

present proposed to take the special vote necessary to the creation and issue of that security.

7. The negotiations relating to the North Simcoe Railway have resulted in a lease of that line to this Company for 999 years, the rental being as heretofore paid out of working expenses under the terms of the agreement of the 6th June, 1879.

This lease will be submitted herewith, and the Directors commend it to your approval and confirmation.

8. The Fusion of the two lines into joint working under the administration of a central Executive Committee makes it necessary that the By-laws and Regulations of the Companies should be assimilated.

A new code of By-laws has accordingly been prepared, and will be submitted for your adoption.

9. During the last session of the Dominion Parliament an Act was passed under which the number of Directors has been so increased as to admit of the Preference Stockholders and the holders of Ordinary Stock being respectively represented by a Director elected by their separate votes.

It is hoped that this measure may conduce to unanimity amongst the different classes of proprietors to mutual advantage.

10. The Directors congratulate the proprietors upon the satisfactory results of the joint working, and upon the very promising position of the affairs of the Company. The prospects of increasing traffic and of further economies justify the Directors in stating their entire concurrence in the hope expressed in the Report of the Executive Committee, that before long the Ordinary Stock of the Company will participate in the prosperity of the undertaking. The extinguishment of the Government lien always heretofore an obstacle to progress and credit, together with the assimilation of the gauge to the standard gauge of the continent, will now leave the Company free to develop the value of the property to its highest results.

11. The Directors append the usual statements of accounts, certified as correct, by the joint Auditors: together with the Departmental reports and statistical statements for the year.

12. The Directors, in announcing the death of their late Chairman, Sir Henry Mather Jackson, Bart., desire to record their grateful sense of the able and continuous services for which for eighteen years the Company had been indebted to that gentleman, and to express alike their sincere sympathy with his bereaved family and their recognition of the great public loss occasioned by the decease of their eminent and lamented colleague.

The Directors regret further to report the recent death of the senior Auditor of the Company, Mr. Wm. Gamble, who, for a period approaching to a quarter of a century, had performed the duties of his office in a manner to entitle him to the unlimited confidence of the Company, and to the personal respect of its Directors and Officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANK SMITH,

President.

FRED. CUMBERLAND,

General Manager.

WALTER TOWNSEND,

Secretary.

Northern Railway, Toronto,  
Wednesday, 30th March, 1881.

**THE EXCHANGE BANK.**—A meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Exchange Bank was held on Wednesday last for the purpose of ratifying the reduction in the capital as authorized by Parliament, and for other purposes. All those present were evidently satisfied with the condition of the Bank's affairs and in the appreciation in value of their property during the past and present year. The capital now stands at \$500,000, with a "Res." of \$200,000, and with \$32,000 placed to the credit of Profit and Loss. The best possible proof of the great improvement in the condition of the Bank is the net gain of \$73,000 for the nine months

ended the 31st March ult. A dividend of four per cent. has been declared for the current six months, and it is the intention that quarterly dividends at the rate of eight per cent. per annum shall be paid for the future. A glance at the last monthly statement of the Bank will show that the deposits have attained respectably large proportions, and the amounts under discount evidence a good business, good also in the sense that losses are but few and far between. As an evidence of this we may mention that there has been but one loss since the first of January last, and that a comparative trifle. The manager and directors, as well as the shareholders, are to be congratulated upon such a turn in the tide of their affairs, especially when it is remembered that less than two years ago the stock was quoted as low as twenty per cent. It is looked upon as a favorite investment.

**INLAND MARINE INSURANCE.**—A Buffalo paper reports that the insurance companies engaged in marine underwriting on the lakes have finally come to an agreement as to a schedule of rates for hull risks for the ensuing season. The rates published below have been formally adopted by all of these companies, without reservation. On an average they are about one and a half cents higher than those of last year, which, as is well known, was exceedingly disastrous to lake underwriters. At present there seems to be a strong unanimity of feeling among the representatives of the companies interested in this important subject, and experience has shown that it is for the interest of them all to work together throughout the season on a mutual basis:—

#### ON STEAM AND SAIL VESSELS.

Class.	Season.	Years.	Average.
A 1.....	5	5½	5
A 1½.....	5	5½	5
A 2.....	5½	6	6
A 2½.....	6	6½	7
B 1.....	7½	8	8

Season ends November 30.

#### ON TUGS.

Class.	Season.	Y'r.	Seas'n	Year.	Av.
A 1.....	4	4½	5	5½	5
A 1½.....	4	4½	5	5½	5
A 2.....	4	5	5	5½	6
A 2½.....	5	5½	6	6½	7
B 1.....	6	6½	7	7	8

Season ends December 10.

Risks attaching on or after May 1st subject to a deduction of 10 per cent. from the above rates.

#### LIMITS OF INSURANCE.

No valuation to be less than 80 per cent. of the value expressed in the Register.

On vessels valued in policy at—

\$10,000 or less.....	3-4ths
\$20,000 or less.....	4-5ths
\$30,000 or less.....	5-6ths
\$40,000 or less.....	6-7ths
\$50,000 or less.....	7-8ths
Over \$5,000.....	9-10ths

The Inland Lloyds classification register of 1881 is to be the basis as to class and valuation.

**THE MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION.**—The affairs of this Company for the year 1880 show a still further improvement when compared with the previous and former years, as may be perceived by the report on another page. To make this more apparent, however, we tabulate the principal features of the reports of the last three years as follows:

Year.	1878.	1879.	1880.
Policies accepted.....	116	235	317
New Business.....	\$156,250	\$204,331	\$468,000
Death Claims.....	12,048	6,300	5,895
Total A.s.s.u.s.....	141,703	153,355	172,435
Total Liabilities.....	111,899	117,404	136,603

No. of Policies in force.....	1,082	1,104	1,139
Amount of do do.....	1,231,024	1,265,855	1,361,902
Total Revenue.....	40,554	43,027	45,850
Total Disbursements.....	24,610	31,375	26,779
Gov. Deposit end of year.....	55,643	77,900	90,788

Such progress leaves little to be desired, and is the best evidence that the manager and the gentleman who have devoted to the affairs of the Company so much of their valuable time are the right men in the right place; and there can be little doubt, with a continuance of their wise counsel, that the Mutual Life Association will keep on coming to the front.

**BUSINESS CHANGES.**—Messrs. McDonald & Graham, grocers, Toronto, have dissolved, the business being continued by Chas. J. Graham. Messrs. Hill, McIntosh & Innes, wholesale grocers, Toronto, are giving up business. Messrs. Wexelberg & Co., patent elbows, stovepipes, &c., of the same city, have sold out to George Allen. D. A. Waddell, harnessmaker, Brussels, Ont., has removed to Kingston. Messrs. Phillips & Bro., tins, &c., Castleton, have removed to Colborne. John G. Monkman, general store, Coventry, Ont., has sold out to R. F. Agar. Jas. R. Stevenson, general store, Stirling, Ont., is moving to Marmora. George Gear, stores, &c., St. Johns, Newfoundland, has sold out to Harry Gear and William J. Barns, who will continue the business under the firm name of Gear & Co. Messrs. Hawley & Barnes, hardware and fancy goods, of the same place, have dissolved; John Hawley continues. John C. Ball, storekeeper at Totogan, Manitoba, has removed to Portage la Prairie. Messrs. Titus & Dykeman, grocers, St. John, N.B., have dissolved; J. Titus continues the business. Dunlop & Millican, grocers, St. John, are closing up. Wm. English, grocer, Picton, Ont., has gone to Cookstown. R. Bowie & Co., brewers, Brockville, have dissolved, as have also Michie & Hall, general storekeepers, Harrison, Ont. Wm. Webber, tins, &c., Niagara, has sold out to Wm. Turner. W. I. Shaver & Son, harness dealers, Iroquois, are giving up business, and will be succeeded by Florence Baggs. O. F. Baker, harness dealer, Drayton, has been sold out by the sheriff. W. J. McGuin & Co., plumbers, Toronto, are about dissolving. M. Byrns, storekeeper, Vicars, Que., has left town. Thos. Venner, general dealer at Newcastle, is removing to Toronto. Misses Wiseman, milliners, Cobourg, are selling off.

**GUARANTEE COMPANIES** would have little *raison d'être* if there were no mishaps such as those recorded last week of two young men employed in the Federal Bank branch in London, Ontario. Graydon, the accountant, and McEachren, the discount clerk, overcome by their ambition to make money faster than by the mere labor of the desk and counter, had been accustomed, it is said, for some time to venture an occasional "fly" on their own account. The visits of the inspector were usually anticipated, and everything put in readiness for his arrival; in the present case, however, he appears to have caught them napping, the result of which was that both took to flight with as little regard for outward appearances as Byron's hero when fleeing from the wrath of Don Alphonso. As one of the missing clerks had charge of the safe or vault combination it has been found impossible to ascertain the actual loss. One of them is said to have returned to London, and, as he had taken the precaution to charge himself with the amount of his overdrafts, there is little apprehension of any criminal prosecution. The manager says the whole affair is exaggerated, and that the loss will not reach \$3,000. Although the young men gave security in the London Guarantee and Accident Co., the manager of the latter says that the