

Honorable James V. Barry.

Hon. James V. Barry, the Commissioner of Insurance for Michigan, was born in Monroe, Mich. Graduating from the High School of that city he immediately engaged in newspaper work, which he followed very closely until his appointment as Commissioner of Insurance. For years Mr. Barry was the official representative of some of the largest journals in America at the capitol at Lansing, and reported all important legislation.

The appointment of Mr. Barry as Commissioner of Insurance was a case of the position coming to the man, as it was unsought by him, and he hesitated for some time before accepting it even after the appointment was made.

His administration has been exceptionally successful and he is considered one of the best Commissioners of Insurance Michigan has ever had. The following extract from his annual report of August 1st, 1902, has been copied practically in every insurance journal in the United States and commented upon very favorably:

"The policy of entailing upon the companies the least possible expense and burden consistent with proper supervision and protection of the public, I am convinced even more than at the time I announced it one year ago, is the best both for the company and the insured. Whatever burden or expense is put upon the company is borne by the insured, and it therefore follows that the interests of the latter demand that only those requirements which are absolutely necessary should be exacted from the former. It has been my unvarying policy to depend upon the supervising department of the state in which the company or association is located for whatever information I have desired concerning the condition of such company or association aside from that contained in the state-

ments filed in this department. I have been much pleased with the evident desire of the supervising officials to whom I have appealed to furnish me with most thorough information regarding the condition of the companies. In every instance when so requested these officials have made complete examinations and courteously furnished this department with copies thereof. The attitude of the departments; of other states toward this department has, in the main, been just and fair."



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