

consequences of the high pressure mode of doing business which our American neighbors are thorough masters of. Overpowered by the solicitation and importunities of agents, many sign applications for insurance which they never intend to carry through; others find it impossible to pay the premium and do not therefore get the policy; another large class pay one or two premiums and find that they cannot conveniently continue, or that the agent's representations have not been realized and so drop out. We subjoin the figures which tell their own tale:—

Name of Co.	Policies issued.	Policies terminated.	Per cent.
Atlantic.....	\$3,737,254	\$2,436,140	65
Equitable....	40,367,799	30,546,795	75
New York....	27,051,995	17,907,548	66
Ætna.....	21,705,474	23,719,005	1.09
Connecticut.	26,585,541	22,676,400	85
National, U.S	9,057,263	6,454,150	71
Phoenix.....	19,528,361	14,002,479	71
Travelers....	4,613,918	2,876,701	65
Union, Me...	10,899,150	4,918,405	45

The average of all the companies doing business in the State of New York was 68 per cent. Out of \$401,171,745, the total amount of terminated policies only \$20,065,099, or 5 per cent. were by death, \$53,805,449 by surrender, \$175,888,860 by lapse, and \$108,337,924 were "not taken."

THE QUEBEC AND GOSFORD RAILWAY COMPANY.—This Company after six months delay have accepted the proposition made by the contractor Mr. J. B. Hulbert, to lease the road for three years, the company giving him \$100,000 worth of bonds at 60 per cent., which amount is to be spent at at once to equip the road, erect sheds, &c. Mr. Hulbert guarantees the shareholders 6 per cent. on their stock, and 7 per cent. on the \$100,000 of bonds, the contract to take effect on the 1st September next. Two locomotives have been ordered from the Rhode Island locomotive works. First-class passenger cars will be put on the line, and we understand it is the intention to run three trains a day each way.

THE STANDARD LIFE.—We are requested to state in reply to an enquiry in our last week's paper, that the Bonus of the Standard Life Assurance Company for the 5 years ending November last, was declared at the meeting held on 22nd June last.

The notices of the amount of bonus allotted to each policy-holder, are being made out as quickly as possible, but as this requires a vast amount of work some little time has to be allowed. It is expected that the policy holders will have the notices within two or three weeks. The division of profit was made to November, 1870, and not to May, '71, as stated by our correspondent.

—M. F. Shanley has got the contract for the extension of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway to Owen Sound.

VIOLATIONS OF THE INSURANCE ACT.

Editor Monetary Times.

DEAR SIR,—Will you have the kindness to give me some information on the following subject in the next number of your valuable paper.

Is there any law to prevent American Fire Insurance Companies that have not made the necessary deposit from doing business in Canada? for instance, a company in Buffalo or Detroit often send their agents across the frontier to Fort Erie or Windsor, and take risks. The policies are written in either of the former places—and I know of one company, the Western of Buffalo, which has an agent in Fort Erie, and he does considerable business in that section, much to the detriment of the companies that have made the necessary deposit with the Government.

Any information you can give me on this subject will much oblige.

Yours truly,

RICHARD RADCLIFFE,
Insurance Agent.

Goderich, August 9, 1871.

REMARKS.—Any policy of fire insurance issued under such circumstances is clearly illegal, and renders the person issuing the same liable to the penalty prescribed by 13th section of the Insurance Act of 1868, which is worded as follows: "Sec. 13, Any person who shall deliver any policy of insurance, or collect any premium, or transact any business of insurance on behalf of any such company as aforesaid without such License as aforesaid, * * * shall be liable to a penalty of \$1,000 for each such contravention of this Act, which penalty may be sued for and recovered on information filed in the name of the Attorney General of Canada, &c." The clause further provides for a term of imprisonment in case of non-payment of fine.

If any Company is so far wanting in self-respect as to transact business in this base and illegal manner, we hope that some one will take upon himself the office of informer, so that justice may be had in the premises. The culprit who operates on this side of the line should be caught and made an example of.

Meetings.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Annual Meeting of the Royal Insurance Company was held at the Company's Offices, Royal Insurance buildings, North John street, Liverpool.

Charles Turner, Esq., M. P., Chairman of the Company, presided.

The Manager of the Company read the advertisement calling the meeting, and also the following

Report for the year 1870.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—In reporting the results of the Fire Business for the year 1869 reference was made to the number and severity of the losses which had occurred in various parts of the world in the first few months of the year 1870, and intimation was made that the Royal had shared in many of these. It is now satisfactory to announce that the losses sustained during the remaining months of the year were so much below the usual average that the result of the whole year's transactions leaves a profit including interest, of £60,195 15s. 9d.

The Fire revenue for the year amounted to £511,836 16s. 5d. displaying steady and satis-

factory progress. The Fire Losses for the period were £339,810 6s. 10d.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.—The results of the operations in this Branch for the year are highly gratifying, and may be fairly accepted as evidence that the additional check, referred to in the last report as having been adopted by your Directors to obtain adequate confirmation of the accuracy of the Life Valuation, has been satisfactory to the public.

In all the items of revenues there has been an increase, and the Balance-sheets again show a large addition to the accumulated fund.

The new proposals completed during the year were 1,235, and the premiums thereon.... £20,349 0 7

The total income from life assurance premiums, after deducting reassurances, was..... 220,784 7 6

And the interests from investments 51,151 8 3

The claims, including payments of bonus additions, show a decrease, compared with those of the preceeding year, and amount to..... 95,062 8 7

a sum considerably below that corresponding to the expected mortality.

The amount paid during the year for the surrender of life policies and bonus additions was 13,029 19 2

In the annuity and endowment branches the purchase-money received for new annuities, together with the premiums on contingent annuities and on endowment policies amounted to..... 17,669 3 4

The interest placed to the credit of these accounts was..... 8,481 14 4

Seventeen annuitants have died during the year, the annual payments to whom amounted to..... 673 5 2

After payment of all claims, Cash bonuses, annuities, and expenses of every description, the amount added to the life fund for the year is..... 147,240 19 9

DIVIDEND AND BONUS.—The Directors now beg to recommend that a Dividend of 3s. per share, and a bonus of 4s. per share, together 7s. per share, free of income tax, be declared. Immediately after the general meeting, an extraordinary meeting of the Shareholders, will be held, to authorise the Directors to pay an interim dividend in the month of February, annually, if the Board see fit, and a resolution will be submitted to the meeting for that purpose.

FUNDS.—After providing for payment of dividend and bonus, the funds of the Company will stand as follows:—

Capital paid up..... £289,095 0 0

Reserved Funds and profit and Loss Account..... 314,307 14 7

Life Assurance Fund..... 1,320,642 8 19

DIRECTORS.—The following Directors now retire, and are eligible for re-election, viz. Ralph Brocklebank, Esq., Thomas Dover, Esq., Francis Maxwell, Esq., M. Hyslop Maxwell, Esq., Michael Bousefield, W. J. Marrow Esq., David Malcolmson, Esq., Charles Turner, Chairman.

Aug. 2. 1871.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said:—Gentlemen—When your Directors had the pleasure of meeting you this time last year we were sorry to be obliged to report that no profit had been made on the Fire business of the Company for the preceeding six months; but I am now happy to be able to tell you that the business of the Company for the last half of the year we have made fully an average profit. (Cheers). It also gives me pleasure to say that we have had a good year