

International Ticket Agents' Association.

At a meeting of the representatives of initial transportation lines, held at the office of the Niagara Navigation Co., Toronto, Mar. 5, to take action in reference to the annual convention of the International Association of Ticket Agents, which is to be held in Toronto Sep. 11 & 12 next, the following organization was effected:—

Executive Committee, Chairman, Jno. Foy, Manager Niagara Navigation Co.; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Acton Burrows, Publisher of THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD; A. H. Notman, Assistant General Passenger Agent, C.P.R.; H. Foster Chaffee, Western Passenger Agent, Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co.; & M. C. Dickson, District Passenger Agent, G.T.R.

General Committee, the members of the Executive Committee & B. H. Bennett, General Agent, Chicago & Northwestern Ry.; C. E. Bunting, City Ticket Agent, C.P.R.; G. Bazzard, Agent, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R.R.; H. C. Bourlier, Passenger Agent, Allan Steamship Line; Barlow Cumberland; W. A. Geddes; C. W. Graves, District Passenger Agent, Great Northern Ry.; S. B. Heath; R. S. Lewis, Canadian Passenger Agent, Lehigh Valley R.R.; R. M. Melville; G. W. McCaskey, District Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific R.R.; G. McMurrich, Passenger Agent, Anchor Line; C. A. Pipon, Agent, White Star Line; J. A. Radcliffe, Ticket Agent, C.P.R.; W. Robinson, General Travelling Agent, I.C.R.; J. W. Ryder, City Passenger Agent, G.T.R.; J. A. Richardson,

Canadian Passenger Agent, Wabash Ry.; J. A. Sharp, Western Manager, Elder Dempster S.S. Line; A. J. Taylor, Canadian Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.; W. G. Thurston, Lakeside Navigation Co.; G. W. Torrance, Agent, Dominion Steamship Line; J. A. Telfer, Ticket Agent, G.T.R.; W. A. Webster.

The International Association of Ticket Agents comprises members from all over the United States, men who have daily to do with the routing of passengers, & recognizing the fact that it is of great importance to show them thoroughly the attractions of Toronto as a tourist centre, the committee will take active steps to make their visit a pleasant one.

Life Insurance Statistics.

The prosperity of a country may be gauged by the financial condition of its inhabitants. In that respect it must be admitted that the Dominion during the past few years has certainly been prosperous, because the various savings institutions in which the mass of the people invest their money have shown large increases. In no way is this more evidenced than by a reference to the report recently issued by the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance, wherein it was shown that during the past five years the life companies have, with few exceptions, made great increases in all the elements tending to the best interests of the policyholders. In the case of the Canadian companies during that time the insurances in force have grown from \$177,511,846 to \$252,201,516, & the premium income &

assets have shown a like satisfactory increase.

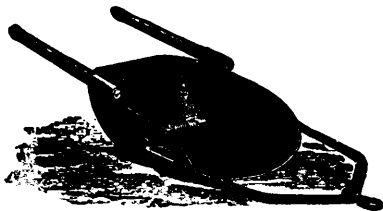
Among the companies enjoying participation in the large increases referred to is the North American Life. At its last annual meeting the statement submitted showed a highly satisfactory state of affairs, the increases in all departments tending to its progress & prosperity being very marked.

The President pointed out that the year just ended was the twentieth in the history of the Co., & he showed that during the last five years the income had just about doubled, while the assets had increased by \$1,700,000, nearly touching the four million mark.

The most important item was the net surplus, which, notwithstanding that large amounts had been paid to holders of investment policies during the past five years, had increased by about \$100,000, & now exceed \$500,000. The insurances in force had increased by \$10,000,000, almost as much as the total business the Co. had in force at the end of the first 10 years.

Prof. Fessenden, of the U.S. Weather Bureau, is making experiments with wireless telegraphy on the southern coast. Stations will be established at Capes Hatteras & Henry & at other coast points north of Cape Hatteras. It is the government's intention to communicate storm warnings to vessels at sea off this dangerous locality. It is also intended to send storm signals to life-saving stations when the wires are disabled. If the tests are successful, the entire coast will be similarly equipped.

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