

Insurance Items.

LONDON & LANCASHIRE LIFE & GENERAL ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.—Mr. Hugh Paton, one of Montreal's leading business men, has been appointed director of this Company.

THE AETNA INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hartford has received a license from the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance to transact the business of automobile insurance in Canada.

THE BRITISH COLONIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will apply to Parliament for an act extending the time limited for obtaining a license from the Minister of Finance and for other purposes.

NOTICE is given in the Canada Gazette that the license held by the Marine Insurance Company, Ltd., of Halifax, N.S., for the transaction of inland marine and registered mail insurance has been withdrawn and a new license authorizing the transaction of automobile and inland transportation insurance issued.

THE SUN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA has purchased Knox Presbyterian church at the corner of Dorchester and Mansfield streets, Montreal. The price is stated at \$150,000, with a cash payment of \$35,000 and the balance in instalments covering seven years. The adjoining property now occupied by the Y. M. C. A. is also owned by the Sun Life.

COMPANIES' HEAVY LOSSES IN MINNESOTA.—During the year 1910 the stock fire companies received fire insurance premiums amounting to \$7,914,638 and incurred losses of \$5,421,325, the loss ratio being 68 per cent. as compared with a loss ratio of 47 per cent. in 1909, 59 per cent. in 1908, 43 per cent. in 1907, and 45 per cent. in 1906. The premiums received in the State on fire business in 1910 increased \$282,615 compared with the preceding year, and the losses increased \$1,856,591.—Insurance Department's Bulletin.

THE CORONATION & ACCIDENT INSURANCE.—The Coronation festivities will give a spurt to insurance against accidents. Even Sunday school managers are covering by insurance the risks to children at the "treats" to be given throughout the country. Defective premises, unprotected stairs, weak benches or platforms, and unsafe conveyances may lead to numerous injuries justifying claims to compensation unless it can be clearly proved that every reasonable precaution had been taken to protect the children even against their own foolish actions.—Insurance Spectator of London.

NOVA SCOTIA LIFE UNDERWRITERS.—The Nova Scotia Life Underwriters' Association held their fifth annual banquet at Halifax on June 6, a very enjoyable evening being passed under the chairmanship of Captain Beardsley, the newly elected president. Mr. W. J. Marquand, of the Sun Life, in the course of an after dinner speech stated that the Nova Scotia association started five years ago with five members, and there are now forty, with branch associations at New Glasgow and Sydney, and prospects of one at Amherst. Other speakers, in addition to the chairman, were Mayor Chisholm, Messrs. E. A. Saunders, secretary of the Board of Trade, Rev. G. N. Young, I. C. Stewart, Dr. A. F. Buckley, G. Archibald (Sydney), J. L. McDuff (New Glasgow), J. C. Stredder, J. W. Power, H. C. Wolfe, and W. R. C. Hewat. At the annual meeting held previously the following officers were elected:—President, Captain Beardsley;

vice-president, W. C. Somers; secy-treas., S. V. Freeman; managing committee, W. J. Marquand, J. C. Stredder, J. T. Wilson, H. S. Crosby, Henry Woolley.

Personals

MR. W. A. STRATTON, manager of the Bank of Toronto at Calgary, Alta., and Mr. Latimer, manager at Barrie, Ont., will shortly exchange.

MR. ARTHUR S. HALL, of the home office of the Western, has been appointed special agent in Ohio for the Western and British America. He succeeds Mr. D. M. Tanner, who goes with the Citizens of West Virginia in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

MR. S. H. C. MINER, vice president of the Eastern Townships Bank and one of the best known and most active men in the Eastern Townships, died at Granby, Que., on Friday morning at the age of 76. Mr. Miner was founder of the Granby Rubber Company, and was identified also with Granby Consolidated, the international Coal & Coke Company, lumber enterprises in Vancouver and other Western Canadian undertakings. Mr. Miner was many times mayor of Granby and was held in the highest esteem there.

MR. J. L. ROUTLY has recently been appointed District Manager of the London & Lancashire Life & General Assurance Association, for the Thunder Bay and Rainy River Districts, with headquarters at Fort William. Mr. Routly was formerly Advertising Manager of the Daily News, Port Arthur. The opening of this Branch at Fort William completes a chain of offices throughout the Dominion for the London & Lancashire Life. The whole country is now being thoroughly organized and among the representatives of the company are some of the most successful underwriters in the Dominion.

THE MAY FIRE LOSS.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of May, as compiled from the records of the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, shows a total of \$21,422,000. The following table gives the comparisons by months for three years:

	1909.	1910.	1911.
January	\$22,735,000	\$15,175,400	\$21,922,450
February	16,131,000	15,489,350	16,415,000
March	13,795,400	18,465,550	31,569,800
April	19,345,300	18,091,800	17,670,550
May	17,360,400	18,823,200	21,422,000
Total 5 months	\$89,367,100	\$86,045,300	\$108,999,800
June	14,435,900	13,183,600	
July	15,830,900	26,847,900	
August	16,423,000	21,570,550	
September	15,043,000	11,700,000	
October	17,765,200	37,188,300	
November	14,808,550	16,407,000	
December	19,971,500	21,528,000	
Total for year	\$203,649,150	\$234,470,650	

During the month of May there were no less than 291 fires which caused a loss of \$10,000 or over in each instance. The May loss, says the Journal of Commerce, was about \$2,500,000 more than the sum chargeable against May, 1910. The losses were widely distributed, the only large fire being that at Coney Island, which destroyed considerable property with comparatively little insurance.