

sponses to this notification will depend entirely the feasibility of the project. Understand that the one hundred dollars covers all expenses from Minneapolis to and through the Park and return—a period of about nine or ten days.

Such an opportunity for many of you to see this Wonderland of the World may not again occur. The Local Committee, the Railway Company and the Park people will make every effort to see that the tour is an event of the life of each one who makes it.

On the return the special train will leave Cinnabar in the evening, arriving in Minneapolis the second morning thereafter in time for breakfast.

Those who wish to thus make the Park trip should at once communicate with the undersigned. He will be glad to see that descriptive matter relating to the Park is sent to all who desire it.

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MESSRS. R. WILSON-SMITH, MELDRUM & CO.

A circular letter from this new firm of stock-brokers and exchange dealers, appears in this issue. The new partners have selected a good day upon which to introduce themselves to future clients, and we direct attention to their letter and wish them success.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE.

A NEW APPOINTMENT.

The retirement of Mr. Hendry from the management of the Ontario Mutual Life, although he has well-earned freedom from work, has been heard of with regret in insurance circles. Mr. Hendry has been so closely identified with the Ontario Mutual that the mere mention of his name seemed to signify the company he so ably represented. We hope he may have comfort and happiness for many long years to come.

Mr. George Wegenast, formerly actuary of the company, has been appointed manager in succession to Mr. Hendry. Mr. Wegenast, a comparatively young man, has already made his mark, and promises to maintain the good reputation of the Ontario Mutual.

THE VICTORIA-MONTREAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

We understand that this new Company received its charter at the close of the last session of parliament, and has taken the offices recently occupied by the Lancashire Insurance Company, on the ground floor of the Temple Building. The Company will shortly commence business under the management of Messrs. Thos. A. Temple & Son, who have been connected with fire insurance for about thirty years at St. John, N.B.

The following gentlemen are shareholders in the Company: Messrs. Robert Mackay, S. H. Ewing, Robert Bickerdike, Hon. J. D. Rolland, A. R. Macdonnell, H. J. Beemer and others.

Obituary.

The death of Mr. George Ellis, secretary of the Travelers' Insurance Company, has called forth so many expressions of deep regret and so many earnest tributes of esteem and respect from the community he lived in that THE CHRONICLE can add nothing thereto. We merely reprint a letter from the Hon. James G. Batterson to the editor of the Hartford *Courant*, as testifying to the worth and character of this well-known and much respected actuary:—
To the Editor of the *Courant*:—

George Ellis possessed qualities of true manhood which were eminently appreciated by all those who came in daily contact with his work. He was a man of few words, and he never knew the art of disguising thought by well-phrased ambiguities. When George Ellis said no, we knew what that meant, and could depend upon it. His industry was untiring and his devotion to duty was not hindered by any other draughts upon his time or energies.

Of a genial, kind and sympathetic nature he never complained because his load was increased by the inability or neglect of others. During the twenty-four years of intimate business relationship, I never heard an angry, profane or unclean word from his lips.

Possessing a complete mastery of his business requirements in his official work, he had also a charming serenity and modesty in his official work, which put every one at ease and caused no hesitation in approaching him with technical or difficult questions. Our company has met with a serious loss. No one man that I know can fill his place in all the departments with which he was so familiar. Sincerely loved by all who were under his immediate control, there was, nevertheless, no looseness of administration and no abuse of friendly relationship. He was firm in all matters which touched his loyalty to the company he served with an affectionate regard. We had no secrets and concealments from each other. When aught was wrong it was corrected with as little delay as possible. We have lost an earnest, loyal and lovable associate and friend, and his memory will be tenderly cherished.

The community and the church he loved have also a loss to mourn, for he was a faithful citizen and a true Christian.

J. G. Batterson.

PERSONALS.

Mr. C. J. Hanson, who was sufficiently recovered to leave the General Hospital, a week ago, is at present staying at his house, No. 400 Sherbrooke St.

Mr. A. BRUCE, Q.C., of Hamilton, favoured this office with a call. Mr. Bruce is en route for Great Britain, where he proposes to spend some weeks on a well-earned holiday. *Bon voyage.*

Mr. CHAS. E. BOWKER, for eight years Manager of the Lancashire Insurance Co., in Dublin, will take charge of an office in the same City to be opened by the Atlas Assurance Company.