

Balance from last year.....	\$ 5,502 22
Profit as above.....	123,969 93
	\$129,502 14
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock called and paid.....	\$100,000 00
Losses under adjustment.....	\$9,252 99
Unclaimed dividends.....	520 30
	\$189,773 29
Dividend payable January 6th, 1880.....	30,000 00
	\$519,773 29
Reserve fund.....	\$835,000 00
Profit and loss.....	2,553 10
	\$837,553 10
	\$1,357,326 39
ASSETS.	
Cash in banks.....	\$124,043 41
Debentures.....	285,145 29
United States and State bonds and deposits.....	535,045 00
Loan and Investment Company's stock.....	72,445 50
Mortgages.....	48,450 36
Bank stocks.....	79,020 00
Bills receivable—marine premiums.....	62,910 59
Company's buildings.....	67,408 50
Interest unpaid and accrued.....	6,011 45
Agents' balances and sundry accounts.....	76,828 40
	\$1,357,326 39

The receipts, it will be observed, are larger than those of any previous year, and amount to over \$1,000,000. The United States fire business generally has resulted unprofitably during 1879 to both American and foreign companies; so much so that the official statistics for the first six months showed a very serious decrease in the total assets of the former companies. The very marked impetus which all branches of business experienced during the autumn improved the condition of insurance affairs, which with extended organizations now at work, having for their object a return to sounder principles of underwriting, promises well for the future. Hitherto the United States has been a profitable field, and although this Company has shared, to some extent, the generally unfavourable result of last year, the Directors are gratified at being able to state that the loss on this particular branch is under \$10,000. In the Canadian Fire business the income of the preceding years has been maintained, notwithstanding the curtailing of the Company's risks in undesirable localities, and the result shows a very fair profit. The business of the Marine branch has been limited on account of very close competition and low rates, the latter being altogether inadequate to the risks incurred. Fortunately the autumn lake business closed satisfactorily, owing to the unprecedented fine weather that prevailed. On the whole, therefore, the Directors feel highly gratified in being able, notwithstanding the generally adverse circumstances of the past year, to report to the shareholders the favourable results shown in the foregoing statements. The Consolidated Bank stock held by the Company, amounting to \$25,000 at par value, is now entirely written off; and it is anticipated that the assets of the Bank will, with careful management, fully meet the outstanding liabilities to the public, with possibly a small residue.

The usual yearly dividend of 15 per cent. was declared and provided for, and the sum of \$60,000 has been carried to the Reserve Fund Account, which now amounts to.....\$835,000.00
Adding to this the balance at the credit of Profit and Loss Account.....2,553.10

Gives a surplus of.....\$837,553.10

It must be borne in mind, however, that the unearned premium on outstanding risks is chargeable against this surplus, amounting by the New York standard to.....\$464,795.78
Less the minimum expense of securing the business—25 per cent.,.....116,198.91
\$348,595.84

Leaving the actual net surplus over paid-up capital.....\$488,956.20

It affords the Director much pleasure to be able to meet the shareholders on this occasion in their new and commodious building. The substantial character of the structure, its central position, and the convenience and facilities it affords, warrant the anticipation that for many years it will meet the business requirements of the Company, and at the same time be an ornament to the city, worthy of the position which the "Western" occupies among its public institutions. The Directors acknowledge their high appreciation of the general efficiency of the officers, agents, and office staff, and their zealous co-operation in promoting the best interests of the Company.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McMURRICH,
President.

B. HALDAN,
Managing Director.

Western Assurance Company's Office.
Toronto, 16th February, 1880.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Company:

GENTLEMEN,—We beg to report that we have made the usual examination of the books and accounts of the Company for the year ending December 31st, 1879, and find them correct. We have also examined the securities and vouchers belonging to the Company, and certify as to their being correctly set forth in the foregoing statement.

We remain respectfully yours,
(Signed,) JOHN MAUGHAN,
R. B. CATRON, } Auditors.

Toronto, 16th Feb., 1880.

The following Directors were unanimously re-elected:—Hon. J. McMurrich, Mr. Charles Magrath, Mr. John Fiske, Mr. James Michie, Mr. A. M. Smith, Mr. Robert Beatty, Mr. Noah Barnhart, Mr. Wm. Gooderham, jr., Mr. Bernard Haldan.

At a meeting of the Board, held subsequently, the Hon. John McMurrich was re-elected President, and Charles Magrath, Esq., Vice-President. During the afternoon the shareholders and a number of the Company's representatives from the principal cities in Canada and the United States, with other invited guests, were entertained at a luncheon at the Queen's Hotel, given in honour of the opening of the Company's new offices on the corner of Wellington and Scott streets. An excellent bill of fare was provided, and after full justice had been done to these a number of appropriate toasts were proposed by the Chairman, the Hon. John McMurrich, and others, and responded to by Messrs. Neff, of Cincinnati; Hayes, of Milwaukee; Preston, of Indianapolis; Jones, of Detroit, and White, of Buffalo, on behalf of the American guests; and Mr. A. R. Bethune and others for the Canadian. The history of the Company since its incorporation in 1851 was briefly reviewed by the President, who referred in flattering terms to the services rendered during the past twenty-five years by Mr. Haldan, the Managing Director, and gave expression to the regret felt by all connected with the Company at his inability, through illness, to be present at the inauguration of the new building. The other speakers referred to the high position which the "Western" has attained among the insurance companies of this continent, and predicted for it a still more prosperous future.

DOMINION FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The second annual meeting of this Company was held at their offices, Hamilton, Canada, on Tuesday, 2nd March, 1880. Mr. John Harvey, President, was called to the chair, and Mr. Despard, Manager, was appointed Secretary to the meeting. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read and confirmed the following report was read:

HAMILTON, CANADA, 31st Dec., 1879.

The Directors herewith submit to the shareholders their second annual report, together with statement of accounts to 31st December, 1879, duly audited. It will be seen that the business of the Company has largely increased, being nearly three times as great as that of the preceding year, and this increase has been steadily progressive.

The gross premiums for the year amounted to.....\$82,640 17
Deduct returns and reinsurances.....16,283 48

Net cash received for premiums.....\$66,356 69
Interest.....4,120 70

Total.....\$70,477 39
The net amount paid for losses was.....34,023 75
And for expenses of all kinds, including commission.....21,402 96
Leaving a surplus of.....15,050 68

There was also received on capital account the sum of.....398 14

Nearly three-fourths of the losses occurred during the last six months of the year, and over one-half of the entire loss was incurred on mercantile risks, chiefly in the cities having good fire protection. About one-fifth of the total loss was caused by the extensive fire in Hamilton on 1st August last. The assets of the Company are as follows:

Investments at market value.....\$24,870.00
Accrued interest.....1,827.88
Cash on hand and in banks.....50,403.93
Cash in agent's hands in course of transmission.....9,040.51

Total assets.....\$87,453.42
The total liabilities of all kinds are as follows:

Net outstandings, all since paid.....\$ 8,253.39
Reserve of unearned premiums—Government standard.....33,591.27
Surplus.....45,608.76

\$87,453.42
The gross amount at risk at date of last statement was \$2,153,259, bearing premiums of \$23,773.35. The amount taken during the year was \$7,628,595, with premiums of \$82,640.17, making gross \$9,781,854, and premiums \$106,413.52. Deducting amount terminated and re-insured \$4,879,955, premiums \$42,944.22, the net amount at risk at the close of the year was \$4,901,899, with premiums \$63,469.30. The business has been selected with great care, a large amount offered having been declined. The Company has now a staff of experienced and reliable agents, and with the improvement of the business of the country, which, though not as yet very marked, appears to be steadily increasing, there is a fair prospect of a more profitable result in the future. The officers of the Company have performed their respective duties to the satisfaction of the Directors. In accordance with the provisions of the charter all the Directors now retire, but are eligible for re-election.

F. R. DESPARD,
Manager.

J. HARVEY,
President.

DOMINION FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
—STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1879.

Capital.

Amount of Capital authorized... \$1,000,000 00
Amount subscribed for.....460,600 00
Amount paid in cash.....68,688 40