

### LONDON & LANCASHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Having celebrated its jubilee in 1911 under the happiest of circumstances, the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Limited, has entered upon its second half-century with a year's results that augur brilliantly for the future of this well-known insurance institution. Increased business in each department, satisfactory profits, and an enhanced financial power are adding to the reputation which the Company enjoys in most countries of the civilised world. Moreover, boundaries are being enlarged and new forms of enterprise essayed.

#### A SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

It is significant of the extent of the development of the London and Lancashire Fire that last year's total premiums from the several departments were more than double the amount they recorded in the opening year of the century. The summarised results of the business printed on another page show effectively the satisfactory character of the enlarged business which has been undertaken. In the three departments of fire insurance, accident insurance and marine insurance, business was such as to give a substantial surplus in each case. Fire premiums reached \$8,226,285, compared with \$7,825,630 last year. Losses and expenses amounted to \$6,962,880, leaving a surplus of \$1,263,405. The loss ratio was at the moderate level of 48.8 per cent.

Accident premiums were \$2,897,845, against \$2,708,770 in 1911. Losses and expenses reached \$2,543,770, leaving a surplus of \$354,075. Marine premiums were \$1,054,380, and losses and expenses, \$798,035, so that the balance is \$256,345. Together, these three accounts show premiums of \$12,178,510, and losses and expenses of \$10,304,685, leaving a surplus of \$1,873,825. Adding interest on investments, \$536,070, there is the handsome surplus on the year's business of \$2,409,895.

#### THE COMPANY IN CANADA.

The London and Lancashire Fire has long occupied an important position in the Canadian underwriting field. Coming to the Dominion first in 1880, when general agents were appointed for three of the provinces, the Company has since built up an extensive and highly efficient organization, which has absorbed *inter alia*, three other companies in Canada. Since 1893 the London and Lancashire Fire's Canadian manager has been Mr. Alfred Wright, under whose able direction the business of the Company in Canada, which had previously been laid in sound foundations has been built up on thoroughly satisfactory lines. The Canadian organization of the London and Lancashire Fire includes resident secretaries in several of the large centres, Mr. Thomas F. Dobbin being the resident secretary at Montreal.

### ACTUARIAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

#### Col. W. C. Macdonald Re-elected President—Summary of Interesting Papers.

Nearly ninety members were present under the chairmanship of Col. W. C. Macdonald, president, at the annual meeting of the Actuarial Society of America, held on May 15 and 16, at the Astor House, New York City. The officers of the Society were all re-elected for the ensuing year, as follows:—Col. W. C. Macdonald, of the Confederation Life, Toronto, president; Messrs. Arthur Hunter, New York Life, and James M. Craig, Metropolitan Life, vice-presidents; Robert Henderson, Equitable Life, secretary; D. G. Alsop, Provident Life and Trust, Philadelphia, treasurer; and Wendell M. Strong, Mutual Life of N.Y., editor of *Transactions*.

The three vacancies on the Council created by the retirement in rotation of Messrs. Moir, Messenger and Wood were filled by the appointment of Messrs. E. E. Rhodes, Mutual Benefit, Newark, N.J.; J. H. Woodward, New York State Ins. Dept., New York; Morris Torrey, Manhattan Life, New York. The other members of the Council are: Messrs. Herbert B. Dow, W. A. Hutcheson, E. P. Marshall, F. H. Johnston, P. C. H. Papps, Wm. Young, and the Ex-Presidents of the Society.

The following original papers were submitted and read:

"Concerning the American Experience Table of Mortality" by S. A. Joffe.

"Mortality Surplus and its Distribution" by Henry Moir.

"Mortality after the Deferred Dividend Period" by Arthur Hunter.

"Charles Gill, The first Actuary in America" by Emory McClintock.

"Total Disability Benefits" by J. F. Little.

"Provision for Expenses in Savings Contracts" by M. M. Dawson.

The afternoon of Thursday and Friday morning were devoted to the discussion of the various papers submitted at the last meeting.

The members of the Society dined together, as usual, at the Astor House on the evening of Thursday. The speakers were Messrs. J. M. Craig, E. B. Morris, V. R. Smith, Henry Moir, A. C. Washburne, John B. Langer and T. B. Macaulay.

Following are summaries of two of the papers read:—

#### MORTALITY SURPLUS AND ITS DISTRIBUTION.

This subject was discussed in a paper by Mr. Henry Moir, who gave two very interesting tables showing the absolute and relative amounts of profit from the various sources as shown in the Gain and Loss Exhibits of eight representative companies during each of the last six years. Commenting on these tables he said:

Despite the larger business of recent years, the profit from loading has been diminishing since 1907. This may be partly caused by the increased new business (through the heavy expense), but probably even more by the lower interest rates now in use for reserve purposes. Turning to surplus interest, the figures are most encouraging and an increase from about \$22,500,000 to nearly \$39,000,000 in six years looks eminently satisfactory. However, the decreased loading and the increased interest are both exaggerated by the changed valuation bases of the companies. In 1907 four of the eight selected com-