

THE LATE MR. O. B. JEENS.

Mr. O. B. Jeens, Manager of the Accident Department of the Palatine Insurance Company, of Manchester, died in that city on the 23rd October. The deceased, after acting as an insurance agent at Gloucester, entered the service of the Mutual Fire Insurance Corporation about twenty years ago. *The Review* states that, "On the passing of the Employers' Liability Act of 1880 the Mutual directors resolved to create an Accident company, and the Mutual Accident Association was formed with Mr. Jeens as manager and secretary, Mr. J. N. Lane being managing director. Eventually the Mutual Accident was merged into the Palatine, Mr. Jeens continuing as manager of the new department, and displaying great zeal and energy in the discharge of his duties." The Directors of the Canada Accident Insurance Company have passed a resolution expressive of their great regret at the death of Mr. Jeens, whose services and ability have been highly valued and appreciated since he became associated with the Canada Accident by its alliance with the Palatine.

A BRITISH MINING EXPERT ON BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

A Syndicate of capitalists decided some time ago to send out a thoroughly competent mining engineer to British Columbia to make a close investigation of the mineral resources of that Province. The expert selected was Mr. Alfred Woodhouse, who, on his return last month, addressed a meeting of the Syndicate. He said: "The whole secret of the future of British Columbia depends on two points, the introduction of greater facilities for transport, and the erection of smelting, concentrating and refining works in the immediate vicinity of the mines. The ore deposits were certainly far greater than anything he had seen before in his observations of the mining regions of India, Africa and Australia. Indeed, he could not exaggerate the marvellous mineral deposits of British Columbia, which merely awaited the introduction of capital, and its judicious expenditure by competent men to prove that in that distant portion of Her Majesty's domains they had one of the great mineral producing countries of the immediate future."

VALUE OF BRITISH INSURANCE STOCKS.

We give below the values of British Insurance stocks from the latest sales, comparing them with average value of former years

Average price (per cent. of amount paid up) for the several periods named.

COMPANY.	When founded.	Capital paid up £	Amount subscribed per share £	Amount paid in per share £	1880. Mean. p.c.	1885. Mean. p.c.	1890. Mean. p.c.	1891. Mean. p.c.	1892. Mean. p.c.	1893. Mean. p.c.	1894. Mean. p.c.	1895. Mean. p.c.	1896. Mean. p.c.	Latest Transactions in 1897. Mean. p.c.
Alliance	1824	550,000	20	2½	.....	.....	.....	483	477	464	443	483	495	503
Atlas Assurance....	1808	144,000	50	6	285	258	400	402	404	379	381	422	450	521
Brit. & For. Marine	1863	268,000	20	4	506	576	575	537	534	512	562	612	609	625
Caledonian.....	1805	107,500	25	5	395	410	650	661	610	590	590	575	573	700
Commercial Union..	1861	250,000	50	5	440	320	680	660	630	567	640	720	745	883
Employers' Liability	1880	150,000	10	2	.....	87	160	200	199	162	165	175	150	200
Gresham Life.....	1848	22,378	5	½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	287	313
Guardian.....	1821	1,000,000	10	5	139	122	185	195	202	185	190	199	218	252
Imperial.....	1803	300,000	20	5	610	613	725	728	670	515	530	580	582	660
Lancashire.....	1852	272,986	20	2	419	241	400	406	341	215	209	283	273	238
Law Union & Crown	1825	90,000	10	½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	969	1650	1115	1214
Liv. & Lon. & Globe.	1836	491,280	20	2	911	1270	2270	2478	2231	2122	2187	2470	2653	2813
London Assurance..	1720	418,275	25	12½	504	382	430	432	403	396	405	450	485	494
London Guar. & Acc.	1869	75,000	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	344	363	417	417
London & Lanc. Fire	1862	212,750	25	2½	260	237	680	834	770	600	633	677	725	795
London & Lanc. Life	1862	20,000	10	2	.....	225	.....	206	200	212	222	225	234	237
Manchester.....	1824	200,000	20	2	.....	.....	350	471	512	405	391	355	395	414
National of Ireland	1822	100,000	25	2½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	50	60	60	60
N. Brit. & Mercantile	1809	687,500	25	6½	880	476	832	871	723	601	460	620	630	704
Northern Assurance.	1836	300,000	100	10	475	425	715	741	690	620	631	710	739	807
Norwich Union.....	1797	132,000	100	12	1030	778	800	807	839	812	821	900	979	1059
Ocean Accident.....	1871	50,070	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	211	249	291	373
do do.....	.....	40,930	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	187	219	305	375
Palatine.....	1886	272,000	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	209	184	178	192	178	184
Phoenix Fire &.....	1782	268,880	50	5	£307	£212	£271	£272	£263	£246	£253	£278	788	875
Royal, Liverpool....	1845	375,702	20	3	929	1017	1866	1946	1746	1586	1600	1716	1759	1925
Royal Exchange.....	1720	680,220	Stock	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	323	338	357	372
Sec. Union & Nat. (A)	1824	239,100	20	1	366	275	385	425	394	394	587	447	447	406
do do (B).....	.....	60,855	10	3½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	414	435	450	453
Standard Life.....	1825	120,000	50	12	621	418	441	459	456	476	518	538	513	472
State Fire.....	1801	70,000	10	1	.....	.....	.....	235	206	208	153	140	209	210
Sun Fire.....	1710	120,000	10	2	.....	.....	1816	2000	1948	1700	1769	2037	2040	2340
Sun Life.....	1810	300,000	10	7½	.....	.....	206	215	157	193	186	189	185	185
Union Fire & Life..	1714	180,000	10	4	.....	.....	647	632	644	569	492	561	586	611

† Previous to 1886 the Company was practically a partnership, and shares had no face value. It has since been re-arranged as quoted.

We have given above the principal British companies doing business in Canada. We employ percentages in expressing prices of shares, as is customary on this side of the Atlantic, and also affording easy comparison at a glance. The price given (except in last column) is the mean between the highest and lowest quotation for each year.