

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX  
MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

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[At a General Meeting of the Members of the County of Middlesex Mutual Fire Insurance Company, held for the Election of Directors, and such other business as might be brought before it, at the City Hall, London, C.W., at aoon on the 15th day of January, 1861, T. H. Buckley, Esq , the President of the Company, was called to the Chair, and Alexander McDonald, the Secretary of the Company, appointed to act as Secretary. The Chairman having addressed the meeting at some length, explanatory of the rise, progress, present standing, and future prospects of the Company, called on the Secretary to read the following report:—

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX MUTUAL FIRE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

The President and Members of the Board of Directors, beg  
to report as follows :

When your Board, in April last, assumed the management of the Company, they found the prospect far from encouraging. The Company had been in operation ten months, and had only issued ninety-eight Policies—in the last six months of that period, only five. It was in debt \$347 06, for books, printing, and advertising, necessary to getting it up, and had only \$20 62 in the exchequer. It is true there were \$2,351 05 of Premium Notes, but an assessment, then made, would have been tantamount to winding up the Company, for no further business could have been done. To add to their embarrassment, the former Secretary, Mr. Chisholm, had signified his retirement from the office, owing to mercantile claims on his time. Still, in the face of all difficulty, your Board did not despair. It appeared to