INSURANCE COMPANIES IN ONTARIO

Results of Life and Fire Companies Reporting to Provincial Government for 1918

A REPORT for the year ended December 31st, 1918, has just been issued by the Ontario superintendent of insurance. The following are the more important figures from the report, showing the principal results of the year's operations:—

Life Insurance Companies.

Equity Life Policyholders'	\$ Total assets. 588,767	bility except paid-up capital stk. \$553,287	Net amount at risk. 2,949,396	Gross premiums. \$ 89,179
Mutual Life	172,493	142,648	2,474,776	74,901
Totals	\$ 761,261	\$695,936	\$ 5,424,172	\$164,081
Equity Life Policyholders'	\$ Total income. 120,261	Total expense of managemen \$ 26,546	Claims. 23,495	Total expenditure. \$ 61,838
Mutual Life	81,642	30,754	19,091	61,967
Totals	\$ 201,904	\$ 57,300	\$ 42,587	\$123,806

Joint Stock Fire Insurance Companies.

Merchants' Queen City	Total assets. \$ 492,208 511,702	Total lia- ilities except paid-up capital stk. \$259,061 \$ 152,681	Net amount at risk. 56,705,988 30,397,700	Gross premiums. \$335,338 180,106	
Totals	\$1,003,910	\$411,743 \$	87,103,688	\$515,444	
Merchants' Queen City		Total expenses of management. \$124,672 \$69,938	Losses. 146,650 75,461	Total expenditure. \$366,765 210,257	
Totals	\$ 672,159	\$194,610 \$	222,112	\$577,023	

ONTARIO TRUSTEE BILL AMENDED

Among the last bills to be passed by the Ontario legislature before the Easter recess was that providing for the appointment of a public trustee. The clause providing that the trustee could act as an executor or administrator was, however, dropped.

CANADA TO FRANCE STEAMSHIP SERVICE

By the end of June it is expected that steamships will be going direct from Canada to France, in accordance with an arrangement reached between the Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd., and La Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. A subsidiary company to be organized by the combined companies would put on six vessels, to provide for a weekly service between Montreal and Havre, these ships being of approximately from 8,000 to 10,000 tons dead weight each. For the beginning of the trade only freight vessels will be used, but it is regarded as probable that it may develop into passenger business also.

"The new departure," it was stated by an official of the Canada Steamships, "will undoubtedly lead to a tremendous development of trade between Canada and France, because Canada will be in the position of being able to import directly many French products. At the same time, France will require vast amounts of Canada's raw and semi-finished products, especially during the reconstruction period after the war, her demands for some time to come being practically unlimited. In this way the interchange will not only be mutually advantageous, but will lead to a natural interchange of business between Canada and France, each of which needs the other's products."

Further, it was stated that it would be to the advantage of the French line to have use of the agencies and connections of the Canada steamship line in looking for Canadian trade, while, in the same way, it would be of advantage to the Canada steamship line to secure the benefit of the established connections of the French line, which has been in operation in Europe for many years.

Cash Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Having no Joint Stock Capital.

Economical Gore District Perth Waterloo	Total income. \$ 913,980 997,703 791,473 1,079,411	Total liabilities except paid-up capital stk. \$100,536 135,085 99,514 234,809	at risk.	Fixed payments in 1918. \$ 65,345 71,177 57,072 77,118	Premiums on cash system. \$117,760 146,732 101,943 147,553	The state of the s	Total expense of management -\$ 74,458 71,779 58,250 73,964		Total expenditure, \$187,400 229,279 177,046 269,048
Totals	\$3,782,568	\$569,946	\$123,114,892	\$270,715	\$513,989	\$1,088,373	\$278,452	\$415,105	\$862,773

Cash Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Having Joint Stock Capital.

Fire Insurance Exchange . \$	Total income. 114,726	Total liabilities except paid-up capital stk. \$ 77,030	Net amount at risk.	Fixed payments in 1918. \$ 6.308	Premiums on cash system. \$100,540	\$ Total. 127,455	Total expense of management. \$ 36,357	Amount paid for losses. \$ 80,505	Total expenditure. \$139,663
Hand-in-Hand	228,582	104,529	20,857,468	9,236	143,566	199,812	49,853	96,030	202,335
Millers' & Manufacturers'	171.123	82,456	17,552,044	21,474	110,167	176,308	37,869	113,887	197,167
Monarch	88,275	34,234	5,201,749	1,467	52,906	79,504	21,206	32,373	67,478
Wellington	112,211	53,308	10,070,255	7,355	76,539	95,853	31,204	57,080	96,502
Totals \$	714,919	\$351,559	70,774,876	\$ 45,842	\$483,719	\$ 678,934	\$176,491	\$379,877	\$703,147

WINNIPEG FIRM GOES INTO BOND BUSINESS

The firm of Carruthers and Torrance, Winnipeg, has changed its name to Carruthers, Martin and Torrance, Ltd., with offices in the Lindsay building. In addition to its previous business in real estate and insurance, a bond department deal-

ing in all bonds, but specializing in good industrials, will be established. Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Torrance, who have recently returned from overseas, will have charge of the insurance and real estate business, while the bond department will be looked after by Mr. Wm. Martin, who was formerly with the legal firm of Coyne, MacVicar and Martin, but who has also been serving in the army.