

It has been regarded as desirable that one member of the Council of the Board of Trade of this city, should be a representative of the interests of life assurance business. In view of this, Mr. B. Hal Brown, general manager of the Canada branch of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company has been nominated for a seat on the Council of the Board of Trade, who, no doubt, would give close attention to the duties of this office.

The 53rd annual report of the Harbour-Master, Toronto, shows that the number of vessels that arrived in port during the season was 3,164, being 107 less than in 1902; but an increase of nearly 50,000 tons register, owing to larger vessels now being used than formerly.

	Tonnage.			
	1902.	1903.	1902.	1903.
Propellers, loaded.....	515	469	151,263	149,320
Propellers, light.....	51	74	.....	.....
Steamers, loaded.....	2,066	1,988	913,396	955,333
Steamers, light.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Vessels, loaded.....	629	622	51,665	60,636
Vessels, light.....	10	9	.....	.....
	3,271	3,164	1,116,324	1,165,289

The following shows the leading imports of the port of Toronto:

	1903.	1902.
General merchandise, tons.....	29,890	24,744
Coal, tons.....	171,787	126,199
Wood, cords.....	67	247
Lake stone, toise.....	3,095	2,670
Ice, tons.....	13,595	.....
Fruit in packages, bbls.....	769	3,075
Fruit in packages, crates.....	9,353	915
Fruit in packages, baskets.....	445,029	597,206
Fruit in packages, bags.....	224	783
Fire bricks.....	129,000	24,000
Singles in bundles.....	641,000	.....
Lumber, sawed or square, feet B.M.....	334,000	.....
Grain and pul-e, bushels.....	.....	30,000
Carrriages, horses, etc.....	153	92
Oil in bulk, bbls.....	18,622	10,159

MONTREAL TRUST AND DEPOSIT COMPANY.

The annual meeting of above Company was held on 21st inst. The capital stock was increased to \$1,000,000, of which 50 per cent. is to be paid up. A large majority of the shares have already been subscribed. The following directors were appointed: Messrs. J. P. Dawes, R. Wilson-Smith, George Hague, Robt. Archer, A. Burnet, S. H. Ewing, Thos. Fyshe, Sir Wm. Hingston, Thos. Long, Allan R. Macdonnell, Albert MacLaren, Lt.-Col. Prevost, F. W. Ross, David Russell, Jas. Robinson, M.P., John M. Smith.

After the annual meeting, the new Board met, when Mr. J. P. Dawes, director of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, was elected president, and Mr. R. Wilson-Smith, vice-president. Mr. John M. Smith is the general manager, and Mr. Crombie, manager.

PERSONALS.

MR. CHAS. H. GREAVES, London, Eng., has been appointed by the London & Lancashire Life, inspector of agents for the London, England, district.

MR. J. BEATTIE, Glasgow, resident secretary of the Ocean Accident, was recently presented by the staff with a silver coffee service, and Mrs. Beattie with a silver toilet service on the occasion of their silver wedding.

MR. F. W. ASHE who succeeds Mr. G. H. Balfour, as manager of the Union Bank at Montreal, has been in the service of the bank for the past twenty-two years. He was recently manager at Smith's Falls, Ont.

MR. G. J. LOVELL, superintendent for Manitoba and Northwest Territories, of the National Life Assurance Company of Canada, has been appointed provincial manager.

CALENDARS, 1904.

In addition to those acknowledged last week, we have to thank the senders of the following:

LAW UNION & CROWN INSURANCE CO.—The calendar of this company is neat and the colouring quiet and restful to the eye. The date sheets are of a novel type, they turn over like the leaves of a book, each month occupying a leaf, and each day has a space for memoranda, thus forming a Diary as well as date card.

THE SUN FIRE OFFICE, London, displays the characteristic device of its metal plate that has been for nearly two centuries fastened on buildings insured by the company, that is, the Sun, with a human face, throwing off beams of light. The illumination is warm and bright enough to supply heat and light.

CHARLES F. DAWSON, mercantile stationer, sends us a plain, useful date card with good figures, readable at a distance.

THE EXCELSIOR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S illustration appropriately depicts the famous youth who carried the banner with the strange device, "Excelsior," whose tragic end suggests the desirability of taking out a life policy in early life—especially mountain climbers.

THE ECONOMICAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY'S calendar is very neat, and well executed.

THE SOVEREIGN LIFE ASSURANCE CO., has a striking effect produced by a sovereign (coin) emblazoned in gold, surmounted by a crown, on a ground of royal purple. The device is surrounded by maple leaves as emblems of Canada. The flashes of light shown to be radiating from the King, we presume, are intended to carry the idea of the gracious influences of His Majesty's reign.

THE MONTREAL GAZETTE calendar is distinguished by the special distinctness of the date figures.

A VERY OBVIOUS TYPOGRAPHICAL error in a notice of one calendar last week was the letter "n" being substituted for an "r." It is surprising that so manifest a printer's error was not instantly seen to be such. The wrong letter seems to have provoked more "innocent merriment," as the "Mikado" says, than many a carefully prepared witticism.

A pocket-book, sent by the London & Canadian Loan & Agency Company, Toronto, also one from the Massachusetts Mutual Accident Association are also acknowledged with thanks.