Northern Assurance Company

(LONDON) ......ESTABLISHED 1836...... (ABERDEEN)

Head Office for Canada–Montreal.

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REPORT FOR YEAR 1898 OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ABERDEEN, ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1899—FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The premiums received last year amounted to $3,408,945, showing, in comparison with the premiums of the previous year, an increase of $98,455. The losses amounted to $1,850,650, or 54.3 per cent. of the premiums. The general average of the experience of the Company from the beginning is now 58.7 per cent., or, including its provision for losses on current risks, 60.3 per cent. The expenses of management (including commission to agents and charges of every kind) came to $1,198,420, or 35.1 per cent. of the premiums, which is practically the same ratio as that of the previous year. After crediting the account with $1,324,195, the amount set aside in 1897 as provision for "current risks," and charging it with $1,365,580 being 40 per cent. of the premiums for 1898 as a similar provision for the latter year, there remains a credit balance of $320,455, which as usual has been transferred to the profit and loss account.

FIRE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Amount of fire fund at the beginning of the year.		$5,000,000
Proportion of premiums set aside to meet liability under current policies at December 31, 1897	$1,324,195	
Premiums received (after deduction of reinsurances)	3,408,945	
	$4,733,140	$5,000,000

Expenditure.

Losses by fire paid and outstanding (after deduction of reinsurances)	$1,850,650	
Commission	494,275	
Expenses of management	704,145	
Proportion of premiums set aside to meet liability under current policies, being 40 p.c. of revenue for 1898	1,363,575	
Balance of revenue transferred to profit and loss account	320,495	
Amount of fire fund at end of year		$5,000,000
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BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

Shareholders' capital paid up		$1,500,000
Fire reserve fund		5,000,000
Proportion of fire premiums set aside to meet liability under current policies		1,363,575
Life assurance fund—non-participation branch		1,657,930
Life assurance fund—participation branch		14,241,130
Annuity fund		1,630,305
Staff pension fund		126,910
Fletcher trust fund		35,100
Balance at the credit of profit and loss account		964,020
		$26,518,970
Outstanding life claims	$292,220	
Unclaimed surrender values	12,620	
Outstanding fire losses	330,450	
Outstanding charges	42,460	
Bills payable, being drafts by distant agencies not arrived at maturity	562,440	
Due to other companies and agents	305,680	
Shareholders' dividends unclaimed	9,405	
		1,555,275
		$28,074,245

Assets.

Mortgages on property in the United Kingdom	$761,375
Mortgages on property out of the United Kingdom	288,865
Loans on Parochial and other Public Rates	1,948,935
" Life Interests	76,500
" Reversions	146,515
" On Indian and Colonial Government Securities	500,000
" the Company's policies	760,080
" Personal security	51,000
Investments—	
British Government securities	1,037,350
British Municipal securities	316,720
Indian and Colonial Government securities	1,211,155
Indian and Colonial Provincial securities	681,285
Indian and Colonial Municipal securities	1,954,225
Foreign Government securities	3,399,270
Foreign Provincial securities	444,825
Foreign Municipal securities	2,405,455
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks—Home and Foreign	3,297,705
Railway and other Preference and Guaranteed stocks	2,526,370
Railway ordinary stock	98,260
Gas and Water ordinary stocks	529,075
Rent charges	182,635
House property (Company's offices)	1,120,720
do (Mortgages foreclosed)	595,390
Company's interest in salvage corps' buildings	32,345
Freehold ground rents	246,665
Reversions	1,497,285
Bills receivable, remittances not yet due	79,080
Due from other Companies and agents	977,720
Outstanding premiums	111,235
Outstanding interest and dividends	19,815
Interest accrued but not payable	263,440
Cash in the hands of bankers (on deposit)	233,760
Cash in the hands of bankers (on current account)	472,185
Stamps on hand	1,440
Cash in hand	5,565
	$28,074,245

NOTE.—In the above $5 is taken as the equivalent of £1 sterling.