

PERSONALS.

Mr. Hugh C. Munday, business manager of "The Surveyor," New York, was a visitor to Montreal this week.

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Mr. Kline, vice-president of the Fidelity-Phenix of New York, spent two days in Montreal last week, and two days in Toronto.

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At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Toronto, Mr. Archibald H. Campbell, of Toronto was elected a Director of the Bank.

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Mr. E. N. Killer, formerly with the Yorkshire Insurance Company, has been appointed special agent of the Fidelity-Phenix for Ontario. We understand he will commence his new duties on 1st January.

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It may not be generally known among Canadian policy holders of the Metropolitan Life, that Mr. James S. Roberts, the accomplished and genial Secretary of the Company, hails from Liverpool, England. Mr. Roberts is Vice-President of the British Schools and Universities Club, New York City, and chairman of its Entertainment Committee.

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English exchanges continue to record heavy losses among members of the staff of the British insurance companies. The latest list includes Lance-Corporal Arberry (Union), died of wounds; Lieutenant F. C. Caird (North British); R. N. V. R., killed in action; Sergeant J. F. Cobb (Royal), Royal Fusiliers, killed in action; 2nd Lieutenant J. W. Jones (Commercial Union), Welsh Regiment, killed in action; Lieutenant W. B. Bovey (Law Union & Rock), London Regiment, killed in action; Private C. J. Marriott (Law Union & Rock), Civil Service Rifles, killed in action; Lieutenant H. S. Young (Union), Royal Fusiliers, seriously wounded.

BRITISH ACCIDENT COMPANIES' GENEROUS ACTION.

The Accident Offices' Association, representing fifty of the largest companies effecting accident insurance in Great Britain, have unanimously decided not to make any increase in workmen's compensation premiums because of the employment of disabled soldiers and sailors. Another addition has thus been made, remarks the Post Magazine, to the growing list of liabilities undertaken by insurance companies without legal obligation or monetary equivalent. The return to civilian employment of many thousands of soldiers and sailors suffering from shock, nervous prostration, wounds and other physical infirmities must add considerably to the claims cost and the public have reason to congratulate themselves that the companies comprised in the Association (which up to five years ago were making in the aggregate a dead loss on their home employers' liability business) can see their way, thanks in large measure to the combination and classification of experience which the Association has rendered possible, to this broad-minded sharing of the national burden.

MONTREAL GANDERS ENTERTAIN THEIR CHIEF.

His Highness Most Loyal Grand Gander E. G. Carlisle of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose was entertained last Saturday evening by the members of the Quebec pond at a banquet held at the Ritz-Carlton. Over fifty of the local fire insurance men were present to do honour to Mr. Carlisle who is a prominent fire insurance official in Chicago. Most Loyal Gander A. H. Vallance was in the chair and those present included the following Company officials:—Messrs. J. W. Tatley, W. B. Colley, T. F. Dobbin, A. W. Wilson, J. W. Binnie, Captain Clift and Mr. Simpson.

The address of the Order's chief on its objects was received with enthusiasm. Mr. Carlisle also read a message from the Illinois Pond to the Quebec Pond, and by a unanimous vote the Executive was instructed to reply reciprocating the good wishes and kind messages.

The Executive was also instructed to send a telegram of felicitation to the Alberta Pond on the occasion of its installation.

After the banquet a most enjoyable musical evening was spent, Messrs. Glover, Davison, Underdown, Virtue, Vallance, Johnstone, Hamilton, McGowan, Brown, Jockel and Bowles taking part.

It is understood that a number of the managers will associate themselves with the Order in the very near future.

ONTARIO POND OF THE BLUE GOOSE.

On Friday December 8th, a luncheon of the Ontario Pond of the Blue Goose took place in the Board of Trade Assembly Rooms at Toronto. His Highness Most Loyal Grand Gander E. G. Carlisle, of Chicago, being the guest of honour. Mr. Carlisle addressed the gathering on the Order's objects and subsequently made a presentation on behalf of the Grand Nest to Past Most Loyal Gander J. Ross Stewart, in recognition of his great services to the Order. Among the visitors from out of town who were present to listen to Mr. Carlisle's address, were the following:—Messrs. Sloan, Bell, Steele, Heberling, Stead, Holroyd, Richardson, Wickham, Davis and Jenkins.

BANKS' WAR TAX CONTRIBUTIONS.

Eight banks which have so far published their reports in 1916 have made aggregate appropriations for meeting the War Tax on Circulation of \$391,898, as against \$212,541 appropriated by the same institutions in 1915. The increase for these banks is thus \$180,000.

WESTERN CANADA FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Canada Association was held in Toronto last week, Mr. H. M. Lambert presiding. It was largely attended by Eastern, American and Western representatives. The new constitution was considered and passed.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

We understand the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation has re-insured the fire business of the Arizona Insurance Company in British Columbia.