

ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly—Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

It is stated that Lord Orford left £200,000 in cash.

It has been decided to establish a shipping exchange at Southampton.

There are over 2,000 miles of gas pipes underlying the streets of London.

Berry, the hangman, says that he has hanged 500, but never one teetotaler.

The Prince of Wales sends Christmas presents to all his old friends and even to his acquaintances.

After the Queen, the most sincerely charitable member of the Royal Family is H. R. H. Princess Christian.

The only two royal ladies who have made balloon ascents are Eugenie, the ex-Empress of France, and Christiana, Queen of Sweden.

The national debt of Great Britain amounts to rather more than £20 for each inhabitant. But very few worry over the matter.

According to the will of the late Dowager Duchess of Montrose, all her jewellery is to be sold and the proceeds are to go to different London charities.

The peer who is father of the greatest number of children is the Duke of Westminster, who has just given away one of his daughters. His children number seventeen.

It is calculated that if the children under the care of the London School Board were to join hands they would reach from London to Carlisle, a distance of 300 miles. Queen Victoria's daily menu is written in French, with the exception of the single item "roast beef," which is loyally and uncompromisingly English, as befits a national dish.

An authority states in a medical journal that the height of a very tall British woman was, fifty years ago, five feet seven, while now the height averages five feet six to five feet ten.

Mr. Herbert Spencer recently told an interviewer that he made a point of giving his digestive organs as little to do as possible, and that in that way he has succeeded in attaining to a ripe old age.

At Essen, Germany, in the archives of the Munsterkirche, a manuscript of the Psalms has been discovered, which, if it belongs, as is believed, to the middle of the ninth century, it is the oldest Latin version of the Psalms.

The latest report of women in industrial occupations in England shows an increase of 334,000 over 1891, that is in ten years. Gardeners, florists, watchmakers, goldsmiths and silversmiths are women in larger numbers in England than in America.

A Jew in London is making a lot of money by lending out a £1,000 Bank of England note to swell weddings to be exhibited as the gift of the bride's father. A man is sent along to watch the note, and can be made very useful at the presents table exhibiting the articles.

A Welshman proposes to build a ship that will have a speed of sixty miles an hour, the boat will be 500 feet long and 50 feet wide, with a flat bottom and wedge-shaped bow and stern, of 10,000 tons displacement, and with eight paddle-wheels on each side, each making seventeen revolutions a minute.

Prince Hohenlohe, the new German Chancellor, is personally very popular. He has made it a rule to visit the French capital once a year, usually in July or August, when he could lunch or dine in the open air, look for old books in the Quai Voltaire, and see the life of the boulevards at its best.

Mrs. Evans, wife of ex-Lord Mayor of London Sir David Evans, whose daughter has just married Harry North, son of Colonel North, the nitrate king, had a most plebeian origin. She was maid of all work in a country inn when Mr. Evans, the wealthy London merchant, fell in love with her while on a hunting visit.

Of all dances, the Duchess of Edinburgh enjoys a cotillion best. Princess Maude of Roumania and the Duchess of Connaught are most fond of waltzing, and that is also the favorite dance of the Prince of Wales, who is an accomplished waltzer. The Princess of Wales prefers lancers, and the Duchess of Fife is most enamored with a set of quadrilles while all the Royal Family, including the Queen herself, have a liking for the Roger de Coverley country dance.

Her Majesty is accredited with having recently vindicated her reputation for an excellent political memory. It is said that on one of the courtiers representing to Her Majesty that there was no precedent for a Canadian statesman dying in Britain, she remarked at once that she remembered that in May, 1873, the Minister of Militia and Defence of Canada died in Britain, and his body was sent to Canada. The courtier looked the matter up, and found it was as the Queen stated, and the gentleman was Sir George Carter, Bart.

A computation made on good data shows that there are in the United Kingdom now about three million working women, of whom one-half are in domestic service; further, that half the working class families in the country are wholly or partially maintained by women who are widows or the wives of sick or drunken husbands or the daughters of aged, afflicted, or dissolute parents; and that most of these latter work at extremely low wages.

Western Assurance Company.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of the Western Assurance Company, which appear in another column, are very satisfactory, and both officers and shareholders are gratified at the success which has marked the year. Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum have been declared; \$10,000 carried to reserve fund, which now amounts to \$1,100,000, and after providing an ample reinsurance reserve to meet liabilities on outstanding policies, the net surplus of the company has been increased to \$377,247.59. Deep regret was expressed at the loss sustained by the company in the death of the late president, Mr. A. M. Smith.

A MILLER'S STORY.

HE WAS GIVEN JUST ONE MONTH TO LIVE.

First Attacked With Inflammatory Rheumatism, and Then Stricken With Paralysis—Hope Abandoned and He Longed for Death to Release Him From Suffering—At Last He Found a Cure and Relates His Wonderful Recovery.

Sherbrooke Gazette. The benefits arising from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are well known to the Gazette. It is a frequent occurrence that people come into the office and state that they have been restored to health by their use. It occasionally happens that extraordinary instances of their curative powers come to our notice, and one of these was related to us recently, so astonishing in its nature that we felt the closest investigation was required in order to thoroughly test the accuracy of the statements made to us. We devoted the necessary time for that purpose and can vouch for the reliability of the following facts, wonderfully passing belief as they may appear:

There are few men more widely known in this section than Mr. A. T. Hopkins, of Johnville, Que. Previous to his removal to Johnville, Mr. Hopkins resided at Windsor Mills and was for three years a member of the municipal council of that place. When a young man Mr. Hopkins was noted for his strength and his activity as a wrestler. His strength stands him in good stead for he works hard at his business, carrying heavy sacks of flour in his mill for many hours during the day and frequently far into the night. Active as he is, and strong as he is, there was a time not long distant when he was as helpless as an infant and suffered intolerable agony. About three years ago, while residing at Windsor Mills, he was attacked by inflammatory rheumatism. It grew worse and worse until, in spite of medical advice and prescriptions, after a year's illness he had a stroke of paralysis. His right arm and leg became quite useless. Sores broke out on both legs. He suffered excruciating agony, and had rest neither day nor night. He sought the best medical advice that could be obtained, but no hopes were held out to him by the physicians. "He will certainly die within a month," one well-known practitioner told his friends. "He will be a cripple for life," said two other doctors. It is no wonder that, as he says, life became a burden to him and he longed for death to relieve him from his sufferings. This was in August, 1892. About October of that year he heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and as a forlorn hope determined to try them. He did so, and before long was able to take outdoor exercise. He persevered with the treatment, closely following the directions, and is to-day nearly as strong as when a young man, and is able to follow very successfully and without difficulty the laborious calling by which he gets a living.

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He—"How well Miss Elderberry carries her age!" She—"But then she has become so accustomed to it, you know."

He—"Indeed, sir, I haven't reached the matrimonial bargain-counter yet!" He—"You would be a bargain, my dear, on any counter."

With the spring tide come the flowers, but before them comes the illustrated seed and flower Catalogue, in its way almost as attractive as the flowers themselves. We have just received the Catalogue of The Steele, Briggs, Marcon Seed Co., of Toronto, full of instructive details of great value to all interested in plant and flower life, and who is not? The reputation of this house stands high and no reader of this journal can do better than consult their Catalogue or write them personally.

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WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

— FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Directors' Report and Financial Statement—The President's Address—Satisfactory Results of the Past Year's Business—The Old Board Unanimously Re-elected.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company was held at its offices, in Toronto, Thursday last. Mr. Geo. A. Cox, President, occupied the chair, and Mr. C. C. Foster, having been appointed to act as Secretary to the meeting, read the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors beg to present herewith their Annual Report, showing income and expenditure of the Company for the year 1894, together with profit and loss account and statement of assets and liabilities at the close of the year.

The premium income, owing mainly to general business depression and depreciation in values, shows a falling off compared with that of the preceding year, but this was more than counterbalanced by reduced losses, and the revenue account shows an excess \$111,453.47 of income over expenditure. Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum have been declared; \$10,000 carried to reserve fund, which now amounts to \$1,100,000; and after providing an ample reinsurance reserve to meet liabilities on outstanding policies, the net surplus of the Company has been increased to \$377,247.59.

Your Directors feel assured that the Shareholders will have learned with deep regret of the recent loss which the Company has sustained in the death of its late President, Mr. A. M. Smith, who as a Director for the past twenty-nine years, and as President since 1883, had, by his wise counsel and the active personal interest he had always taken in its affairs, contributed largely to the success of the Company.

The vacancies caused by Mr. Smith's death have been filled by the election of the Vice-President, Mr. Geo. A. Cox, to the presidency; and that of the Managing Director, Mr. J. J. Kenny, to the position of Vice-President; the vacancy on the Board being filled by the appointment of Mr. J. K. Osborne as a Director.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Revenue Account—	
Total Income	\$2,193,873.71
Total Expenditure (including appropriation for all losses reported to 31st December, 1894)	2,082,419.58
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,100,000.00
Total Assets	2,373,604.02

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, said:—

I am sure that I express the sentiments of every Shareholder of the Company when

I say that the absence from the chair of one who for so many years has presided over our annual gatherings, and maintained such a constant oversight of the affairs of the Company, is a source of sincere regret. This feeling is painfully impressed upon us at this, the first Shareholders' meeting for thirty years from which our late President has been absent. You will, I am sure, agree with me that we are fortunate in having secured for our Boardroom so excellent a portrait as that before you of one who has so well earned a place of honor upon its walls, and whose kindly disposition, business integrity, and blameless life have left upon the annals of our business community, and more particularly upon the minds of those intimately associated with him, a record which must afford us pleasure, as well as profit, to contemplate. Although in failing health for some time past, Mr. Smith continued to take a deep interest in the business of the Company, and to fulfil the duties of his office until after the close of the year with which the report just read deals, and I feel, therefore, in presenting it, that I am rendering, on his behalf, an account of the final year of his Presidency rather than submitting a report by virtue of the position to which the Directors have recently done me the honor to elect me. In performing this duty my task is a comparatively light one, for the statement of the accounts of the year, which has been in the hands of Shareholders for some days, is one which appears to call for no lengthened explanations, and certainly requires no words of apology at my hands. From a Shareholder's point of view, and taking into account the depressed condition of general business over the entire continent during the year, it must be regarded, I think, as an eminently satisfactory statement, showing, as it does, that after paying out of the profits of the year our usual dividend of ten per cent. upon the capital, we have been able to add \$10,000 to our reserve fund; and that, after providing an ample reserve for running of outstanding risks, we have made a substantial addition to our net surplus. On the whole, therefore, I say that I think we may congratulate ourselves, as well as the officers and agents of the Company, upon the result of the year's transactions, bearing evidence, as it does, of that careful selection of risks and judicious supervision which is so essential in times when depreciation in the value of all classes of property is liable to increase the hazard of fire underwriting. Although the report deals only with the business of 1894, I may be permitted to refer briefly to matters relating to the present year, and in this connection I may first allude to the unfortunate experience of our own city during the early part of January, when by two fires, occurring within a week of each other, property to the value of close upon one million and a half dollars, and embracing several of what were regarded as our best mercantile risks, was destroyed, involving a loss of nearly one million dollars to insurance companies. With the large interests which the "Western" has in Toronto, it is needless to say that we could not hope to escape heavy losses in such disasters; but I am pleased to be able to inform you that our lines were so well distributed, and on the larger risks reduced by reinsurance, that our net loss by these two fires was \$37,200, an amount not sufficient to seriously affect, with our present large income, the average of the year's losses. As a result of these fires, the improved fire protection which has long been urgently needed in Toronto seems likely to be afforded. It will be of interest also to Shareholders to know that a contract has been entered into under which we have reinsured the Canadian business of the United Fire Insurance Company, of Manchester, England, which Company has ceased doing business in the Dominion, being, in fact, now in course of liquidation. This will naturally bring some increase in the volume of our Canadian fire business, from which we have in the past derived a fair profit, and from which we feel that we may reasonably look for satisfactory results in the future.

The Vice-President seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously.

The election of Directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the old Board, viz.:—Messrs. Geo. A. Cox, Hon. S. C. Wood, Robt. Beatty, G. R. R. Cockburn, M. P., Geo. McMurrich, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, J. K. Osborne, and J. J. Kenny.

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