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The Albion Fire Insurance Association has given notice that it will apply for the release of its assets and securities on 27th August next.

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Mr. I. T. Frelinghuysen has resigned his position as vice-president of the Globe Fire, and become general agent of the Company for the United States and Canada.

The "Equitable Record" says: "A tree is known by its fruits, and tontine policies show more fruitful results than others." Yes, if you live long enough and wait long enough for them to ripen.

Italian Fire Engines are stated to have the hose fitted with electric wires, so that on pressing the button so many times, firemen working the nozzle can signal to those at the pump to regulate the speed of the water or cut it off when necessary.

The Metropolitan Plate Glass Insurance Co. (Messrs. Corneille, Quesnel & Sharpe) has been licensed by the Dominion Insurance Department to transact plate-glass insurance in Canada. Mr. Alphonse de Ligori Quesnel is the chief agent.

Two Cases are to be brought against the agent of one of the "three giants" to test the anti-rebate law of Ohio. Two policy holders refuse to pay notes given for premiums, claiming that the agent has rebated to several others and thus discriminated against them.

A depositor in a bank, according to the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Alabama, should carefully examine his returned cheques and bank pass-book, as neglect to do so will result in liability for any loss caused by the bank's payment of forged cheques charged to his account.

The Fire Society of German Factories was established in 1891, for the special benefit of the chemical factory owners who regarded the rates charged by joint stock companies as excessive. After a short career it finds that it was mistaken, and has gone into liquidation. Will the city councillors of Toronto please note?

Cars in Paris are reported to be operated by storage electric batteries on accumulators. Each motor is of ten-horse power, and the charge lasts six hours. The experiment is regarded as highly successful and economical. This removes the objection of unsightliness, danger and obstruction urged against elevated wires.

A New Fire Alarm now in use in Sweden consists of a small copper cartridge, closed by an India-rubber button, and filled with a fire composition. The fuse contains a mixture of potassium chlorate and sugar, and on it is placed a paraffin capsule containing a few drops of sulphuric acid. When the temperature of the room rises above the melting point of paraffin the sulphuric acid is liberated, and ignites the chlorate mixture, which in its turn sets fire to the Bengal light. A fusible metal disc, placed in contact with the mixture, will also be melted, and thus make electrical connection with a call bell, so as to sound the alarm at a distance. —*The Insurance Journal (London)*.

American Nomenclature.—The tendency to look at things from one's own national point of view is illustrated by a contemporary, who, referring to the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Mutual Life's handsome building in Sydney, New South Wales, alludes to the Premier of that Colony as the President.

The Excess Insurance Co. is the title of a new venture in London, which proposes to accept moderate lines on fire and other (excluding life) risks, upon which the ordinary offices are full. For purposes of safety the Company limits the amount of premiums received each year to the amount of capital and reserve.

A Bill has been signed by the Governor of New York State, giving to uniformed members of the fire department power to inspect all parts of buildings used for places of public amusement, to prevent seats from being placed in aisles, to keep persons from standing in the same, and to remove persons or seats by force, if necessary.

Insurance against being buried alive is now being granted by a Company in France. Burial must take place within twenty-four hours after death in that country, and this has resulted in several people being put into coffins who have revived before removal to the cemetery. A premium of 15 centimes is charged, for which the company guarantees the member against burial or cremation alive. What is the value of such a guarantee?

"A bit of History" is the appropriate title of a neatly designed and well printed brochure, giving a very readable account of the inception and progress of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. The publication is interesting not only as showing the steps by which the Company has built up its business since its organization in 1810, but because of the side-lights it throws upon the methods adopted and the difficulties experienced in the earlier days of fire underwriting.

The Metropolitan's new combination policy grants a 20 year endowment benefit for half the amount with a 20 payment life assurance, and takes immediate effect; but should the assured die within the first year from any pulmonary disease, one-quarter of the endowment will be paid. No medical examination is required in the case of \$250 or \$500 policies, no warranty is contained in the application, and the assured is allowed the right to return the policy within two weeks after issue and obtain a refund of his premium.

At the annual meeting of the B. C. Board of Fire Underwriters, which was held at Victoria on the 6th ultimo, it was decided to request the home offices to approve of a uniform mortgage clause to be used by all companies doing business in the province. The question of the adoption of a uniform policy for insuring electric light and power plant was considered, and a committee appointed to draft a form for submission later on. It was decided after some discussion to let the rating of saw mills remain as heretofore. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. H. T. Ceperley, Vancouver; first-vice-president, C. E. Woods, Westminster; second vice-president, Mr. J. C. Maclure (Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.), Victoria; secretary and treasurer, C. R. Townley, Westminster. Executive committee:—Victoria, C. E. Dickenson, J. St. Clair Blackett and J. Holland; Vancouver, C. F. Yates, A. H. Smith and A. A. Boas; Westminster, A. W. Ross, F. J. Hart and T. R. Pears; Nanaimo, J. M. Rudd, Marcus Wolff and A. E. Plan-a. The next annual meeting will be held at Vancouver.