

REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in again meeting the Shareholders, and submitting to them the results of the operations of the past year, accompanied by the usual Balance Sheet and Auditors' Certificate.

The net profits for the year, including \$639.87 brought forward from 1874, are \$61,869 27 which have been appropriated as follows:—

Dividend No. 28, paid 2nd July, 1875.....	\$18,213 92	
Do. No. 29, paid 3rd January, 1876	21,703 59	
Transferred to Reserve Fund.....	14,120 75	
Do. to Contingent Fund.....	6,000 00	
Left to Credit of Profit and Loss	1,831 01	
		<u>\$61,869 27</u>

It will thus be seen that, after providing for two half yearly dividends at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum, and transferring \$6,000 to Contingent Fund, a substantial addition has been made to Reserve Fund, bringing it up to \$40,000.

To meet the demands of the business during the year it was deemed expedient to issue the remainder of the Capital Stock, which was rapidly taken up, and the limit of the Company's borrowing power having been all but reached, the Directors have, in accordance with the power conferred on them by the Shareholders at a special general meeting held for that purpose on 3rd November last, applied to Parliament for an Act to enable them to increase the Capital Stock from \$1,000,000, at which it now stands, to \$2,000,000, and to borrow on Debenture or otherwise to the extent of \$1,000,000 further, and also for such amendments to their previous Acts as experience has shewn to be desirable in order more fully to meet the wants of the borrowing classes.

The additional powers sought for under this Act, when obtained—which the Directors hope will shortly be the case—will be most sedulously used to advance the interests of the Shareholders.

The following Directors go out of office this year by rotation:—

WM. ALEXANDER, Esq.
 JAMES CAMPBELL, Esq.
 JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., M.P.
 J. B. OSBORNE, Esq.
 J. Y. REID, Esq.
 JAMES YOUNG, Esq., M.P.

But are eligible for re-election.

JOHN L. BLAIKIE,
President.

23 TORONTO STREET.
 TORONTO, 12th January, 1876.