

The WITNESS.—I will do it.

*By the Hon. Mr. Landry:*

Q. In this statement the figures given for the Mutual Reserve Fund represent the expenses on the Canadian business?—A. No, that represents the total expenses of the company. The share of the business in Canada—their share of the entire expenses of the company.

Q. Compared with the entire expenses of the others?—A. Yes, it is the entire expense charged to those compared with the entire expense charged to the other.

*By Mr. Geoffrion, Counsel for the Company:*

Q. In order to arrive at the ratio of expense charged to the Canadian companies, have you taken as a basis the difference between the amount contributed by them and the amount returned to them for death losses, and the amount of money deposited here?—A. That has been found in their contribution to the expenses.

Q. You charge them as expenses every single dollar that has not been returned to them or deposited in Canada?—A. Yes.

*By the Hon. Mr. Béique:*

Q. Then you cover the amount of some \$728,000 which appears in the evidence?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Geoffrion, Counsel for the Company:*

Q. The average expenses from 1895 to 1903 of the Mutual Reserve would be \$5.66 per thousand?—A. Yes.

Q. The average expenses indicated in column 'b' being companies incorporated before 1885—over ten years before—which do business both in Canada and outside, would be from 1895 to 1903, \$9.06 per annum?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Coster, K.C., Counsel for the Committee:*

Q. How many?—A. Six; I will give the names—The Canada Life, the Confederation Life, the Manufacturers Life, the North American Life, the Ontario Mutual and the Sun Life of Montreal.

*By the Hon. Mr. McMullen:*

Q. These are virtually old line companies?—A. They are all old line companies.

*By Mr. Geoffrion, Counsel for the Company:*

Q. Column 'a,' which gives the expenses from 1895 to 1903 of all Canadian companies, shows an average of \$10.20 per thousand?—A. Yes.

Q. This is compiled from the blue-book, you state, and is correct?—A. It is compiled from the blue-book and is correct.

Q. Will you please file your next statement?—A. The next statement, 53c, deals with the question of whether there has been a material increase or not in the share of expenses charged to Canadian policy-holders under the present management of the company.

#### EXHIBIT No. 53 C.

As to gross expenses charged Canadian business, (a) 1885 to 1894; (b) 1895 to 1903.

Basis of comparison: Expenses per \$1,000 of insurance carried one year.

All moneys received in Canada on assessment business, and not returned to policy-holders or invested for deposit are counted as expenses.

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