

able to record another year of prosperity for the company.

The net profits for the year were: \$24,094.69, from which two dividends have been paid at the rate of nine per cent. per annum, leaving a balance of \$2,922.85 to be carried to the Reserve Fund, making the total of that Fund \$15,470.17.

The deposits during the year have risen from \$71,095.93 to \$111,690.58, being an increase of 57 per cent.

The business has been conducted with necessary caution, and your directors are not aware of having effected a single loan not fully secured.

Interests and payments on loans have, with few exceptions, been made with satisfactory promptness.

The books and all the accounts have undergone the usual inspection, and the Auditors' Report to that effect in annexed.

The Secretary and other officers of the company have performed their respective duties to the satisfaction of the directors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

THOS. REYNOLDS, Secretary. THOS. R. MERRITT, President.

STATEMENT OF CASH ACCOUNT FOR 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last statement,	\$ 9,200 08
Received from Stock	14,501 63
" " Interest on Loans....	31,534 11
" " " on Arrears..	984 68
" " Deposits	152,516 55
" " Loans	105,376 12
" " Unclaimed dividends	154 80
	\$314,267 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid div. No. 13, 2nd Jan., 1877..	\$ 9,935 44
" " " 14, 3rd July, 1877..	10,434 55
" Loans during year	159,507 47
" Deposits	111,921 90
" Interest to Depositors.....	5,256 65
" Expenses	3,167 45
" Cash in Bank	14,044 51
	\$314,267 97

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Stock subscribed	\$250,000 00
Deposits on hand.....	111,690 58
Div. No. 15, payable 2nd Jan., 1878	10,737 29
Reserve Fund.....	15,470 17
Unclaimed dividends	154 80
	\$388,052 84

Assets.

Unpaid on Stock.....	\$ 10,768 80
First Mortgages on Real Estate....	363,187 43
Furniture.....	52 10
Cash in Bank	14,044 51
	\$388,052 84

We the undersigned, have audited the Books and Papers of the Security Loan & Savings Company, St. Catharines, for the year ending 31st December, 1877, and find the balances as stated above to be correct, and a true abstract of the Books of the Company.

C. M. ARNOLD, } Auditors.
CHAS. A. F. BALL, }

St. Catharines, 22nd Jan., 1878.

The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the shareholders on the result of the year's business.

Moved by Mr. D. D. Moore, seconded by Mr. C. A. F. Ball.

That, having in view the satisfactory condition of the affairs of this company as set forth in the report and statements this day submitted, the thanks of the shareholders be and are hereby rendered to the President and Directors, for their careful attention to the interests of the company during the past year.—Carried.

After the usual complimentary resolutions the

ballot was opened for the election of directors, which resulted in Messrs. T. R. Merritt, Jas. Taylor, Jas. Lamb, R. Lawrie, R. Woodruff, G. P. M. Ball and S. Neelon being unanimously declared elected for the current year.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Mr. T. R. Merritt, was elected President and Mr. Jas. Taylor, Vice-President of the company for the ensuing year.

GUELPH AND ONTARIO INVESTMENT AND SAVINGS SOCIETY.

The second annual meeting of the Shareholders of this Society was held in the Caledonian Hall on Wednesday, January 16th, 1878.

The President, Mr. D. Stirton, occupied the chair, and Mr. H. D. Moorehouse, Secretary and Treasurer, acted in that capacity. There were present besides these officers, the following Directors—J. B. Armstrong, James Phin, Evan McDonald, Charles McMillan, A. B. Petrie, T. Y. Greet, George Hadden, F. J. Chadwick, and Dr. Keating. Shareholders.—Robert Melvin, Alex. Dunbar, W. H. Jacob, S. Myers, G. A. Oxnard, George Hirst, A. G. Brewster, Andrew, Burns, Alex. Burns (Eramosa), John Black (Sombra), Edward Harrison, T. Pallister, John Kane, John Phin, T. J. Day, and others. The Secretary read the annual report and financial statement, as follows:—

Report.

The net profits for the past year amount to \$9,678.69, out of which, after paying two half-yearly dividends of four per cent. each, amounting to the sum of \$5,947.33, there remains a balance of \$3,731.26, to be carried to the reserve fund, making that fund now \$3,906.68.

The large increase in our savings bank deposits is a matter of satisfaction to the Board, and an evidence of the confidence which is felt in the Company by the public, and we believe this fund would be further largely increased were the Shareholders and the public more fully aware of the superior advantages offered by this Company over those of other monetary institutions, both in the nature of the security, and the higher rates of interest paid.

Your Directors beg to call the attention of Shareholders to the advisability of converting accumulating stock into permanent stock, and we would remind them that in order to enable them to do so, a By-law was passed last July, empowering shareholders to transfer payments made on accumulating stock to their credit on permanent stock, only requiring them to leave the usual deposit of two dollars on each share of the remaining number of shares subscribed, the object being to enable the company to reach that stage which will empower them to borrow money on debentures. In order that there might be no doubt in your minds as to the value of our securities, we thought it well to have a regular Actuary to thoroughly examine the same, and the Directors have pleasure in being able to say that his report is highly satisfactory. A careful examination of the books of the Company has been made by the Auditors whose report is appended hereto and your Directors have pleasure in reporting the official discharge of their duties by the several officers of the company

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance, Profit and Loss Acc't, 1876..	\$ 175 32
Profits year ending Dec. 31st, 1877..	9678 69
	\$9854 01

Dividend No. 2 paid July 1st, 1877	\$2479 03
Dividend No. 3, payable January 1st, 1878	3468 30
	\$5947 33
Carried to Rest Account	\$3906 68

Liabilities.

Capital Stock paid up	\$ 30,200 00
Accumulating Stock paid up.....	32,202 41
Due Depositors	13,795 55
Due Bank	11,268 14
Sundry Accounts	814 02
Dividend No. 3	3,468 30
Balance, Profit and Loss to Rest Account	3,906 68
	\$125,656 10

Assets.

Present Value of Mortgages	\$125,303 44
Balance Preliminary Expenses	352 66
	\$125,656 10

H. D. MOOREHOUSE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

G. A. SOMERVILLE, } Auditors
JOHN HARRIS, }

Guelph, 14th, Jan. 1878.

(Signed),
H. D. MOOREHOUSE, Secretary and Treasurer. D. STIRTON, President.

The President, Mr. D. Stirton, moved the adoption of the report which was ordered to be printed. This resolution was seconded by Mr. F. J. Chadwick and carried unanimously. After which the President was voted a \$100 for services during the year, and the Directors \$1 for every meeting actually attended; those who came from a distance are to be paid ten cents mileage, one way.

Mr. Chadwick said, previous to the ballot being taken for Directors, that he would ask them not to put his name on the paper, as he had not time to attend to the duties of the position.

Messrs. T. J. Day and A. J. Brewster were appointed Scrutineers, who declared the following as the result of the balloting for directors:—Messrs. D. Stirton, James P. Phin, John Phin, A. B. Petrie, Evan McDonald, Charles McMillan, George Hadden, Robert Melvin, J. B. Armstrong, Robert Forbes, Dr. Keating, and T. Y. Greet.

Mr. Melvin moved, Mr. Day seconded, a vote of thanks to the Directors for the manner in which they discharged their duties during the past year. Carried. Mr. Stirton expressed his thanks, and also those of the Board, and the meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the new Board of Directors was held after the meeting of shareholders, when D. Stirton was re-elected President, and A. B. Petrie, Vice-President. The executive committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Messrs. Greet, Keating, Melvin, Forbes, and J. B. Armstrong. Messrs. John Harris and G. A. Somerville were re-elected auditors. At a subsequent meeting of the Board it was agreed to authorize a special issue of \$20,000 of the provincial stock at two per cent., premium. The time allowed in which the same must be subscribed and paid is one month. The book being closed on March 2nd, 1878.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL, Feb. 12th, 1878.

Business continues in a dull and unsatisfactory state; and although, in some branches, the spring demand is beginning to be felt, it is very small for the season. As there are many complaints about remittances, wholesale dealers do not seem disposed to push sales, unless to reliable and known customers.

The state of affairs in Europe has unsettled the flour market, and holders seem disposed to