

The Fifty-third Annual Report of the NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE, exhibits an exceedingly prosperous condition of its affairs, and from which we condense the following : *Amount of Capital*, \$10,000,000 ; *accumulated and invested funds*, \$10,614,140 ; *amount of premiums*, nearly \$700,000 ; *amount of insurances*, \$3,100,000. As evidence of its popularity, we would state, that within the past two months, the dividends have increased from eight to ten per cent. besides the sum of \$200,000 being added to the capital.

This Company represents what were two companies ; being a consolidation of the "North British," and "Mercantile Insurance" companies, and issues policies of insurance against loss by fire, as well as of assurance upon lives.

Their business is managed with consummate skill, having two Boards of Directors, one of which is located at Edingburgh, and the other in London.

As a gurantee for the future, we would state, that in addition to the great wealth accumulated, the Company has the experience of half a century as instructor ; therefore, no fear need be entertained of a colapse from want of patronage, or explosion from overdoing.

In conclusion, we will merely add, that we know of no Insurance Agency that should be so acceptable to Americans, as this North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

Mr. W. H. TILLINGHAST, is the authorized Agent for this City and the Pacific Coast.

The Proprietor of the SAN FRANCISCO IRON WORKS, began operations, in his present location, early in the year 1863. Since then his business has increased in a ratio not a little flattering to himself, and at the present time of writing, the establishment is worked to near its fullest capacity, to meet the increased spring and summer demand for work in his line.

The machinery in use, is all new and of the most approved patterns, and the facilities of the establishment are such as to place it in the rank of *first class Iron Works*.

In the manufacturing department, may be found neat and elegant styles for *railings* and *balconies* ; also, beautiful designs for *door-yard* and *grave-fences*. The Proprietor is a practical mechanic, and has a thorough knowledge of the manufacture of all machinery, and works in use in a *brewery establishment*. His *motto* is promptness in filling orders, and reasonable rates of charge. Give him a call.