Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited

HAMILTON HOUSE, VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, LONDON, E.C.

DIRECTORS' REPORT, 1905

The Directors submit to the Shareholders their Twenty-fourth Annual Report, together with the Audited Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

The premiums for the year are $3,193,685, against $3,191,985 for the year 1903, an increase of $1,700.

The balance of this year's account is $2,641,600. Out of this amount the Directors have already paid an interim dividend of 50c. per Share, and now recommend a further dividend of $1.25 per Share (free of Income Tax), making together a dividend of 17½ per cent. for the year on the Paid-up Capital. This will absorb $131,250, leaving $2,510,350 to be carried forward.

The following Directors, Mr. W. H. Maudslay, Mr. H. W. Maynard and Mr. R. Milburn retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

In accordance with the resolution of the Shareholders, Messrs. Welton, Jones & Co., have audited the Accounts now submitted and offer themselves for re-election for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board,

16th February, 1905. S. STANLEY BROWN, General Manager and Secretary.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

1st JANUARY, 1904, to 31st DECEMBER, 1904.

Balance of Last Account—		
As per last report		$2,195,505
Special reserve now included		125,000
		$2,320,505
Less dividends for 1903		112,500
		$2,208,005
Revenue of the Year—		
Premiums, less bonus and returns to the assured and reassurance	$3,193,690	
Interest and rents	137,435	
Transfer fees	105	
Profit on exchange	10,000	
		$3,341,230
Hamilton House Redemption Fund Investment—Interest		970
		$5,550,205

Charges Against Revenue for the Year—		
Directors' and Auditors' fees	$ 18,025	
Salaries and house expenses	54,615	
Rent and rates	11,820	
Taxes (Home and Foreign)	58,210	
Advertising	9,720	
Books and stationery	26,510	
Legal costs and professional fees	5,515	
Branch and agency office charges	20,255	
Postage and parcels	1,640	
Travelling and inspection	27,755	
Total expenses	$ 234,065	
Commission and losses paid and outstanding	2,668,975	
Furniture and repairs	2,760	
Bad debts	1,965	
Loss on sale of investments	840	
		$2,908,605
Balance of this account		2,641,600
		$5,550,205

BALANCE SHEET

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Shareholders' Capital—			
75,000 shares, $50 each	$3,750,000		
To Capital Called Up—			
75,000 shares, $10 per share			$ 750,000
Amounts due to other companies			8,950
Outstanding liabilities, including commission			151,015
Branch and agency balances			500
Reserves—			
For outstanding losses		$ 865,940	
Revenue account balance	$2,641,600		
Less interim dividend, 1904	37,500		
		$2,604,160	
			$3,470,040
$5 taken as the equivalent of £1 stg.			
			$4,380,505

By Investments—at Cost—		
Bank of Ireland stock		$ 27,930
Colonial Government securities		323,200
Foreign Government securities		607,120
Foreign and colonial municipal securities		724,840
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks		1,378,400
Preference and ordinary stocks and shares		94,740
Hamilton house	$336,130	
Redemption Fund investment	28,040	
		$ 364,170
Freehold premises		22,020
Loans on securities		32,375
		$3,574,795
Branch and agency balances		537,720
Amounts due from other companies		11,380
Outstanding premiums		71,365
Interest and rents accrued		43,160
Cash at bankers	$141,905	
In hand	180	
		$ 142,085
		$4,380,505

CLAUD J. HAMILTON, Chairman. S. STANLEY BROWN, *General Manager and Secretary.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies' Act, 1900, we certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have to report to the shareholders that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, and that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the corporation's affairs, as shown by the books of the corporation in London. The securities and books at Boston (U.S.A.) have been examined by Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths & Co., who have reported to us thereon to our satisfaction.

16th February, 1905. WELTON, JONES & CO., *Auditors.*

MANAGERS FOR CANADA

GRIFFIN & WOODLAND, - Montreal, Toronto.