SUN LIFE OF CANADA'S REPORT.

The results disclosed in the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada's report for 1917 are again of a favorable character. In all important particulars, the year's business shows substantial increases compared with the preceding period. The large advance in new business is particularly interesting, in view of the fact that the Sun Life has very widely-scattered interests abroad, and indicates that the Company's extensive organisation in Great Britain and elsewhere is continuing to adapt itself readily and very successfully to the new conditions imposed by the war. The test of adaptability to circumstances in this connection has been, undoubtedly, a severe one—more severe outside the Dominion than within it—and the results achieved not only constitute a tribute to the energy and determination with which the Company's affairs have been forwarded, but suggest an even greater measure of success for the future.

THE YEAR'S RESULTS.

The year's new paid-for business amounted to $47,811,567, a gain of $5,039,271 over 1916. Insurance in force was increased in very favorable proportion to new business by $30,436,246 to $311,870,945. Cash income is $789,866 larger than in 1916 at $19,288,998, and assets show a substantial growth of $7,211,178 to $90,160,174.

In regard to the important matter of profits, distributions and allotments to policyholders during 1917 reached a new high level at $1,560,389, a gain of $449,489 upon the figures of 1916. At the end of the year, the total surplus over all liabilities including capital, according to the Company's strict standard, was raised to $8,550,762. It is noted that payments to policyholders since organisation to the end of 1917 amount to $69,094,316, which with the assets of $90,160,174, makes a total of $159,254,490, an amount $5,893,264 in excess of the premiums received since organization.

A FINE RECORD

The following brief table summarises in an interesting way the remarkable growth of the Sun Life during a period of 45 years.

Year	Income	Assets	Life Assurance in force
1872........	$ 48,210.73	$ 90,461.95	$ 1,064,350.00
1887........	477,410.68	1,312,504.48	10,873,777.69
1897........	2,238,894.74	7,322,371.44	44,983,796.79
1907........	6,249,288.25	26,488,595.15	111,135,694.38
1917........	19,288,997.68	90,160,174.24	311,870,945.71

The record is a very fine one, and constitutes a great tribute to the energy and enterprise of those associated with the Company. The energy and determination of Mr. T. B. Macaulay, F.I.A., president and managing director, are largely responsible for the commanding position occupied by the Company at the present time. Mr. Macaulay has able lieutenants in Messrs. Arthur B. Wood (actuary), Frederick G. Cope (secretary), E. A. Macnutt (treasurer), and J. C. Tory (general manager of agencies).

The issue of this very satisfactory report coincides with the removal of the Company's headquarters to the new, commodious and exceedingly handsome building which has been erected on Dominion Square. This new home of the Sun Life's head office staff has been fitted up with the most up-to-date office equipment, and with adequate room for expansion, the administration of the Company's rapidly-growing business will be carried on under the most favorable conditions.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

(Specially compiled by The Chronicle.)

FIRE AT EDMONTON, ALTA.

By the fire which occurred on the 24th ult., in the Empire Hotel, Edmonton, Alta., the following companies are interested:—

On Building:—Norwich Union, $5,000; Phoenix of London, $10,000; Firemen's Fund, $5,000; Phœnix, $10,000; Rochester Underwriters, $15,000; North Empire, $5,000; Equitable, $10,000. Total, $60,000. Loss, total.

On Contents:—Alliance, $5,000. Total loss.

On Garage Building:—Hartford, $10,000; Providence-Washington, $5,000. Total, $15,000. Loss, total.

On Garage Contents:—London & Lancashire, $2,000; Commercial Union, $2,000; Union of Paris, $1,500; Alliance, $2,300; Firemen's Fund, $2,000. Total, $9,800. Total loss.

On T. Kelly's Pool Room:—Hartford, $4,000; North Empire, $2,000; Phœnix of Hartford, $4,000; London & Lancashire, $2,000. Total, $12,000. Loss, total.

Guarantee Securities forty-eight cars, insurance unknown.

FIRE AT LACHINE, P.Q.

By the fire which occurred on the 8th instant, on the premises of Messrs. A. Laplante and E. M. Brown, Lachine, operated by the Theatre Francais as a moving picture show, the following companies are interested:—

On Building:—Queen, $8,000; Union of Paris, $8,000; London & Lancashire, $4,000; General of Perth, $4,000; Royal Exchange, $4,000. Total, $28,000. Loss, total.

On Contents:—Sun, $5,000. Total loss.

FIRE AT MONTREAL.

On the 11th instant a fire occurred on the premises of the Fisher Hardware Store, St. Sulpice Street, Montreal. Insured as follows:—

On Stock:—Royal, $8,500. Loss, about 80%.

On Building:—Liverpool & London & Globe, $3,500. Loss, about $3,000.

FIRE AT MONTREAL.

On the 9th instant a fire occurred on the premises of the Elite Printing Co., Youville Place, Montreal. Insurance Northern $2,000. Loss, about 50%.

FIRE AT ST. LAMBERT, P.Q.

By the fire which occurred on the 2nd March on the premises of Mr. Joseph Horsfall, St. Lambert, insurance as follows:—

On Building:—Liverpool-Manitoba, $4,000; Mount Royal, $4,000. Loss, $4,500.

On Stock:—Liverpool-Manitoba, $2,500. Loss, $700.

SYDNEY MINES, N.S.—Two McRae blocks, a large barn and adjoining buildings owned by R. Rehey, destroyed, March 7.

TILSONBURG, ONT.—Main building of Huntley Mnfg. Co., destroyed, March 6. Loss, very heavy.

CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION

A largely attended meeting of the members of the C. F. U. A. was held at Ottawa, on the 11th instant. A good deal of discussion took place on important matters connected with the Association.