SUMMARY of the ANNUAL REPORT for 1896.

New Life Applications received during 1896	11.110.292	19	
increase over 1893	1,287,387		
Cash income for year ending 31st December, 1896	1,886,258		
Increase over 1895	358,203		
Assets at 31st December, 1896	6,388,144	66	
increase over 1895	1,022,374		
Ateserve for Security of Policyholders (according to Hm. Four per cent	.,,		
Lable)	5,932,200	48	
Increase over 1895	1,198,184	44	٧
Surplus over all Liabilities, except Capital (according to Hm Four per capt			
Table)	345,108	65	
Surplus over all Liabilities and Capital Stock (according to Hm. Four per cent.			
Table)	282,608	65	
Surplus over all Liabilities and Capital Stock (according to Dominion Govern-			
ment Standard, Hm. 4½ per cent)	595,902	02	
Claims Paid during 1896	398,504	86	

The rapid progress being made by The Sun Life of Canada may be seen from the following statement:-

Year.	Income,	Net Assets, besides Uncalled Capital.	Life Assurances in force,
1872	\$ 48,210 93	\$ 96,461 95	\$ 1,064,350 00
1876	102,822 14	265,944 64	2,414,063 32
1880	141,402 81	473,632 93	3,897,139 11
1884	278,379 65	836,897 24	6,844,404 04
1888	525,273 58	1,536,816 21	11,931,316 21
1892	1,134,867 61	3,403,700 88	23,901,046 94
1896	1,886,258 00	6,388,144 66	38,196,890 92

The year 1896 was the very best in the business experience of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. The fact that the Dominion was in a condition of uncertainty and unrest owing to the Federal elections, rendered it very difficult to secure business, but notwithstanding this great impediment, the Company's record for the year shows a large increase over all previous years. The summary of the report for 1896, as given above, is well worth reading. It represents a good year's work and denotes prosperity and a healthy growth.

The total income for the year amounted to \$1,886,258, an increase of \$358,203.91 over the previous twelve months.

A splendid addition has been made to the assets, which now amount to \$6,388,144.66. The increase for the year is \$1,022,374.13—a remarkable showing indeed.

The surplus over all liabilities is \$345,108.65. The valuation of all policies is now made on the Hm. four per cent. basis, instead of four and one-half, (as authorized by the Government) thus increasing reserve on policies by \$1,198,184.44.

The death rate was again below the expectation, which goes to prove that the management has shown great care in the selection of risks.