

can be no question but that we may do so with impunity.

I therefore beg to move—

"That the thanks of the Shareholders are especially due, and are hereby offered to the President and Directors for their unwearied attention and zeal in promoting the interests of this Company; and that a further sum of £260 be placed at their disposal as attendance fees."

The resolution was seconded by Dr. O'Reilly and carried unanimously.

The President again rose.

In again acknowledging on the part of the Directors generally the recognition by the shareholders of their services, he was reminded that it was his duty to mention several of those who had assisted the Board in placing the Company in such a strong position—and more especially Mr. Simons, the Secretary, regarding whose labors he felt it was impossible for him to speak too highly. Of the Agents he might name Mr. Bradburne of Toronto, Mr. Welch of Quebec, Mr. Street of London, Mr. Helliwell, a newly appointed agent at St. Catherines, and Mr. Nicholl of Vienna, as especially deserving the acknowledgements of the Board. He was, however, compelled to believe that there were several Agents now acting for the Company who were far from being actuated by the proper spirit—they wanted zeal, and were not perhaps mindful of the nature of their office, that when they succeeded in effecting an assurance they were instrumental in conferring an invaluable blessing upon the family or other dependants of the assured; were they to bear this in mind there was no village so small but that good results would follow an endeavor to awaken the attention of their neighbors to the importance of the subject. This Company had now attained such a position that an earnest thinking Agent would find himself strong in argument and armed to overcome all opposition. The assured, too, should consider that they have a great interest in employing their influence to induce others to join.