

FIRE ON ONTARIO ST., MONTREAL.

By the fire which occurred on the 8th inst., in the carriage factory of A. Paré & Co., the following companies are interested:

ON STOCK.	
Royal...	\$500
Norwich Union...	500
Richmond & Drummond...	500
London Mutual...	500
Loss total...	\$2,000
ON BUILDINGS.	
North British & Mercantile...	\$1,000
Montreal-Canada...	1,000
Total loss...	\$2,000

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The publishers of the following have our thanks for the courtesy of a copy sent us.

THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE TABLES, 1905.—This publication is issued by The Standard Publishing Co., Boston, at 25 cents.

The tables show at a glance the financial condition and business of American & Foreign Fire Insurance companies for ten years ending 31st December, 1904. The comparative rank of 80 companies with over \$1,000,000 of assets is shown, with their underwriting profit or loss for 10 years, and list of insurance officials, underwriters' agencies, etc. A list of disastrous fires in the United States since 1870, is an interesting but dreary record, as is the list of companies which ceased business in 1904. The Standard Fire Tables have been carefully compiled and are very valuable for reference.

THE INSURANCE WORLD FIRE & CASUALTY CHART, 1905.—This is a condensed history of the leading fire insurance companies for 25 years. Comparisons are given for 5 year periods, 1880 to 1900, and annual comparisons for the past 5 years. There are rate tables for writing and cancelling policies. This is the 29th year of publication of the "Insurance World Fire & Casualty Chart which is good evidence of its value being appreciated.

FEES AND TAXES CHARGED BY INSURANCE DEPARTMENTS IN UNITED STATES.—We are indebted to Mr. Francis Hendricks, superintendent of insurance, New York, for a copy of abstract of letters received by him in response to an enquiry made as to the fees, licenses and taxes imposed by the various State Insurance Departments in the United States. We shall take an early opportunity of giving information on this matter as furnished by the communications published by Mr. Hendricks.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR 1905, prepared by the Insurance Commissioner of Rhode Island, U.S., and issued in advance of the annual report of the department.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. Part I.—Fire Marine, and Hail Insurance, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONNECTICUT INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. Part I. Fire and Marine.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. Part II.—Life, Casualty, Assessment and Fraternal Insurance.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TENNESSEE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.—Fidelity & Casualty, Legal Reserve Life, Assessment & Accident companies.

JOURNAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES, January, 1905, vol. xxxix. Part I.—This number contains an address by the president, Mr. Henry Cockburn; a paper by Mr. Frederick Bell, F.I.A., "On the Retrospective Method of Valuation," with an abstract of the discussion on the paper. The Reviews section has a notice of "Bunyon's Law of Life Assurance," and "British Offices Life Tables, 1893." It is announced that a reprint has been issued of the examination questions for years 1902, 1903 and 1904, which are to be had from the assistant secretary at 1s. 6d. each.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—The statement of this company for 1904, and full report of the annual meeting have been published in pamphlet form, with an attractive cover.

THE INVESTMENT DIRECTORY-INSURANCE COMPANIES, 1904. This very valuable work contains a "Description and Classification of Bonds and Stocks to the par value of about one-third billion dollars held January 1, 1904, by insurance companies transacting business in the United States and Canada, with a synopsis of the laws of the various States and Territories pertaining to insurance investments." Compiled by S. H. Wolfe, consulting actuary, New York, and published by The Insurance Press. The work contains 1,069 pages. In the body of this unique directory a schedule is given of the securities held by each of the various insurance companies, and in the Index the titles of these securities are detailed, so that their respective holders can be traced. The amount of information respecting the security holdings of the insurance companies may be judged by the Index alone occupying 96 pages, in which the names of companies and of securities are given. The par value of each lot of bonds, stocks, etc., is given. A synopsis adds much value to this work of the laws pertaining to investments of insurance companies in the United States and Canada.

THE POST MAGAZINE, 1904.—The bound volume of this publication for last year is just to hand, and is much appreciated as it has been for many years past. The "Post Magazine" contains valuable matter, the original articles are ably written and the selections are interesting.

PERSONAL.

THE LATE SIDNEY DILLON RIPLEY was a son-in-law of the late Henry B. Hyde, founder of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. He was a director for 13 years, and was in the continuous service of the Society from 1885 until his death, first as a cashier, and later as treasurer, performing the duties of these offices with fidelity, and conscientiously administering their business. The Executive Committee of the Equitable adopted the following resolution at a meeting on the 27th inst.—

Resolved, that in mourning the loss of a loyal Officer and Director, the members of the Executive Committee of the Society hereby tender to his widow, Mrs. Ripley, their sincere sympathy, deepened by the affection and respect in which the memory of her father is ever held by them.