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The C.P.R. Annual Meeting.

The Canadian Pacific Railway being the biggest business enterprise in the country its income from week to week has come to be regarded as a reliable barometer of the condition of the country. The annual report especially is looked upon as a document that pretty accurately reflects the national progress. For the first time in its history the income of the company shows a decrease over the preceding year. The receipts for the year just closed were $450,000 less than those of the previous year. Neither the company nor the country at large are disposed to become enthusiastic over a decrease in revenue. On the contrary the occasion is one that all of us will regret. Still the decrease is not very large, and there are outside considerations connected with it that ought to make Canadians view the matter with complacency. The depression to which the decreased revenue of the C.P.R. is attributable hovered over other countries and made itself more felt in them than in Canada. The railways of the United States have suffered much more serious losses than the Canadian lines. The depression causes greater disturbance in Great Britain than it does in Canada. In Canada we are able to locate the causes of the depression that affects us, and this is more than many other countries are able to do in regard to their troubles. What affects Canada more than anything else is the extraordinarily low price of wheat. The railways, especially, feel the effects of the present unprecedented condition of the wheat market. The farmers not only do not give their wheat over to the railways for transportation when prices are as low as they have been, but they are not in a position to order the lumber and general merchandise that ordinarily forms the return traffic of the railways. In his report President Van Horne states that the losses of the company have been entirely west of the Great Lakes, or in the wheat district exclusively. The eastern branches of the railway show increased earnings. In regard to the future the report says:

"It would be idle to attempt to forecast the results of the present year. There is no financial trouble in Canada, nor sign of any, but so long as the abnormally low prices of grain continue everybody engaged in trade will naturally keep on the safe side, and there will be no marked development of traffic: there are, however, indications of improvement in various directions."

The Empire Made Up of Sovereign States.

Hon. David Mills has an article in The Canadian Magazine that contrasts strongly with the general tenor of Grit-political literature. He not only writes patriotically of Imperial unity, but he urges his fellow-countrymen to show their patriotism by preparing to do something in a practical way towards the defence of the Empire. According to Mr. Mills, the best solution of the present indefinite relation between the Empire and her colonies is the granting to the latter, as soon as they have advanced to a certain stage, of sovereign powers in matters as to which they are specially concerned. Mr. Mills is of opinion that it is of as much interest to the United States, as it is to Canada, that Great Britain should continue to maintain her world-wide ascendancy on the seas. If Russia and France could destroy the English fleet, and acquire a naval ascendancy, the British Empire would be at an end, and the United States would suffer equally with the rest of English-speaking people. Since the welfare of Canada is so intimately bound up in the welfare of the United Kingdom Mr. Mills points out the necessity and the justice of this country assuming a larger share of Imperial responsibility. He thus enlarges upon the idea:

The boy who, on arriving at years of manhood, does nothing to acquire habits of self-reliance, who makes no sacrifice in his own interest—will be wanting in some of the high best qualities of manhood; and as it is with him, so it is with the colony grown to the status of a nation that claims power, but which repudiates the burdens which accompany it. It must consider larger questions of state for itself; it must consider the subject of its own defence; it is not called upon to abuse its neighbors, or to indulge in swagger and bravado, but it is bound, in duty to itself, to acquire habits of self-reliance and to make some sacrifices on its own behalf. We expect, from time to time, to press upon the parent state the propriety of conceding to us a larger measure of authority; to place, in a larger degree, our own destiny in our own hands. With what face can we do this if we are not prepared to put forward the least effort for our own protection, and for making ourselves a substantial source of strength to the empire instead of being, in case of hostility, a source of humiliation and danger.

Canada's Maritime Interests.

Canada has some little reason for congratulating itself on the prospective advance of her maritime interests. President Van Horne got permission from the shareholders of the C.P.R. at their meeting the other day to proceed with the building of two new freight steamships for the China and Japan route. These will bring the fleet up to five steamships. There is also a fair prospect of another vessel being put on the Australian route. But most important of all is the probable establishment of the new fast transatlantic service. A cable despatch received yesterday says the company will be organized just as soon as the Canadian subsidy is granted. Hon. Mr. Foster stated in the House the other day that the subsidy had been decided upon by the Government. In addition to this, the C.P.R. will build a steamship for their Pacific coast business.

Confederation Life Association.

We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the annual report of the Confederation Life Association for the year 1893, which will be found in another column of this issue. Applications for new assurance were accepted to the amount of $3,917,000, the largest amount of new business ever secured by the association in any one year. Considering the depression which existed throughout the country during the latter half of the year, this is a most excellent showing, more especially as the business was secured at a comparatively low cost. Increases were also made as follows: In lives insured, 1047; in policies in force, 1198; in payments to policyholders, $70,643; in premium income, $79,526; in interest income, $25,363; in total income, $104,889; in assets, $404,962; in insurance written, $244,870; in insurance in force, $1,964,979.

The Sun Life Assurance Co.

This company has had another very prosperous year. The policies written for 1893 are over $800,000 in advance of 1892, the amount represented being $8,791,902. The number of policies in force at the closing of the books was 17,152, assuring $27,799,756.51, being a net gain for the year of 2414 in number, and $3,898,709 in amount. During the past 12 months the company has materially extended the area of its operations by opening branch offices in London, England, and elsewhere, and from these new fields it is expected that a steady and profitable business will hereafter be secured. The retiring directors were re-elected. A full report of the company's business will be found in another column.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION

Twenty-Second Annual Report

A GOOD EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR

New Insurance written nearly Four Millions—Satisfactory gains made in all departments of the Company's Business.

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Confederation Life Association was held at the Head Office of the Association, Richmond-street, Toronto, on Tuesday, April 3, 1894, at 3 o'clock p.m.

The following gentlemen were present:

Sir W. P. Howland, President; Edward Hooper, 1st Vice-President; W. H. Beatty, 2nd Vice-President; J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director; Walter S. Lee, W. H. Gibbs, Alfred Gooderham, A. McLean Howard, Hon. James Young, E. T. Malone, William Adamson, D. B. Dick, Major James Hiscott, M.L.A., O. A. Howland, Alfred Myers, Henry Swan, W. Macdonald, Thomas McCraken, Frederick Wyld, J. C. Hamilton, C. E. Hooper, A. A. Allan, C. M. Gripton, J. Tower Boyd, J. Russell Snow, C. Blackett Robinson, I. Diamond, R. S. Baird, J. P. Donald, George D. Lewis and Israel Taylor, William Taylor and John Jenkins of Clinton, Ont., and others.

The President, Sir W. P. Howland, was called to the chair, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director, acted as Secretary.

The Chairman first called upon the Secretary to read the official notice calling the meeting, which was done.

The minutes of last annual meeting were accepted as read and were adopted.

Mr. Macdonald stated that he had a letter from His Worship Mayor Kennedy, who is a very old policy holder with us, in which he expressed regret at not being able to be present this afternoon.

The following Report and Statements were then submitted to the meeting:

Twenty-second Annual Report.

In submitting the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Association it affords your Directors much pleasure to draw the attention of the policyholders and shareholders to the evidences of continued popularity and success afforded by the statements now submitted. As heretofore, the business has been obtained from purely Canadian sources, and considering the severe depression in business generally the volume of the new insurance secured is very satisfactory.

We had before us 2535 applications for a total insurance of $4,131,000. Of these, 135 for $243,500, not being desirable risks, were declined; 11 for $19,000 were deferred for a time, and the balance were accepted and policies issued. Adding the revived policies of previous years and the bonus additions, the total new business for the year was 2408 policies for $3,917,543 of insurance.

The total insurance in force at the close of the year was $24,430,731, under 15,872 policies on 13,961 lives.

The new business for 1893 is the largest ever obtained by the Association in any year.

The death claims for the year aggregate the sum of $209,108, under 123 policies on 109 lives. By reassurances on two lives the claims were reduced by the sum of $5375, making the net loss $203,733. This sum, while larger than in any previous year, is still very favorable, considering the number of lives and the amount at risk. The value of life insurance is strikingly illustrated by the payment of the large sum of $209,108 by this association last year, on an average of less than six hours after the receipt of completed proofs.

The financial statements submitted with this report exhibit the true position of the association at the close of the year.

The audit, which is made monthly, has been thorough and prompt.

The delay in finishing the western part of the new head office building has been a cause of great regret to your directors. However, it was completed shortly before the close of the year, and it will be a source of satisfaction to know that a considerable portion has already been rented, with a fair prospect that more will soon be under lease. It is not too much to anticipate that, with a revival of business, there is the certainty that the excellence of the accommodation which the entire building affords and its advantageous position as the centre of the city, every room will be rented at good prices.

As provided by the Act of Incorporation, all the directors retire but are eligible for re-election.

W. P. HOWLAND, President.
J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director.

Receipts.

Premiums	$793,000.37
Annuities	7,883.75
	$800,884.12
Less re-assurance prem.	4,379.08
	$796,505.04
Interest and rents (net)	185,894.85
	$982,399.90

Disbursements.

Expenses, salaries and commissions, agents, doctors, solicitors, etc.		$187,986.77
Annuities (life $5541.75; temporary $25,000.00)		30,541.75
TO POLICYHOLDERS.		
Death claims (net)	$194,034.78	
Endowment claims	62,663.00	
Surrendered policies	22,616.74	
Dividends (cash and T.R's)	63,859.51	
		343,174.03
Dividends to stockholders and civic tax		15,256.82
Balance		398,440.53
		$982,399.90

Balance Sheet.

ASSETS.

Mortgages	$2,166,298 86
Debentures and Government Stock	459,198 31
Real Estate, including Company's Buildings in Toronto and Winnipeg	997,156 82
Loans on Stock and Debentures	124,754 13
Loans on Company's Policies	405,258 72
Fire Premiums due from Mortgagors	5,783 62
Furniture	6,873 87
Advances to Agents, etc., on Security of Salaries and for Traveling Expenses	3,508 46
Sundry Current Accounts	1,838 60
Cash in Banks $87,134.74: at H.O. $798.55	87,933 29
Outstanding Premiums	$137,858.06
Deferred Premiums	$37,539.22
	$175,388 28
Less 10 p.c. for Collection (Reserve thereon included in Liabilities.)	17,538 82
	157,849 46
Interest and Rents due and accrued	103,733 90
	$4,520,133 04

LIABILITIES.

Assurance and Annuity Funds	$4,001,198 00
Losses by death accrued (not adjusted)	33,061 85
Fees, Doctors', Directors', etc.	9,505 94
Capital Stock paid up	100,000 00
Dividend due January 1st, 1894	7,500 00
To Policyholders for balance declared	73,998 93
Profits (cash and T.R's)	294,469 32
Cash Surplus above all Liabilities	$4,520,133 04

J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director.

Auditors' Report.

We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the Association for the year ending Dec. 31, 1893, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith and certify that the financial statements agree with the books and are correct.

The securities represented in the assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to $84,500), have been examined and compared with the books of the Association and are correct and correspond with the schedules and ledgers.

The bank balances and cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS, WM. E. WATSON, F.C.A. } Auditors.

Toronto, Feb. 28, 1894.

On motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Hooper, vice-president, the report submitted was unanimously adopted.

Several of the policy-holders and others who were present took the opportunity of expressing their satisfaction with the business which had been done by the association during the past year and for the evident signs of the popularity of the company as shown by the increases which have been made in the various departments of the company's business.

The following were elected as directors of the association for the current year: Sir W. P. Howland, Messrs. E. Hooper, W. H. Beatty, Hon. James Young, S. Nordheimer, W. H. Gibbs, A. McLean Howard, J. D. Edgar, M.P., Walter S. Lee, A. L. Gooderham, W. D. Matthews, George Mitchell of Halifax, Frederick Wyld, J. K. Macdonald.

The meeting then adjourned, immediately after which a meeting of the new Board of Directors was held, at which Sir W. P. Howland was re-elected president and Messrs. Edward Hooper and W. H. Beatty, vice-presidents.

KNOX COLLEGE EXAMS.

Annual Closing Exercises — Winners of the Various Scholarships.

The annual closing exercises in connection with the theological department of Knox College were held yesterday afternoon in convocation hall, which was crowded with the students and their friends. In the absence, owing to illness, of Rev. Dr. Caven, Rev. Dr. Gregg occupied the chair, and on the platform were Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. Dr. MacLaren, Rev. Dr. Smith of Port Hope, Rev. Prof. Thompson, Rev. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Mortimer Clarke. A number of prominent clergymen were in the audience. The following students were successful in the examinations:—Scholarships and prizes—For students of first year in theology—Central Church (Hamilton), scholarship, $60, T. A. Bell, B.A.; Eastman scholarship, $60, S. F. McLennan, B.A.; Bloor-street Church (Toronto) scholarship, $50, J. A. Clow B.A.; Galdie scholarship, $40, H. Cowan, B.A.; Gillies scholarship (1), 30, M. P. Floyd; Gillies scholarship (2), $30, A. Mullin, B.A.; Dunbar scholarship, $30, J. S. Hamilton, B.A. For students of second year—Elizabeth scholarship, $75, E. A. Henry, B.A.; J. A. Cameron scholarship, $50, R. A. Mitchell, B.A.; Knox Church (Toronto) scholarship, (1), $30, J. McNicol, B.A.; Knox Church (Toronto) scholarship (2), $60, S. Whaley, B.A.; Loghrin scholarship, $50, R. Pogue; Heron scholarship, $30, N. D. McKinnon. For students of third year—Bonar-Bruns scholarship, $80, R. G. Murison, B.A.; Fisher scholarship (1), $60, A. J. Mann, B.A.; Fisher scholarship (2), $50, G. A. Wilson, B.A.; Jane Mortimer scholarship, $50, S. Lawrence; Boyd scholarship, $30, J. A. Mustard, B.A.; Cheyne scholarship, $30, R. Dinnan; Bayne scholarship, proficiency in Hebrew, $30, J. A. Dow, B.A.; Prince of Wales' prize, essay, "The Reality of Messianic Prophecy," $60 (for two years), J. H. Borland, B.A.; Smith scholarship, essay, "The Love of God as Revealed in the Psalter, $50, G. A. Wilson, B.A.; John Fenwick prize $12, James Skene; Janet Fenwick prize, $12, R. G. Murison, B.A.; Brydon prize, examination on "Efficacious Grace," $57, R. A. Mitchell, B.A.; Clark prize, N. T. Green (1), Lange's Commentary, J. McNicol, B.A.; Clark prize, O. T. Hebrew (2), Lange's Commentary, Messrs. J. H. Borland, B.A., and A. J. Mann, B.A. (equal).

MUNICIPAL AMENDMENTS.

The Time for Snow Cleaning Changed—Payment of Aldermen.

At the Municipal Committee yesterday morning Joseph Tait's act to amend the Municipal Act was up for consideration. The Consolidated Municipal Act 1892, relative to the cleaning of snow on sidewalks, was amended by fixing the time for the cleaning of snow from sidewalks by property-owners at 12 hours, seven of which must be in daylight. A provision was adopted to the effect that no municipal corporation shall be liable for accidents arising from persons falling on icy sidewalks unless gross negligence on the part of the corporation shall be established, also that no claim of the kind shall be enforceable unless notice has been given to the head of the corporation or clerk of the municipality within 20 days after the accident.

Clauses giving cities the power to pay aldermen to the extent of $300 per year, and repealing the provision of last year's act giving municipalities the power to contract with private companies for a water supply, were adopted.

The Vegara Grand Opera Concert.

By special request and in recognition of his musical success, the pupils of Signor Vegara have arranged to give him a benefit concert on Thursday, April 12, in the Pavilion. The program will be the same as produced in the Grand Opera House, including selections from great masters, second act from Der Freischutz and Il Trovatore in costume. After the great success achieved by both master and pupils on March 28, the music-loving public of Toronto will, without fail, turn out en masse to hear and encourage home talent, who are aspiring to a higher standard of music which hitherto has been unknown to students of the vocal art here. Grand operas, and especially classical operas, should be cultivated it, this city; there is plenty of material to work upon, which fact was acknowledged by both public and press, and the master who brought his pupils to the front regardless of cost and labor in such a high standard of music and successfully deserves recognition, and we are sure that the musical dilettanti will realize when they have a good thing to keep it, and will patronize the Signor by a bumper house.

The seats are at popular prices, 25c; a limited number only at 50c.

SIRS,—I had such a severe cough that my throat felt as if scraped with a rasp. On taking Norway Pine Syrup I found the first dose gave relief, and the second bottle completely cured me. Miss A. A. DOWNEY, Manotic, Ont.

At the Humber.

A bush fire near the corner of Queen and Church-streets yesterday destroyed 50 cords of wood belonging to Mr. Death.

A city club, it is rumored, is negotiating for the purchase of Duck's Hotel, the intention being to transform the property into a club house.

Captain Maw is erecting a commodious boathouse on the site he recently purchased from Mr. Hicks.

Toronto business men are here every day looking for houses wherein to install their families for the summer.

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PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at its offices in the company's building, Notre Dame-street, Montreal, on Friday, March 30, the President, Mr. Robertson Macaulay, in the chair. The following report was presented:

The directors have pleasure in presenting to the shareholders and policyholders the record of the transactions of the company for the past year. The accompanying statements show that not only is its financial position eminently satisfactory, but that gains of a very substantial and gratifying character have been made in every department of the business.

During the year 5472 applications were received for life assurances to the amount of $9,539,155.83. Of these 5213 for $8,791,902.80 were accepted and policies were issued therefor. The policies written were thus over $800,000 in advance of those for 1892, and much beyond those secured by any other Canadian company in any one year.

The number of policies in force at the closing of the books was 17,152, assuring $27,799,756.51, being a net gain for the year of 2414 in number and $3,898,709.87 in amount.

During the past 12 months the company has materially extended the area of its operations by opening branch offices in London, England, and elsewhere, and from these new fields it is expected that a steady and profitable business will hereafter be secured.

The financial statements hereto annexed give evidence of the rapid progress being made. The income from premiums, interest and rents amounted, after deducting reassurances, to $1,240,483.12, an increase for the twelve months of $105,615.51. An addition of $508,076.02 has also been made to the assets, bringing them up to $4,001,776.90. The company has thus been able to add to its accumulations more than fifty-five per cent. of the life premiums received during the year, a fact which speaks for itself. The surplus also shows a substantial increase, and now amounts to $288,595.65 over all liabilities and capital stock. This showing is especially gratifying in view of the fact that profits are now divided yearly on a large proportion of the company's policies, and the undistributed surplus cannot, therefore, accumulate as rapidly as under the old system, when everything was reserved until the end of the quinquennial term.

The death claims which fell in during the year were 123, under 140 policies, and assuring, with bonus additions, $203,167.92. In addition to these twenty-nine endowment assurances, for $26,305.94, became payable by maturity.

The investments continue to receive careful attention, and the directors have pleasure in bearing testimony to their high quality. All securities of a fluctuating character, such as railway stocks and bonds, bank stocks, etc., are studiously avoided. About eighty-five per cent. of the invested assets consist of municipal debentures and first mortgages on real estate valued at considerably over six million dollars. The remainder comprises loans on the company's own policies, the company's head office building and minor items. The real estate held as the result of foreclosure is only $81,023.67, or about 2 per cent. of the assets, and even this small amount has been decreasing year by year. And although the assets are thus in excellent condition, a substantial reserve has nevertheless been written off to the credit of real estate and mortgage accounts as a precaution against any losses which may possibly arise in the future.

The return derived from these investments is as satisfactory as their security, the rate being 5.83 per cent. on the average realized assets.

With this year the accident department practically disappears from our books. As explained in the last report the policies of this branch were re-assured in the Canada Accident Assurance Company as at December 31, 1892, and hereafter the only accident premiums payable to the company will be the small amount due under policies which combine life and accident under one contract, as this class was not covered by the re-assurance arrangements.

The directors would add, in conclusion, that while the past progress and present position of the company are most gratifying to them, it is also true that there never was a time in its history when the outlook for the future was so encouraging.

The report of the committee of the board appointed to examine the securities is appended hereto, as also the usual certificates from the auditors.

The directors who retire this year are Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, Mr. J. P. Cleghorn and Mr. Robert Anderson, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

R. MACAULAY, President.
A. W. OGILVIE, Vice-President.
T. B. MACAULAY, Secretary.

Statement of Accounts for 1893.

INCOME.

Premiums—Life	$1,060,127 52	
Annuities	17,920 00	
Accident	3,574 09	
Total premium income	$1,081,631 61	
Less paid for reassurances	2,060 13	
		$1,079,571 48
Interest		154,511 66
Rents		8,399 98
Total income		$1,240,483 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death claims, including bonuses	$236,507 59	
Matured endowments, including bonuses	29,629 94	
Annuity payments	2,185 28	
Cash profits paid policy holders	16,438 49	
Cash paid for bonuses Surrendered	15,797 80	
Surrender values	34,427 76	
Accident claims	8,426 39	
		$343,413 25
Dividends on capital paid January and July, 1893		9,375 00
Expense account	195,152 29	
Commissions	120,093 50	
Medical fees	22,051 08	
		$337,963 87
Total disbursements		690,752 12
Surplus over disbursements		549,731 00
		$1,240,483 12

Assets.

Municipal debentures—market value		582,102 59
Stock of loan company—market value		7,528 13
Loans on real estate, first mortgages		2,517,638 12
Loans on bonds and stocks		61,700 00
Real estate, including company's building		256,023 67
Loans on company's policies (reserves on same, over $500,000)		227,785 17
Cash in bank and on hand		21,282 04
Outstanding premiums on policies in force (composed chiefly of amounts on which the days of grace are current)	$164,449 08	
Deferred premiums	82,546 24	
		246,995 32
Less 10 per cent. for collections		24,699 59
(Secured by policy reserves, included in liabilities, of over $800,000)		222,295 33
Other assets		105,479 85
Net assets		$4,001,776 90

[Including uncalled capital the total assets are $4,439,276.90.]

LIABILITIES.

Life reserves (Institute of Actuaries Hm. table with 4½ per cent. interest, the Dominion Government Standard)	$3,504,910 82	
Annuity reserves	32,949 44	
	$3,537,160 26	
Less reserves of policies reassured	3,895 69	
		$3,533,264 57
Death claims (life) unpaid, reported, but not proved, or awaiting discharge		49,932 92
Profits due policy-holders		19,973 91
Dividend due January 2, 1894		4,687 50
Other liabilities		42,822 35
Total liabilities		$3,650,681 25
Cash surplus to policy holders		351,095 65
Capital paid up	$ 62,500 00	
Surplus over all liabilities and capital stock	288,595 65	
	$ 351,095 65	
[Including uncalled capital the surplus to policy holders is $788,595 65]		$4,001,776 90

Report of Examining Committee.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 6th inst., the undersigned were appointed a committee to examine the investments of the company, as shown in the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1893, and to verify the same.

The committee has carefully performed the duty assigned to it, examining the municipal debentures, mortgages and other assets, and hereby certifies that the securities specified in the statement are in the possession of the company, and are precisely as represented.

In making this report, the committee has pleasure in bearing testimony to the high character of the investments, and in expressing its cordial approval of the system and accuracy with which the accounts have been kept and the whole business of the company transacted.

W. J. WITHALL,
JAMES TASKER,
A. W. OGILVIE,
M. MCKENZIE,
Directors.

Montreal, March 19, 1894.

Auditors' Certificate.

To the President and Directors of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada:

GENTLEMEN,—We have much pleasure in reporting that we have completed the audit of the transactions of the company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1893, and have certified the statements to be presented to you as correctly setting forth the position of the company at that date.

We have examined and are satisfied with the various details of your business, and it gives us much pleasure in certifying to the correctness with which they are recorded.

Our communications with the mortgage debtors of the company, in order to verify the balances due by them, have received the same satisfactory replies as in former years. The other securities of the company will, we presume, be verified by a committee selected from your directors as formerly.

Respectfully submitted,
F. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

The report was unanimously adopted. All the speakers expressed entire satisfaction with the condition of the company, and much enthusiasm was manifested. The retiring directors were re-elected.

Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery has worked wonders for dyspepsia, and we don't think there is a case of dyspepsia to be found that it will not cure if the directions are followed. Mr. C. E. Williams, Druggist, Wingham, says: "The Vegetable Discovery is selling well, and I know of one bad case of dyspepsia that it has completely cured."

A Single Tax Deputation.

A deputation of single taxers interviewed Sir Oliver Mowat yesterday in support of Mr. Tait's Local Option bill giving municipalities the power of placing the burden of taxation on land by exempting improvements. They were introduced by Mr. Tait. After Messrs. W. T. Green, John Moor and F. Atwood had spoken the Premier replied pointing out that the doctrine they advanced for the remedy of industrial evils was not as yet accepted by the community. They must first change public opinion before such legislation could be successful.

Dyspepsia causes Dizziness, Headache, Constipation, Variable Appetite, Rising and Souring of Food, Palpitation of the Heart, Distress after Eating. Burdock Blood Bitters are guaranteed to cure Dyspepsia if faithfully used according to directions.

Stuck His Fist Through a Plate Glass.

About 9 o'clock last night P. C. Steele, who was on duty in King-street east, heard a crash of glass, and on investigating found a large hole in the plate glass window of Lownsborough's brokerage establishment, 22 King-street east. Standing near by was a man named Leopold Witkowski, with a cut on the back of his hand. Witkowski is said to be slightly insane, and wanders around the city sleeping any place he can.

Parmelee's Pills possess the power of acting specifically upon the diseased organs, stimulating to action the dormant energies of the system, thereby removing disease. In fact, so great is the power of this medicine to cleanse and purify that diseases of almost every name and nature are driven from the body. Mr. D. Carswell, Carswell P.O., Ont., writes: "I have tried Parmelee's Pills and find them an excellent medicine and one that will sell well."

For Tapping a Till.

George Tomenson was arrested last night for the larceny of 60 cents from his employer, Mr. E. Butler, 168 McCaul-street. Mr. Butler became suspicious and marked the money placed in the till, some of which was, it is alleged, afterwards found on the boy.

DEAR SIRS,—I have been using Burdock Blood Bitters for boils and skin diseases and I find it very good as a cure. As a dyspepsia cure I have also found it unequalled. MRS. SARAH HAMILTON, Montreal, Que.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing kidney and bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the Great South American Kidney Cure. You cannot afford to pass this magic relief and cure. Druggists.

Student's Mixture Tobacco.

A pure, sweet lasting smoke. A universal favorite among pipe smokers because of its absolute purity. Insist on getting it.

Ill-fitting boots and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use. Get a bottle and cure your corns.

THE END IN SIGHT.

A BIG UNDERTAKING ALMOST FINISHED.

Perfect in Design—Complete in Detail—No Interruption of Business—Grand Opportunity for the Public.

There is nothing a merchant dislikes more than to inconvenience his customers, and nothing gives greater inconvenience than do the dust, danger and disorder which almost necessarily accompany rebuilding. Hence a merchant hesitates long before undertaking any large repairs, preparing to worry along in cramped space rather than risk a loss of trade.