

## SOCIETY NOTES AND ITEMS.

**Mr. J. M. Hawley** has been appointed Accident Agent for the Citizens' Insurance Company at Quebec.

There are 112,412 miles of railroad track in the U. S., of which 107,158 miles are in operation.

**Mr. H. A. Dillon, jun.,** of Dublin, has been appointed manager for Ireland of the New York Life Insurance Company.

That Brokerage question is still agitating our fire underwriters. Why not impose that \$50 license fee as at first proposed?

We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. J. Goodnow, secretary of the Aetna, Hartford, Con., who has been in Montreal, for the last few days.

**Superintendent McCall** does not intend to ask the fire insurance companies of New York State to furnish semi-annual statements this year.

**Mr. J. B. Moffatt**, sub-manager of the London and Lancashire fire office, Liverpool, has been visiting the Agencies of the Company in Canada.

The *Commercial Bulletin*, N.Y., places the fire losses for May at \$9,200,000, which is the largest since 1875. The total for the 5 months is \$46,750,000.

**Mr. Robert Lowe**, of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, Edinburgh, has been appointed chief accountant to the Northern Assurance Company, London.

We are pleased to note the return of Mr. W. M. Ramsay, the popular manager of the Standard Life Assurance Company, from Great Britain, after an absence of some weeks.

**Theatre fires.**—The number of theatres burnt down during the past year throughout the world is said to be forty-one. The number of lives lost by these fires was 1,200.

**Mr. Dion Boucicault, the Actor**, has a scheme on foot for a "Theatre Mutual Fire Insurance Company." We would strongly recommend Mr. Boucicault to let the matter alone, it is not a profitable business.

**Liverpool and London and Globe**, London and Lancashire, and City of London fire offices were not losers by the Whiteley fire in London, Eng., the aggregate loss on which amounted to \$2,000,000.

The **Mutual Fire**, of New York, having increased its assets by new subscriptions, is now issuing policies on single risks to the extent of \$40,000 in the dry goods district. This is a bold experiment.

**Royal Canadian Insurance Company and P.E.I.**—In consequence of the insufficiency of the water supply, besides the moral hazard being bad, the Royal Canadian has decided to withdraw from Charlottetown, P.E.I.

**Niagara Fire Insurance Company**, N.Y.—Secretary Thomas F. Goodrich has been promoted to the vice-presidency. Mr. W. Pollock has been appointed secretary, and Mr. George C. Howe, assistant secretary.

**Dynamite Insurance** offers a large and increasing business to the company which may be organized to transact this species of insurance. The *Pall Mall Gazette* of London advocates the formation of such a company.

**Mr. J. H. Stuart** has been appointed Agent for Deloraine, Manitoba, and district, for the Northern and Caledonian Insurance Offices. Mr. Stuart also represents the Canada Life, and the Citizens Accident branch.

**Debt Insurance.**—A company to carry on the business of insuring, for a premium or percentage, creditors against loss by reason of non-payment of debts and liabilities has been registered in London, Eng. Capital £100,000, in £5 shares.

**Marine Insurance.**—Twenty prominent companies transacting this business in England have £3,682,556 of paid-up capital, and £8,269,013 of assets. The premiums for 1883 aggregated £3,366,137; losses £2,723,701 and expenses £279,629.

**Mr. George Lyon Bennett**, from Ceylon, has been appointed secretary to the Commercial Union Assurance Company, in place of Mr. Samuel J. Pipkin, who lately resigned. Mr. Pipkin has been appointed secretary of the Atlas Assurance Company.

**Tax on Insurance Companies.**—Judge Jette has rendered a decision upholding the legality of the tax imposed on the Insurance Companies by the Quebec Legislature. The companies, acting under high legal advice, have determined to carry the matter to the Privy Council.

The firm of **Stephens & Lighthall**, Advocates of this City, has dissolved partnership, Mr. Lighthall, going out of the firm. Mr. C. H. Stephens who is well and favorably known in Montreal, continues his office at No. 1727 Notre Dame street.

The aggregate premium income of twenty-eight Australasian Fire and Marine Insurance Companies for the year 1883 was \$7,236,900. The losses were \$4,548,300, or 62.8 per cent. of premium income. The loss ratio of the marine business was 74 per cent.

**Messrs. Thomson & Gowdey**, real estate and general auctioneers of this city, are prepared to appraise and adjust fire losses. They are both well-known and reliable gentlemen, having considerable commercial experience and well adapted for this class of business.

**Mr. F. A. Ball**, of Toronto, Chief Agent for Canada of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, sailed for Great Britain by the SS. *Parisian* on the 24th ult. We hope that the trip will be beneficial to his health, which has latterly been anything but satisfactory.

The **Underwriters of Portland, Me.**, have appointed a committee to inquire strictly into the case of every fire occurring within the city limits, and, unless the cause is clearly accidental, to call on the Mayor, and demand that a fire inquest be held, in accordance with the statutes of the State.

**Mr. David Burke**, superintendent for Canada of the New York Life Insurance Company, has established an agency for his Company at St. Johns, Newfoundland, and appointed Messrs. West and Rendell of that city, agents. The selection of these gentlemen as agents is, we are informed, a good one.