DOWN IN THE ORE MINES

AMERICAN CAPITAL WILL MAKE MINING OPERATIONS BOOM.

A Pleasant Trip Yesterday Among the Laurentian Hills - Business Will be Done With a Rush-Kingston will Reap Much Benefit-Run Over the Road.

When the New York capitalists get back to the metropolis they will make the K. & P.R. stock boom.

In doing this they will boom their own in-

Yesterday a car load of them went out to the ore mines, climbed over hills, and shot down shafts, and came back in good humor. The black mineral looks now like gold to them, and many Kingstonians hope their enterprize will be fully rewarded.

In wishing this they only help them-

"How's that?" enquires one. That's an easy one! If \$200,000 a year be spent in developing the mines who gets the benefit? Kingston, the depot for supplies. Men will get employment and the ships will get freights. And by-and-bye Kingston will get smelting furnaces. Now will any Kingstonians fail to wish the new mining company success?

It was 8:15 o'clock when the Americans crowded into the directors' car of the local railway and prepared themselves for a long journey. They were accompanied by Messrs. C. F. Gildersleeve, M. Grady, B.W. Folger, and a Whig representative. Their intention was to view some of the 15,000 acres of mineral lands owned by the company. The new organization has a capital of \$5,000,000, with all the stock alloted and ready to be listed on the New York stock exchange. The interested parties are men of energy, and they have the touch on the mighty iron concerns of the United States. "We have the best connections that any company could desire," said President Seibert to the WHIG commissioner with a significant wink. He went on to say that the company meant business, that it intended systematizing the work, and that 100,000 tons had to be placed on the Kingston docks before navigation closed this year. "Mr. Pollock, the general manager," continued Mr. Seibert, "will at once arrange for a capable superintendent, for capable and experienced miners, for a careful and systematized prosecution of mining operations, and I think that with these the work can be done with great success." The Kingston and Pembroke railway will also build ore cars and erect shutes on their property in Cataraqui Bay. REVIEW OF THE TRIP.

The company, after a ride of twenty miles, took a smile, and thereafter, at stated intervals, the dust was cleared away. And what a heap of it accumulated in a fellow's throat in a very short time. The first halt was made at Boyd Smith's phosphate mine, near St. George's lake. The capitalists climbed over the octagonal lumps and disputed about the character of the mineral. Some of the Wall street chaps wanted to know what it was good for anyway. Any man could find stones on his property. One fellow said : "I'll be hanged if I know how such stuff can be used as a fertilizer. Do they burn it like limestone before they use No one answered.

The journey was resumed and Wilbur mine, in Lavant township, beyond Mississippi station, reached about noon. "Where's the mine ?" said one. "Oh, just over the hill," replied Hon. D. L. Gibbons, the genial young blood of the subway commission of

New York When Fearing, a chubby broker with a double chin, got back, he said, "That's the largest hill I ever got over !" He was perspiring freely. He promised to take the word of the company when there was any

further exploring to do. The mine, however, was only about half a mile from the track, and a great sight. It was on the top of a hill surrounded by great white boulders, and scenery of a thrilling character. There were two openings, with a half dozen diamond drills prospecting on eminences in the locality. The chief pit was 220 feet deep. The output was about 100 tons per day. The capacity will be increased to 250 tons per day by an improvement in the machinery. The ore men calculate that there's millions of tons of ore within a radius of three miles of the Wilbur mine. And they own every foot of the land and thousands of acres beside. A dozen or \$3 per cord ; dry soft wood, dry hard wood, so of them went down to the bottom of the pit, but ex-Governor Beach, the "Cardiff giant" as he was called, and a great heap of good nature, said with a drawl : "No you don't; I can find enough scenery on top of the earth without looking below." The fellows who went down came up with blackened hands and faces, and dirtied clothes. But they had chunks of ore with them and

IN THE BURNING BUSH. They got back to the car very hot and bed raggled. But the car had a lavatory and they rushed for it. Then the train tore on through miles and miles of country, scarred, seared and scorched by fire. The face of nature in some places looked bleak and desolate. The ashes on the side of the hills, and beside the white rocks, gave the country the appearance of being covered with snow. The air was heavy with smoke. Here and there the fires still blazed. Some green patches which the fire-fiend had missed, were happy reliefs amid the general wreck and desolation. The streams, however, dashed merrily adown the hillsides, while to their very brinks the flames had gone, and only to be driven back. Then the party took stock of the pretty lakes crowding the valleys between the slopes of the Laurentian range. The iron duke pointed out two lakes, one thousand yards apart, one of which was twenty-five lower than the other. "Trout ! trout ! !" was Vice President Flower's cry as the lakes shot backward. Presently J. D. Flower's island in Calabogie lake came in view, and his valuable real estate in Canada won great admiration. "You're a wealthy man," said Fearing sarcastically; "you have enough timber on it to make a telegraph pole."

they rejoiced.

Flower said he had never put his foot on the land, but he was going to do it some day. Possibly he would let the island at a low rental to some poor evicted Irishman. By-the-way this particular island was se-cured by C. F. Gildersleeve for Mr. Flower from the government. "How much did Mr, Flewer give you for it," said some one, and with shamefacedness the president of the K. & P.R. replied : "He said, 'Thank you. But it cost me only \$10." LEAVING HIS ASSOCIATES.

Here James Tillinghast, of Buffalo, a railoader of forty years standing, and for years vice-president of the New York Central railroad, got off and fondly farewelled to his companions. Business compelled him to leave his good associates. Before going he expressed his delight at what he had seen to the White representative. He had never be-held such remantic scenery. As to practical matters he was confident that the hills which he had seen were full of iron ore. Their appearance and formations indicated that. He was astonished at the great engineering difficulties overcame in the construction of the road. He was satisfied that it was a good investment.

The train reached Renfrew about 1:45 The o'clock, and the capitalists crowded the gued.

'busses and set out for Plannt's hotel. The proprietor had dinner in waiting, and the spread was appreciated. The villagers wondered at the invasion. But they soon found out, for the enterprising reporters of the town learned all about it.

About half past three the return journey was made to Calabogie, where another of the company's mines is being worked. "How far is it away?" enquired ex-

Senator Daggett, suggestively, as he arose from a whist table. "Oh," replied Gibbons, "just over the hill," and he smiled at Fearing.

"I'll go if Fearing does," said the Cardiff giant, and Fearing pulled off his coat and plunged ahead. He climbed the hill, and, seeing ex-Governor Beach ahead, remarked, "Well, I've got up to the top; I guess I'll not go over." And he sat down on a rock and communed with nature for half an hour. "Just over the hill" proved half a mile away. The pit is located on the shores of the lake, and has been drilled down sixty teet. The ore is said to be the best that the company possesses. It is 61 per cent. pure iron, and is remarkably free from deleterious substances. The Joliet steel works, of Chicago, offered to take the entire production of the mine.

THE HOMEWARD RUN. The run in from Calabogie lake was quick ly made, the train skimming along at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. Those in

the company enjoyed themselves. They were landed in the city at 8:30 o'clock. All were delighted with the trip. They were glad they had stock in the mines and were anxious to keep it. As soon as they got here they sent away orders for the purchase of stock in the K. & P. RR. company. If the mining company was successful the railway had to prosper.

The company has the following mines in operation: Glendower, Wilbur, Calabogie, Williams, and Robertsville. Improved machinery will be purchased and new openings made with haste. An office will be opened in Kingston. The officers of the company are:

President-Henry Seibert, New York. Vice-President-B. W. Folger, Kingston. Secretary-Treasurer-Hon. D. L. Gibbons. New York.

Directors-Messrs. H. Hollister, F. S. Flower, D. L. Gibbons, H. Seibert, W. F. Cooper, Gen. S. Thomas, New York; R. Stirling, Chicago; B. W. Folger, Kingston; W. G. Pollock, Cleveland.

J. M. Machar has been appointed the company's solicitor. To-day the magnates went down the river on the steamer Maud, and left for home by the evening express from Cape Vincent.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Paragraphs of Interest as Picked Up by Our Busy Reporters on the Street.

The opening of hotels at Calabogie occurs A special meeting of the school board will

be held this evening. Silks for hat trimmings, 5c and 8c per

yard, at Hardy's. Court of chancery will open to-morcow at 11 o'clock a.m. ; Judge Ferguson presiding. Judge Wilkinson is very ill. His judicial duties will be performed by Judge

Five hundred yards of tweed, left at W. J. Byrnes' old stand, will have to be cleared

out at any price. A. Chown & Co. shipped to J. D. Quail, Fort McLeod, N.W.T., a car load of car-

riage hardware. A hotel-keeper at Portsmouth was fined \$50 yesterday for violating the Scott act by

selling spirituous liquors. A rifle match, between the officers of the penitentiary and keepers of Rockwood asylum, is being arranged.

To-morrow will be the joyous Christian festival of the ascension of our Lord. The services in St. Mary's cathedral will be held as on Sunday.

For the best quality of Scranton stove coal, also for English (Newcastle) blacksmith's, coal at lowest rates, go to gas works

The mining company will engage a chemist to analyze all ores leaving this port. The company will know the value of all the ore

it sends out. The great sale of Sheffield goods will close to-night. This will be a good chance to secure bargains. Sale at 7:30. J. T. Hutche-

son, auctioneer. Dry edgings, \$2.50 per cord ; dry slabs, always on hand at Crawford's wood and coal

yard ; office foot of Queen street. A congratulatory address, signed by fifteen hundred students, has been forwarded to the Queen. The names of students of Queen's university were attached to it.

In future the cigars that used to be bought at three for 25c. will be sold at 10c. straight. The duty has made the change. Cigarettes, imported, will sell at 13c. per package.

"Mrs. S., have you tried the roll bacon Crawford is selling at 10c. per lb. ? It is lovely." This is the expression of all who buy our rolls or pic-nic hams at 10c. per lb. James Crawford.

There is quite a settlement about the Calabogie mines. The steam saw mill began work a few days ago for the season. A train of lumber is sent over the road from the

Another bonanza for the boys. Mr. W. Reeves having bought R. Spencer's tailor, gent's furnishing stock at 50c, on the dollar bargains will still be given at W. J. Byrnes' old stand until the stock is cleared out.

"I am awfully tired." These were the words of a woman who had been housecleaning all day." "Never mind, Hannah, I shall go down to Crawford and order one dozen of Labatt's ale and that will brace you up." She smiled and was contented.

THE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE.

What Will Be Done at It-An Interesting Programme Has Been Prepared.

To-morrow a joint conference of the County of Frontenac and City Teachers' associations will begin in the court house; and will last two days. The programme to be carried out is as follows :

Thursday-10 a.m., business meeting of city teachers at board rooms; 11 a.m., meeting of county teachers at court house. In the afternoon papers by the following teacheas: Miss Caldwell, "Fair Play;" Mr. Tilley, "Fitch, chap. 4, descriptive;" Mr. Henstridge, "A College of Preceptors for Ontario." In the evening, at 7 o'clock, Mr. Henstridge will read a paper, "The Ontario Educational Society," and at 8 o'clock Mr. J. J. Tilley, director of teachers' institutes, will begin a lecture entitled, "A Plea for Education." Music will be given by the city association's glee club.

Friday-Papers will be submitted by Miss Polson, on "Language Lessons to Junior Classes;" by Mr. Tilley, on "Fractions to a Class;" by Mr. Joyner, on "Music and Calisthenics ;" by Mr. Tilley, on "Aims in Teaching." At 1:30 the election of officers will occur. All friends of education are invited to attend the conference.

As yet Archbishop Corrigan has not re-ceived the communication from the pope in regard to the McGlynn case. The dector's friends hope he will go to Rome, but fear he will persist in his present attitude.

The Quebec legislature has been prore-

THE COURT OF CHANCERY

A SUMMARY OF THE CASES TO BE HEARD AT IT.

A Widow Will Endeavor to Recover Her Late Husband's Pension-Another Woman Seeks Allmony From her Husband, who has Inherited Great Riches.

On Thursday, at 11 o'clock, Justice Ferguson will open the court of chancery. The following is the list of cases

Daly v. Daly-An action between partners in a Napanee firm. The plaintiff seeks an injunction to restrain his brother, the defendant, from selling tea to customers of the late firm and to account for tea already sold to such parties. J. McIntyre, Q.C., and R. C. Clute for plaintiff ; Britton and Whiting for defendant.

Mooers v. Gooderham-An action brought by Henry Mouers & Co. against Gooderham & Worts, Toronto, for \$5,200, the value of a cargo of trye sold to them last fall. Defendants refuse to pay on the ground that the grain heated after receiving it, and that it was not in good order. Walkem & Walkem for plaintiff; Beaty, Chadwick & Co., Toronto, for defendants.

Macdonnell vs. McGuire-An action for the recovery of \$800, placed in the hands of T. H. McGuire, in trust. The money was paid over to Mr. McGrath, of Wolfe Island, with whom the deceased Macdonnell lived. The widow, who did not live with her husband, but at Alexandria Bay, took out letters of administration and seeks to recover the money, which by the way, was a back pension from the American government to the deceased Wolfe Islander. Smythe & Smith for plaintiff; T. H. McGuire in per-

Kincaid vs. Kincaid-An action for alimony. The defendant, a fisherman at Alexandria Bay, in poor circumstances, inherited money from his father, the late crier of the Leeds and Grenville court, and his wife, whom he refused to support some years ago, brings the action to secure alimony. Britton & Whiting for plaintiff; Wood & Webster for defendant.

McFadden vs. Fowler - An action arising out of the McMahon defalcation. It is brought by the heirs of Thomas McFadden and others against the executors and trustees of the Horsey estate, to have declared what is due upon a mortgage held by the estate, payments on which had been made to J. A. McMahon, as solicitor of the executors. Also for an order for the defendants to assign the mortgage to the plaintiffs or their nominee. Walkem & Walkem, for plaintiffs; H. C. Fowler, Toronto, for defendants.

Dupuis vs. Sullivan-A friendly action regarding the interpretation of a clause in the will of the late Mrs. Dr. Dujuis, as to the interest of plaintiff in his wife's real estate as tenant for life, in addition to the benefits given him under the will. Macdonnell & Mudie for plaintiff; Kirpatrick & Rogers for executors, and Walkem & Walkem for the infants.

Morice vs. Bailey-An action for the sale of property under mortgages and judgments held by the defendants. Macdonnell and Mudie for plaintiff; T. L. Snook for defen-

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton left for Ottawa at noon to-day.

Mr. Blaine will sail for Europe early next month on account of poor health. James McCartney takes a position in Murray & Taylor's store at Renfiew.

Rev. M. W. Maclean, Belleville, leaves on a visit to the north-west in a few weeks. Lieut. T. A Elliott, son of Rev. Dr. Elliott, takes command of a company in the 41st regiment, Brockville.

Ald. J. D. Thompson and R. J. Eilbeck accompanied the New York magnates upon their trip down the river to-day.

J. Walworth, formerly a keeper in Rockwood asylum, has been appointed clerk in the Canadian express company's office. Patti has sailed for Europe. She left the

New Yorkers in tears. They were gracious drops worth about \$10,000 a tear. Lady Cartwright and the Misses Cartwright were in Montreal yesterday, en route

to Kingston. They have been about a year Dr. John Fulton, of Toronto, just dead, carried \$100,000 life insurance. All the

policies were made out in favor of the "legal Viscount Cranborne, eldest son of the Marquis of Salisbury, has been married to

Lady Cicely Alice Gore, daughter of the Earl of Arran. Mr. John Ward, the Irishman so popular with the Herndons in former years, is with the Ivy Leaf company. He is the villain in

J. L. Whiting heard O'Brien speak in Toronto yesterday. The audience was good natured but noisy. Few people were able to hear the orator.

The wife of Rev. Dr. Archibald, St. Thomas, has been notified of the death of her father, W. Jordan, Halifax, N.S. He leaves property worth \$400,000.

Madame Janaushek, while visiting a member of her company in the Perry House, Newport, R.I., fell down a flight of stairs, breaking one of her forearms.

The Globe publishes a rumour that Mayor Howland, President Wilson, of University college, ex-Lieut. Governor Robinson, and Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, are to be knighted before Lord Lansdowne takes his

departure. Rev. James Barday, of St. Paul's church, Montreal, has been commanded by the queen to preach before her at Balmoral castle on the 12th of next month. Mr. Barclay leaves by the steamship Sarmatian next

Mr. C. E. Wrenshall and daughter left to-day for England, via New York. Mr. Wrenshall studies art during the summer in Paris, and Miss Wrenshall vocal and instrumental music in England under the best masters. We hope both will have a pleasant voyage and succeed to their fullest expectations

A NEW HOUSE RUINED.

The Residence of T. Mills, Hatter, Gordon Street. Destroyed by Fire.

This morning at three o'clock the firemen were summoned to extinguish a fire in a house in course of construction for Thomas Mills, hatter, on lower Gordon street. Before the engine arrived the flames had got considerable headway, but were confined principally to the top storey of the building. The firemen worked very gallantly and lost no time in laying about 1,500 feet of hose, connecting the property on which was the burning building with the lake. The efforts of the laddies, however, proved fruitless to save the structure. It was entirely gutted, and the walls only are left standing. The house will have to be rebuilt. The contrac-tors who built it were W. McCartney, mason work ; and Allen & Young, carpenters. It was insured in the London Assurance Company for \$3,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The new house, occupied by Thos. Mills, insurance agent, adjacent to the unfortunate building, had a narrow escape from the blaze,

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Heighth of Gennine Eloquence. Hear Hon. George B. Wendling's lecture upon "Voltaire," to-night, in the City hall. Tickets 25c. See advt.

Representation of Ontario Ward. Ex-Ald. Eilbeck says he will not be a candidate for the representation of Ontario ward in the council. He had thought of it, but has no desire to oppose Mr. J. F. Swift,

now in the field. What is it? Not a snuff, powder or liquid, but a pre-paration peculiar to itself. Easy to use, pleasant in effect, Nasal Balm will positive-

It Doesn't Seem Possible

disorders.

ly cure cold in the head, catarrh and kindred

That you can buy those fine pic-nic hams at 10c. per fb. when we are paying the same for common pork. Roll bacon, 10c. per th. two cans of salmon at 25c, - James Craw-

Prices Cut to the Very Core. Some merchants are growling because we

are selling roll bacon at 10c. per fb. ; pic-nic hams at 10c. per fb. We are satisfied, and our customers are pleased, and that suits-James Crawford. Stayers at Whist. Four of the capitalists on the excursion

the result by 16 to 13, being in favor of exator Daggett.

B. Laurance's Spectacles. The only sure aids to perfect vision, at J. G. King's drug store. Buy none other. See every pair is stamped "B.L." Imitations abound. The frame may sometimes b close-

ly imitated the lens never.

Another Startling Threat. If there is any trouble at the O'Brien meetings in Ontario a Montreal editor says that "hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Irish Catholics will go from Quebec, Montreal and other places to Kingston, and then look out for squalls."

Aldermen at the Luncheon. On Monday evening Ald. McIntyre, chairman of the Governor-General's Foot Guards committee, invited the members of the council to attend the luncheon, to be given

to the members of the 14th batt, and the guards on May 24th. A Big Bonanza. Your choice for \$13.50. Z. Prevost is

giving the choice of any piece of tweed in his window for \$13.50 a suit, made to order, and guaranteed a first-class fit. They are a range usually sold for \$16.50, and are of Scotch, English and Irish manufacture.

The Victor's Crown Should adorn the brow of the inventor of the great corn cure, l'utnam's Painless Corn

Extractor. It works quickly, never makes a sore spot, and is just the thing you want. See that you get Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, the sure, safe and painless cure for corns.

Police Court-Wednesday.

A merchant for infraction of the Shaw by-law; case enlarged. Another for the same, fined \$1 and \$2.35 costs. Another, electing a wooden building on Ontario street; case enlarged until the 23rd. Four young men charged with immoderate driving on Sunday last; case adjourned until the 20th. Three aldermen were witnesses in the action. A liquor case was dismissed.

A Poor Speculation.

M. Julian and M. S. Babcock purchased land in Southern Florida. Four months ago they went to it and found it worthless except for fruit tree growing. Julian tried eucumber raising and lost heavily. Babcock has two lots, which will be wanted for railroading purposes, and he did not sell them. He arrived back this week, bringing with a live allegator. Julian will arrive in a few weeks.

Mechanics' Institute Librarian.

Last evening a meeting of the managing board of the Mechanics' Institute was held, and the applications for the position of librarian considered. There was a great number of applicants, but after due deliberation the unanimous choice of the board proved to be H. J. Spriggs. A more suitable person could not have been chosen. His salary will be \$250, and 10 per cent. of the collections.

They Want the Dry Dock.

The Portsmouth council has awakened to the advantages to be derived from a dry dock located within the corporation, and at the last meeting a resolution was passed as follows: "Moved by John Fisher, seconded by James Adams and resolved, that this village council offers all the facilities that lie in its power towards securing a site in the harbor, and offering the use of the lots around the town hall, in case the dry dock is built here."

A Good one on the Doctor.

Yesterday Rev. D. Nelles was on his way from Dr. Lavell's residence to the station, and, fearing to be late at the depot, induced a farmer to drive him to it. They chatted pleasantly on the way, and when the depot was reached Dr. Nelles said : "I don't suppose you'll take anything?" The farmer's eyes twinkled merrily and he quickly replied, "Oh no! I never drink any hard." The reverend gentleman was greatly surprised, and could hardly finds words to express what he meant.

Barriefield Boat Club. The members of the Barriefield boat club, held a grand water parade last evening. There were out twenty-five boats. A Cataraqui bridge a series of races began and

resulted as follows Double skull-C. Bowman and D. Dick. Single skull (fifteen boats)-R. Dowler. Skimming-dish race (five boats)-J. Bow-

The following races were resumed for May 24th : 2:30 p.m., sailing skiff; 4:30, rowing races. The contests are open to outsiders. Several new members were registered last evening.

The Ivy Leaf.

Kingston theatre-goers have a treat in store for them in the production by Mr. W. H. Power's company of Con T. Murphy's sterling Irish drama, "The Ivy Leaf," at the opera house, to-morrow night. This play commends itself to those who love purity and truth in such representations, precate gross caricature and vulgarity "The Ivy Leaf" is a picturesque Irish drama that will entertain any audience, however intelligent or critical. Bright and witty in dialogue, interspersed with touching pathos, natural and unexaggerated action, an ingenious story, pure and clean in sentiment, and replete with dramatic situations, this recent addition to the repertoire of Irish drama is the most powerful play produced in this country for years.

See Hardy's bargains in parasols and um-

THE BRITISH MUTUAL.

THE EXHIBIT MADE IN THE FORTI-ETH ANNUAL REPORT.

A Rapid Increase in the Business of the Above Assurance Company-New Policies Picked Up in a Year-A Comparison of Years, and What it Leads to.

The fortieth annual report of the directors of the British Empire Mutual presents some very interesting facts, showing that this rapidly growing institution has evidently enjoyed its full share of the prosperity which has marked life assurance business in general during the past year. It now bids fair to become one of the foremost among the numerous companies in the united kingdom; certainly its progress during the past year has been most satisfactory. The following table shows how soundness has been main tained in the midst of a rapid increase of

Assurcies Is- Amt. As- New Total sued, sured, Prem's, Prem's. . 2,084 \$4,894,430 168,310 874,475 774,855 705,815 674,360 5,684,235 5,304,250 5,141,075 1885... 2,135 4,246,025 152,090 1884... 1,974 3,574,915 111,935 1883... 1,672 3,616,595 131,565 4,783,115

From these comparative results it is evi-

dent that the British Empire Mutual has enjoyed a conspicuously high rate of progress in the past year, and has, at the same time, accomplished the acme of good manyesterday showed themselves to be stayers. They played twenty-nine games of whist, agement, in increased growth of business with reduced expenditures. In the two important particulars of development and economy, great improvement has been made. The new business completed was of enormous extent, 2,048 policies having been is sued for \$4,894,430, and having produced a new annual premium income of \$168,310. As showing the great expansion that has taken place in the business of the British Empire Mutual, it may be pointed out that in 1882 the new sums assured were but \$2,022,925, and the new premiums \$81,300. Thus, in the space of four years the new business of the company has been more than doubled, a fact which speaks volumes for the skill and vigor with which the affairs of the British Mutual are controlled. Comparing the revenue account for 1886 with that of the preceding year, it is seen that a large increase has taken place in the premium income. The receipts for 1885 were \$774,855, and for 1886 \$874,475. The business which the company is acquiring appears, therefore, to be of an unusually stable character, and this is by no means to be taken for granted in a company doing a large new business. The reduction that has been made in the percentage of expenses, however, is still more satisfactory than the growth in the premium income. Including commission and expenses of management, the total amount of outgo was \$207,335. This represents the cost of securing and maintaining the business, and bears to the premium income a ratio of 23.7 per cent. In the previous year the expense ratio shown was 21 per cent. in excess of this. The present accounts of the British Empire Mutual, therefore, exhibit the unusual feature of a largely increased new business and a considerably decreased expense ratio.

The Canadian branch of this company, under the vigorous and practical management of Mr. F. Stancliffe, general manager for Canada, has done its full share in augmenting the amount of business reported at the head office. During the past year 564 policies have been issued, insuring \$1,436,-500. Net premium income for the year, \$126,950.47. The investments in Canada are now over \$600,000, including the very handsome house in the city of Montreal known as the British Empire buildings. Mr. Stancliffe is to be congratulated on the success of his company, which, under its present skilled and conservative management, has a bright future before it. For particulars apply to A. F. Martin, Ford's Block, Brock street, district agent, Kings-

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ton to Prescott.

The Licensing of the Young Preachers-

Where They will be Stationed. At the meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston yesterday, five students of Queen's university, who last month completed their theological curriculum, were licensed to preach, viz., Messrs. John H. Buchanan, B.A., Stephen Childerhose, B.A., Alfred Gandier, M.A., William G. Mills, B.A., and Jacob Steele, B.A. These young clerics are now eligible to be called by vacant congregations. Mr. Childerhose is to be ordained this evening as missionary in St. Columbe and St. Paul, Madoc. The ordination is open to the public, and is to take place in St. Andrew's hall at eight o'clock. Mr. Mackie, the moderator of the presbytery, to preside, Prof. Mowat to preach, and Dr. Williamson to address the young licentiate. Mr. Gandier has been engaged by Mr. Maodonnell, of new St. Andrew's, Toronto, as his assistant; and Mr. Steele is shortly to be called to the pastoral charge of Stymour and Rylston, as successor to the Rev. Dr. Neill, who was assistant to Rev. Dr. Machar in this city in 1840, and is now the oldest minister of the church of Scotland in Ontario.

A Fine Blonde Hair

On a lady is always admired; a mixed, muddy-looking gray, reddish or other indifferent shade, is not tasteful, and need no longer be endured by ladies. Dorenwend's Golden Hair Wash will remedy this very quickly. This preparation is now on sale by all leading druggists. No trouble to use it. It makes or leaves no stains on the skin. It is so harmless that a child can use it, and it produces any grade of light shade desired. Ask your druggist for Dorenwend's Golden Hair Wash. None genu ine without Dorenwend's golden hair label. Ask your druggist, or it will be sent per ex-press on receipt of price, by addressing A. Dorenwend, Paris hair works, 103 and 105 Yonge street, Toronto. Sold in three sizes of bottles-\$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Mr. F. X. Cousineau will attend at auction sale at Toronto this week, for the purpose of securing two large bankrupt stocks of gents' furnishings for his Kingston business. If he succeeds in effecting the purchase anticipated due notice will be given. Watch for the announcement.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate. IN NERVOUS IRRITABILITY. Dr. B. B. Grover, Rushford, N.Y., says "I have prescribed it for nervous irritability, with marked results."

Buy your lace curtains from Hardy, 88



Weather Probabilities. Moderate to fresh north and west winds, generally fair and a little cooler weather. preceeded by showers in a few places.