

SOCIETY NOTES AND ITEMS.

Mr. R. W. W. Frink, of St. John, N.B., Agent of the Western, has obtained the Agency of the British America Assurance Co.

The total losses of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society in Canada for the month of August amount to \$51.50.

Mr. J. K. McCutcheon, agent of the Royal Insurance Co., Guelph, has been appointed agent of the Accident Branch of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

Mr. R. N. Gooch, Toronto Agent of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., and chairman of the Toronto Board, has returned, much the better for his European tour.

Mr. D. McLellan, the energetic representative of the "Royal" in Hamilton, has been appointed agent of the Accident Branch of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

Mr. B. Pownall, Secretary for the Province of Quebec, of the Canada Life Assurance Co., has resigned, he is succeeded by **Mr. J. W. Marling**, who has been for some years their Inspector of Agencies.

Mr. P. S. Ross on September 9th entered actions in the Superior Court against four more of the shareholders of the Canada Agricultural Insurance Company for amounts claimed to be due by them. More actions will be taken shortly.

Mr. James Robb, Fire Manager of the Northern Assurance Co., who visited Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, &c., lately, has returned home from his trip to this continent, sailing in the "Servia" from New York on August 30.

Mr. William Tatley, joint Chief Agent of the Royal Insurance Company in Montreal, sailed in the "Parisian" on Saturday, 2nd inst., for England on Company's business. His many friends wish him a pleasant voyage, safe return and healthful results.

The Norwich Union Accident Insurance Company place their general agency in Canada in the hands of **Mr. Alex. Dixon**—another proof of the satisfactory nature of the management of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society in **Mr. Dixon's** hands since its arrival here.

The United States Life, having determined to resume active business in Canada, have appointed **Mr. M. W. Mills** their Manager in the Dominion, and have received a renewal of their license from the Superintendent of Insurance.

Mr. J. H. Robinson has been appointed special agent at Montreal for the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada; he was formerly general agent for the Ontario Mutual Life at Kingston. We are glad to see that **Mr. Robinson** is a prepaid subscriber to the New York *Spectator*, who give him a first class "mere mention."

Mr. Robert Marshall, M.P.P., of St. John, N.B., for many years General Agent in the Province of New Brunswick for the Ætna, Hartford and Imperial Fire Insurance Companies, has retired from the Insurance business in favor of **Mr. E. L. Whitaker**, who has been the real Manager of that business of those companies for the last few years.

Mr. James Salter of Peterboro' has been selected out of a large number of candidates, as Inspector of the Citizens Insurance Company. He has been for several years managing the fire business of **Mr. George A. Cox**, General

Insurance Agent, Peterboro'; the Citizens is to be congratulated in procuring the services of such an experienced and energetic officer.

The Underwriters of Halifax, Nova Scotia, have put an end to the free fight that has been raging there for some time past, and which has so much demoralized the rates in that peaceful city. It is very evident that the bitter end had been reached, when the first thing to be done by the newly formed Board was to raise rates one hundred per cent.

Mr. S. F. Magurn, general agent of the Ontario Branch of the City of London Fire Insurance Co., sailed on the 16th inst. on the "Polynesian" for a short business trip to England. The Toronto Board of Underwriters regretfully miss his genial presence already, and hope to welcome him back in a very few weeks—when he will doubtless assist in healing the temporary troubles that now vex the members.

Fire Insurance agents at Lancaster, Pa., have given notice that they will issue no more policies, and that they will cancel existing ones unless the authorities take vigorous measures to suppress prevailing incendiaryism. All success must attend such a brave declaration if they only stand to their colors.

During the year 1881 the Fire Commissioners in New York City reported 1,785 fires, of which 1,221 were extinguished with buckets of water, &c. Edward Atkinson stated last year that buckets of water had saved his company \$240,000. Filled water pails distributed through all places of business cost very little, are easily seen to be out of order, are readily handled in case of need, and their presence betokens proper preparation and precaution on the part of the proprietors.

New Biographical Dictionary.—An excellent feature of the New Edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, just issued, is the New Biographical Dictionary, in which are given the names of nearly ten thousand noted persons of ancient and modern times, with a brief statement of the dates of their birth and death, their nationality, profession, etc. This is designed for purposes of ready reference, to answer the questions which often arise as to when and where certain persons lived, and the character of their achievements. It contains many names of persons who are still living, and the pronunciation of each name is given.

Mr. Jeffery Beavan, Foreign Superintendent of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, favored us with a visit a few days since. **Mr. Beavan** arrived on the *Alaska*, in a flying visit to this continent, and since leaving New York has visited Montreal and Toronto, taking the opportunity to make himself acquainted with the qualities of the Fire Brigades and Salvage Corps in each city. He purposes visiting the larger cities of the West, and after visiting San Francisco will pay Canada another visit, and hopes to be able to study our elder sister, Quebec, before another conflagration shall have again marred her beauty.

The *Chronicle's* representative at the recent meeting of the Northwestern Association rather gives away the great chief—thus

The chairman of the reception committee again came up to the platform, escorting two martial looking gentlemen, and introduced **Fire Marshal Sweeney**, of Chicago, and **Chief Shaw**, of the London Fire Department. The great fire chief is a thin-faced, tall, hair-parted-in-the-middle gentleman with sleepy features, blue eyes and a seemingly undecided manner. **President Cornell** again dropped into words of welcome. The great chief climbed upon the platform, livened up his countenance, and with a strong Cockney accent, spoke of the peculiar happiness of "this awcasion." **Marshal Sweeney**, in his gruff way, added a few words, and the distinguished visitors were handed into conspicuous seats. They were not heard from again, and the great chief promptly went to sleep.