



Mr. F. F. PARKINS

Manager for Canada of The Travelers' Insurance Company

The promotion of Mr. F. Parkins, chief agent for the Provinces of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, of the Travelers' Insurance Company, to the position of manager for Canada, has given much gratification to his wide circle of personal friends and to the officials of the Company.

Mr. Parkins was born in London, England, and educated at the Collegiate School in that city. In 1881, he entered the service of the Accident Company of North America, in this city. In 1887, he accepted the position of superintendent of agencies for the Standard Insurance Company of Detroit. With this company he continued about six years, when he was appointed on the field staff of the Travelers' Insurance Company, and was promoted to the position of chief agent for the Provinces of Quebec and Eastern Ontario. Having given much satisfaction to the president and directors by his management of the business committed to his charge, he was recently advanced another step by being appointed manager for Canada. One of his first duties in this enlarged sphere, was a visit to Winnipeg, where he opened an agency, and he is about visiting other parts of the country to establish

the business of the Travelers', or to inspect the agencies already in existence.

Mr. Parkins unites business abilities with energy and perseverance: his address is agreeable and calculated to attract friends and business, so that his promotion has given wide-spread gratification and elicited warm expressions of good will.

The Travelers' Insurance Company is the pioneer accident company on this continent. In the early years of this class of insurance, the accidents on railways were regarded as the principal hazard, so accident insurance was originally designed to provide indemnity in case of injury or death by a railway disaster. Hence the name "Travelers" was adopted by the late Mr. James G. Batterson, when, in 1863, he organized an accident company in America on the lines adopted in Great Britain. Experience soon showed that railways rank far below other causes of accidents, and for these numerous miscellaneous ones the Travelers' provides insurance. It conducts also a life business which was organized in 1866, and since then has developed into prominence.