death, viz : John Kelly, John Ross, and W. H. Cummings. Four assessments in all have been made, three in the cases of death referred to, and one on account of total disability.

This unusually large number of calls, together with the strike of operators, has had the effect of somewhat depleting the membership. At the beginning of the year we had 425 members. During the year 45 new members joined, and 75 dropped out, making the present total active membership 375. A number have signified their intention of rejoining under the provisions laid down in art. 15 of the by-laws when circumstances permit them to do so.

The financial statement prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer is on the table for the inspection of members. The accounts have been duly audited by Messrs. Nurse and Brown.

The total number of deaths since the organization of the Association has been twenty. The total amount collected and paid out for assessments since the inception of the Association is \$12,708, or an average of about \$635 at an annual cost of about \$5.45.

The balance on hand to the credit of the Association is \$569.74, and the incoming annual assessments, less expenses, will increase this total to at least \$900. Out of this it is proposed to meet the liability of the Association to the heirs of the late John Murphy, of Bowmanville, Ont., who died Dec. 2nd, 1883:

It is also recommended that \$100 be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer for his service during the past year, and that in future he be allowed a salary of \$100 per annum.

In view of the small cost of insurance, the sound financial condition shown in the report, and the steady and reliable character of the members, the Association is deserving of the heartiest support and encouragement of Telegraphers, and it is hoped that both the District Secretaries and individual members will continue to use their best endeavours to increase its membership.

H. P. DWIGHT,
President.

It is said that at the Court Opera at Vienna tiny incandescent lamps, suspended by fine swinging wires, give the effect of swarms of fireflies flashing and flitting about in a tropical forest. By switches the current is turned off and on at the pleasure of the operator, and the effect is electrical in other than a literal sense.

FLASHES HERE AND THERE.

Erastus Wiman, President of the G. N. W. Co., resides out of New York on Staten Island, where he has a delightful home.

H. Pringle is Manager and A. W. Barber chief operator of the Canada Mutual office at Toronto.

H. McDougall is Superintendent at Winnipeg for the G. N. W. Co.

Mr. Arthur Cox is Treasurer and Superintendent of Supplies for the G. N. W. at Toronto.

Messrs. Meloche and Urquhart, of Toronto, are promised positions by the W. U. Co., New York.

Mr. T. C. Ellwood is General Superintendent of the Canada Mutual Telegraph Company, Toronto.

R. F. Ersson is Superintendent of Reports at Toronto for the G. N. W. Co.

Mr. T. Ahearn, of Ottawa, visited the Western Union Co.'s Main Office, New York, recently. He was formerly in the service there.

W. S. Buttin is the able assistant to General Manager Dwight. The extensive ramifications of the G. N. W. Co.'s lines calls for the best executive ability.

Messrs. J. T. Townshend and A. B. Smith are the Western Inspectors of the G. N. W. Co.'s lines, with headquarters at Toronto.

The expense of the Canadian High Commissioner and Secretary attending the Cable Convention at Paris last year was \$316.33.

Mr. B. B. Toye, who is Superintendent of the Toronto District of the G. N. W. Co., was noted in his time for producing a handsomely written copy. The Toye repeater, an invention of his, is in general use all over Canada.

Hou. P. Fortin, the member for Caspe, is one of the few gentlemen who, from his position in Parliament, has done much towards increased Telegraph Cable connections among the various islands in the Lower Provinces.

Statistics from the Continent show that there are 29 per cent. of series of fires where a town is unprotected, as against 17 per cent. when there is a telegraph line to the fire station, and 4 per cent. when there is a complete street system.

J. B. Page, the Manager of the Western Union Co.'s branch office at 852 Broadway, New York, is a most popular whole-souled Canadian. He has always been held in very high esteem by the general officers of the Company. "Ben" has held his present position some 20 years, and by no man in the service is he excelled for punctuality, politeness, care, and an obliging disposition.

Silas Wm. Payotte, late chief train despatcher on the N. S. Railway lines at Hochelaga, died Saturday afternoon, the 22nd inst., of consumption, at his late residence on Richmond street, Point St. Charles. The funeral took place on the 25th, and was attended by a large number of telegraphers from Quebec, Ottawa and this city. The deceased gentleman, we regret to say, was not insured in our Canadian Telegraphers Insurance Association.

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