

The Equity Fire Insurance Company.

7th ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, held at its Head Office, 24 King Street, west, Toronto, Canada, at 2 p.m., February 1st, 1905.

The President, Thomas Crawford, M.P.P., occupied the chair; W. Greenwood Brown acted as Secretary. H. M. Stevenson and H. Begg were scrutineers. The following were elected directors:—Thomas Crawford, M.P.P., C. C. Van Norinan, Judge Morgan, David Carlyle, H. E. Irwin, K.C., W. Vandusen, and W. Greenwood Brown, Toronto; A. F. MacLaren, M.P., Stratford; Wm. Hendrie, jun., Hamilton; Stephen Noxon, Ingersoll; D. Hibner, Berlin, and Wm. Govenlock, Seaford.

The Directors of the Equity Fire Insurance Company in presenting to the shareholders the Seventh Annual Statement, covering the financial transactions of the Company for the year 1904, take pleasure in calling attention to the continued growth of the Company's revenues the gross premiums exceeding those of the previous year by \$122,560.43. The first four months of the year's operations proved exceptionally unfortunate. On the 19th of April the home city of the Company was visited by one of the most disastrous conflagrations in the history of Canada—naturally the Equity covered numerous risks in the fire-swept area, amounting, in fact, to nearly \$100,000. Your Directors were gratified to find that so conservative had been the underwriting of the Company, its net loss was but a little more than one-half the amount at risk. Following close upon this was the Pernie conflagration, so that on May 1st the Company found itself confronted with net fire losses of \$75,000. The Company met all these losses promptly. Public confidence and the faithful efforts of our agents, responded with an immediate and a continued increase of business. One result of the seeming misfortune has been, we are persuaded, to permanently establish our reputation as one of the reliable and leading companies of the Dominion.

Arrangements were made about the middle of the year to write, under competent supervision, surplus lines in the United States. The result thus far is very satisfactory. Following the recommendation of the Dominion Government Insurance Department, your Directors made a call of 25 per cent upon the shareholders, which was responded to in a most gratifying manner, and the Company now possesses practically the substantial paid-up capital of \$150,000, an amount more in keeping with the present large dimensions of the Company's business. In a year unparalleled for losses, the Company is to be congratulated, we think, for having during the past eight months so largely redeemed the position impaired during the first four months of the year. This means that the Company, during the eight months referred to, secured an excess of net income over expenditure of no less than \$55,855.53. It may be observed, also, that out of \$165,290.64 of net fire losses for the year, every adjusted loss was paid, and that only \$5,945.06 unadjusted, but estimated net losses, were carried forward. The cash assets of the Company exceed the Government requirement for reserve by \$56,475.24, and the available cash resources of the Company, apart from the subscribed but unpaid capital of \$350,000 amount to \$184,624.21, which gives in all the very ample security to policy-holders of \$534,624.21.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the splendid response to the call, about 95 per cent. of it having been met, and believing the business of the Company has reached such proportions and is of such quality that the circumstance of the Toronto conflagration need not interrupt the usual payment of a dividend, more especially since it may be paid out of interest earnings alone, your Directors have accordingly declared a dividend equivalent to 6 per cent. upon the original to per cent. paid-up capital of the company. After providing for this dividend, and writing off \$1,000 on plans, furniture, etc., there remains an accumulated reserve, over and above capital, of \$34,624.21. In connection with the successful business done during the last eight months of the year, we desire in a special manner to thank the agents for their loyal support. Consideration is due also to the office staff and inspectors for the very faithful performance of their duties. The term for which the Directors were elected now expires, they are eligible for re-election.

WM. GREENWOD BROWN,
General Manager and Secretary.

THOS. CRAWFORD,
President.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

To accumulated reserve from 1903.....	\$57,768 68	By Cancellations.....	\$48,904 16
" Premiums, 1904.....	315,795 48	" Reinsurance.....	49,511 37
" Interest Earnings.....	\$3,230 06	" Commission.....	\$98,415 53
" Interest Accrued.....	320 94	" Taxes and License Fees.....	44,575 49
	3,551 00	" bonuses, printing and stationery, etc.....	3,600 03
To Payments on Capital Stock.....	94,650 00	" General Expenses, including Salaries,	20,520 13
		" Fire Losses and adjustments.....	165,290 64
		" Balance.....	133,274 21
	\$471,766 06		\$471,766 06

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
To Capital Stock liable to Call.....	\$350,000 00	By Capital Stock Subscribed.....	\$500,000 00
" City of Toronto Debentures.....	41,604 80	" Fire Losses unpaid.....	5,945 06
" Town of Woodstock Debentures.....	11,305 72	" Cancellations unpaid.....	2,295 41
" Outstanding Premiums net.....	27,574 75	" Reinsurance unpaid.....	1,803 56
" Dominion Permanent Loan Co. Debts.....	2,062 50	" Dividend unpaid.....	3,000 00
" Bills Receivable.....	23,976 75	" Sundry Accounts.....	1,440 02
" Cash in Banks and on Hand.....	79,636 15	" Accumulated Reserve Fund.....	34,624 21
" Sundry Shareholders (bal. 20 per cent. Call (unpaid).....	5,350 00		
" Plans, Furniture, etc.....	6,208 32		
" Sundry Assets.....	1,209 26		
	\$549,108 26		\$549,108 26