Canada for 1897 as $280,806.42, of which $271,727.23 represented net premiums received. The amount paid for losses was $118,861.39. The total assets of the Union Assurance Society in Canada is $332,790.03, cash, stocks and debentures representing $320,000 of the amount.

Obituary.

DEATH OF MR. DALTON McCARTHY, Q. C.

The untimely death of Mr. Dalton McCarthy will be heard of with regret all over the Dominion of Canada, and also by the legal profession in Great Britain. A distinguished lawyer and a public man of marked ability and singular independence of thought and action, he was esteemed and respected for his strong and earnest championship of whatever he regarded as right.

By the death of Mr. McCarthy, the Canadian Bar loses one of its brightest ornaments, and a brilliant and interesting member is removed from the arena of politics.

Wedding Bells.

But earthlier happy is the rose distill'd
Than that which, withering on the virgin thorn,
Grows, lives, and dies, in single blessedness.
(Shakespeare.)

An extremely pretty, although quiet, wedding was celebrated by Monseigneur Bruchesi, in the Archbishop's private chapel on Tuesday morning last, when Mr. L. Joseph Tarte, co-proprietor of *La Patrie*, was united in "a bond enduring through long distant years" to Mademoiselle Berthe Gauthier. The Hon. Mr. Tarte and ex-alderman Gauthier, fathers of the contracting parties, supported the bride and groom. The wedding presents are reported to be most valuable and numerous.

THE CHRONICLE echoes all the congratulations showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Tarte, and wishes them many happy years.

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The Church of St. Louis de France will be the scene of a very pleasant double event to-morrow afternon, when Miss Alma David, eldest daughter of our worthy City Clerk, will be united in marriage to Mr. Robert Clark, son of the late editor of the *True Witness*, and Miss Eliza David (fourth daughter of Mr. David) and Mr. Barbeau Rainville, advocate, Bryson, will have the same ceremony performed on the occasion.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to act as father for the latter gentleman. We add our earnest good wishes to the many that will follow the happy couples.

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On Wednesday, the 11th inst., Mr. W. de M. Marler, the well-known notary of this city, and Miss Jamieson, daughter of Mr. R. C. Jamieson, were united in marriage. Our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Notes and Items.

The Illinois Reserve Life Insurance Company, of Chicago, has been incorporated at Springfield, Ill., upon a mutual basis.

Daniel A. Heald, president of the Home Insurance Company of New York, celebrated his eightieth birthday on Wednesday last.

The Continental Casualty Company of New York is in process of organization with a capital of $200,000, and a surplus of $100,000.

Barbee & Castleman, Southern Managers of the Royal, have cancelled the policies on the Vanderbilt University property written at cut rates.

The bill to incorporate the New York Mutual Title Insurance Co. and the bill designed to permit life companies to withhold quarterly and half yearly notices of premium due are both dead.

The London Fire Office has withdrawn from the United States. Its chief office was in the Fort Dearborn Building, Chicago. Claimants for losses or returns are referred to the home office in London, Eng.

The receiver of the Lincoln Fire advertises that from present returns and reports made by his accountants, the claims of creditors are likely to be paid in full or nearly so as soon as a decree for distribution shall be made by the court.

Judge, Barker of Louisville, has been allowed a fee of $7,500 as counsel for the receiver of the Columbia Fire of America. He succeeded in securing the rejection of $500,000 worth of claims filed against the defunct company.

Combined Examination of Mutual Life. The Insurance Commissioners of the States of Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri have decided to commence a joint examination of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York on May 16.

The cost of the United States internal revenue stamp law is being figured out by some fire underwriters as concerns themselves. There are companies which will be called upon to pay over $125,000 annually, and many more from $50,000 to $75,000 on policies alone. If to this is added the proposed tax on checks, drafts, leases, proxies and what not, it is estimated that the fire insurance interest will be called on for 2 1-2 or 3 per cent. on its gross receipts to the end that Cuba may be free and haughty Spain bite the dust!