

**New Life Assurance Companies projected.** The following will apply for incorporation at the next session of the Parliament of Canada: *The Permanent Reserve Life Association of Canada*. H. B. Taylor, Whitby. *The Canada Provident Institution*, Toronto: W. T. Allan, solicitor. *The Canadian Benevolent Society*, Petrolia. Dawson & Greenizen, solicitors.

The New York correspondent of the *Investigator* says, regarding the last Toronto fire, that the loss list of T. Eaton & Co. shows how the New York Lloyds, together with the Mutuals, are reaching out for business. The loss, he says, was small, luckily for all concerned, for the Mutual Fire had \$30,000 at stake, and among the Lloyds lines are the American \$50,000, Metropolitan \$20,000, and National \$15,000. This was all written at a cut rate, and representatives of some Lloyds, in Montreal, Quebec, and many other smaller cities, are continually soliciting business.

The *Insurance Journal* states that a Bill has been introduced in the New York Senate, making it unlawful for any insurance company to select as appraiser on a loss anyone who has acted in a similar capacity for any company within the four months previous to such loss. Such a law as this would deprive the companies, and the insured as well, of the services of the best appraisers, whose experience and standing might be first class and so render them most competent for such work. There seems to be a craze going round for fancy insurance legislation. We trust the innate foolishness of the above Bill will suffice to kill it.

**March Fire Losses in Canada and the United States** are quoted by the *Commercial Bulletin* of N.Y. in the following comparative table, showing also the losses for the first three months during the past three years:

	1893.	1894.	1895.
January.....	\$17,958,400	\$10,568,400	\$11,895,600
February.....	9,919,900	11,297,600	12,360,300
March.....	16,662,350	9,147,100	14,239,300
	\$44,540,650	\$31,013,100	\$38,495,100

The March loss for this year, \$14,239,300, is therefore \$5,092,300 in excess of March, 1894. A list of the principal losses by any one fire in the United States and Canada during March shows Toronto at the head of the list with \$1,140,000, and Milwaukee as next in bad pre-eminence with \$890,000.

### PERSONALS.

WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE of a call this month from:

MR. L. GOLDMAN, Secretary of the North American Life Assurance Co., Toronto.

MR. J. H. BRUCK, Managing Director of the Great West Life Assurance Company, en route to New Brunswick.

MR. LEON HARRINGTON, representative in Belgium of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, who reports a large business being done in that country by the Sun.

MR. R. H. MATSON, general manager of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society.

MR. A. K. BLACKADAR, Insurance Department, Ottawa.

MR. H. J. MOOREHEAD, Sun Life Assurance Co., Sault Ste. Mr. G. H. HINSHAW, Jun., general agent Confederation Life Association, St. Hyacinthe, P.Q.

MR. G. E. MORRELLY, inspector Northern Assurance Co.

MR. A. M. CROMBIE, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Montreal, has returned from his trip to the East. Mr. Crombie is much improved in health.

MR. B. ROSS MCCONKEY, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Guelph, died there last week.

MESSES BARTON & CARSON, agents for the Sun Fire and Lancashire Companies in this city, have removed their office to the Temple Buildings.

MR. ROBERT YOUNG of Winnipeg, has been appointed Manager of the Great West Life Assurance Co. for the Province of New Brunswick, with head quarters at St. John, N.B.

### BARLOW & CO'S MONTREAL STOCK AND SHARE LIST.

From 1st to 10th April, 1895.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing
Canadian Pacific .....	41 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
do do Land & Co. Bonds.	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Commercial Cable Co .....	145	143	142
Duluth Common .....	4	2 1/2	3
do do Pref .....	8 1/2	7 1/2	7
Montreal Telegraph .....	158	158	157 1/2
Dominion do .....	117	117	117
Richelieu & Ontario Nav. Co .....	66 1/2	60 1/2	62
Montreal Street Ry .....	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Montreal do do New Stock .....	100	187 1/2	188
Bell Telephone Co .....	55 1/2	150	150 1/2
do do Bonds .....			
Royal Electric .....	141	141	141
Montreal Gas Co., Ex. D. ....	200 1/2	198	199 1/2
Bank of Montreal .....	220	218 1/2	215
Ontario Bank .....	91	91	91
Bank of British North America .....			
La Banque du Peuple .....	114 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Molson's Bank .....	168	168	166
Bank of Toronto .....	241	241	240 1/2
La Banque Jacques Cartier .....			
Merchants Bank .....	167 1/2	163 1/2	165
do do of Halifax .....			
Eastern Townships Bank .....			
Quebec Bank .....	130	129 1/2	127 1/2
La Banque Nationale .....			
Union Bank .....			
Canadian Bank of Commerce .....	138	136 1/2	135 1/2
Imperial .....	178	178	178
Dominion .....			
Standard .....	161 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2
La Banque Ville Marie .....			
Hochelaga Bank .....			
Hamilton .....	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2
Intercolonial Coal Co .....			
British America Assurance Co .....	117 1/2	116	116
Western Assurance .....	160	159	159
Canada Life .....			
Canada Central Bonds .....			
Champlain & St. Lawrence Bonds .....			
Confederation Life .....			
Canada Paper .....			
Montreal Cotton .....	119	118	119
do do Bonds .....			
Canadian Col. Cotton Mills Co .....	40	40	40
do do do Bonds .....	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
National Cordage Co .....			
Merchants Manufacturing Co .....			
Dominion Cotton Mills Co .....	90	90	90
do do Bonds .....			
New England Paper .....			
Loan & Mortgage Co .....			
Toronto Electric Light Co .....			
Incandescent Light Co .....	110	110	110
General Elect. Co .....			
do do Preferred .....			
Ottawa Electric Street Ry .....			
Diamond Glass Co .....			
Consolidated Land & Investment .....			
Montreal Harbor Bonds .....			
Toronto Street Railway Co .....	76 1/2	72	72 1/2
Western Loan & Trust Co. (Ltd.) .....	96	96	96

The stock market has been dull for some days, and closed weaker to-night for the whole list, excepting Gas and Street Railway, which are very firm. For the former, higher prices are talked of in anticipation of the company securing a good contract from the city. Cable and Toronto Street Railway were the weak spots in the market to-day, though at present prices they ought to be a fairly good investment. Money is giving signs of being a little dearer, but at present it will not advance, though next month it is expected to be more in demand. Bank stocks are inactive. Richelieu dropped a little this week, but rallied, and offers favorably for a turn in prices. Bell Telephone was dealt in to-day at 151 ex div. The rest of the list is almost neglected.