Salaries and directors' fees	9,633	12
Rebates, cancellations, re-insurance and adjusting losses	29,688	61
Commission and agents bonuses	38,344	43
Traveling expenses, postage, books and stationery, printing and advertising..	3,463	18
Law costs..	710	37
Miscellaneous disbursements ..	3,807	09
Balance	100,587	41
	$319,709	41

Assets.

Real estate ....$	15,124	23
Mortgages	33,000	00
Debentures	20,551	00
Bills receivable	1,893	63
Unpaid instalments	1,440	95
Agents balances	13,200	82
Office furniture	1,070	93
Goads plans	4,062	02
Molsons Bank (current ac t.) ..	1,044	94
Cash in transmission Dec. 31st	1,991	03
Accrued interest.	1,744	12
Undertakings (less (instalments paid thereon)....	224,696	22
	$327,300	75

Liabilities.

Losses unadjusted, computed at$	2,567	31
Re-insurance fund, to provide for all outstanding risks, cash and mutual systems	112,120	78
	$114,688	09
Balance	212,612	60
	$327,300	75

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the president, directors and members of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company:

Gentlemen,—We beg to report that we have examined the books of account and vouchers of your company for the year ending the 31st December, 1897, and that we find the same correct.

We submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of your company for the past year, a statement of your assets and liabilities, and also a list of the securities for the investments of your company.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Scully,
Benj. Devitt,
Waterloo, Jan., 1898. Auditors.

The president, in moving the adoption of the several reports, said that the past year had been a pretty hard year on the fire insurance companies, but the Waterloo Mutual had not suffered to such a great extent as many other companies, and the directors felt like congratulating the company under the circumstances upon the showing they had been able to make. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Shuh, vice-president of the company, and after some discussion, carried unanimously.

Messrs. J. M. Muir and D. Bean were appointed scrutineers and after a ballot had been taken reported the unanimous re-election of the four retiring directors.

Messrs. J. M. Scully and Benj. Devitt were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Immediately after the close of the annual meeting the directors met and elected Mr. Geo. Randall president and Mr. John Shuh, vice-president of the company for the ensuing year.

The following are the names of the gentlemen comprising the full board of directors: George Randall, John Shuh, S. Snyder, Geo. Diebel, Wm. Snider, Waterloo; J. L. Wideman, St. Jacobs; John Allchin, New Hamburg; Allan Bowman, Blair; P. E. Shantz, Preston; Thomas Gowdy, Guelph; James Livingston, M.P., Baden; Thomas Cowan, Galt.

PERTH MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of this company was held at its head offices in Stratford, Ont., on Tuesday, 25th January last, the president, Mr. William Davidson, in the chair. The following report and financial statement were presented to the members:

REPORT.

Your board of directors in laying before you the thirty-fourth annual statement of the affairs of the company, being for the year ended 31st December, 1897, have pleasure in being able to say that the operations of the year have resulted in a substantial increase in the amount of business written, and in the amount of our assets as well.

The amount of insurance written during the year was:

On the Mutual system	1,651	policies	for	$2,386,187
" Cash "	5,713	"	"	5,947,637
A total of	7,364	"	"	$8,333,824

The number of policies in force and amount at risk on 31st December, 1897, was

On the Mutual system	4,001	policies	for	$5,758,103
" Cash "	9,837	"	"	10,037,000
A total of	13,838	"	"	$15 795,103

an increase, as compared with the previous year, of 1,781 policies for $1,779,259. Of the total at risk there was re-insured $1,308,730, leaving our net liability for amount at risk $14,486,373.

The income of the past year was $124,842.32, and the expenditure $114,098.56, which amount includes the sum of $4,124 paid for losses which occurred in 1896, leaving a balance to be carried to capital account of $10,743.76.

Our total assets, including premium notes in hand, less all payments made thereon, amount to $228,050.85, and as our total liabilities, including the amount required to re-insure all current business taken on the cash system are $57,145.36, our net surplus is $170,905.49.

Detailed statements of the amount at risk, cash account, assets and liabilities, profit and loss account, and the inspector's and auditors' reports, are herewith submitted, and will, we hope, be found satisfactory.

Your directors have pleasure in meeting the members for the first time in the company's own building, and with reference to it would say that the growth of the company's business having rendered the office formerly occupied entirely too small, and the proper care and preservation of its records impossible, they were obliged to consider the question of securing increased office accommodation, and after mature consideration concluded they could not do better than erect a modern office building large enough to accommodate the company's increasing business, and to serve as a permanent home for it.

After careful consideration, the corner of Ontario and Waterloo streets was decided to be the best site available for the purpose, and the ground having been purchased, plans and specifications were procured from Mr. T. J. Hepburn, architect. The tender of Mr. James Stamp, contractor for the work, was accepted, and the work proceeded with under the supervision of the architect and our president, Mr. Davidson.

Your directors believe that the roomy structure in which we are met, substantial, elegant in appearance and up to date in vault accommodation, lighting, heating and all minor details as it is, erected at a cost less than $10,000, may be justly regarded with pride by every member of the company, as it is by them and by the citizens generally, especially as the interest on capital invested will not amount to more, if as much, as would be necessary by way of rent to secure the accommodation now necessary, and feeling that their action is fully justified by the greatly increased growth of the company's business, they trust that it may in future be even more amply justified by continued success.

The directors retiring this year are Messrs. William Davidson, Joseph Salkeld, Thomas Ballantyne and Andrew Kuhry, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chas. Packert, Manager. Wm. Davidson, President.

Stratford, Ont., January 26th, 1898.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Income.

To balance from 1896...........		$ 77,034 63
Premiums on note system	$44,566 21	
Premiums on cash system	64,992 98	
Interest .:..........	3,554 53	
Extra premiums and fees	523 41	
Re-insurance on account of losses	11,205 19	
		124,842 32
		$201,876 95

Disbursements.

By paid losses of 1896 ..	$ 4,124 00	
Losses of 1897	63,598 74	
Rebate and abatements	5,492 19	
Re-insurance	11,126 03	
		$84,340 96
Agents' commissions ..	$17,039 34	
" bonuses	1,477 97	
		18,517 31
Law costs		722 38
Fuel and light ....$	33 99	
Investigation claims....	852 09	
Statutory assessment ..	246 54	
Traveling expenses	384 25	
Rent and taxes	550 85	
Salaries, directors' and auditors' fees........	6,050 40	
Printing and stationery.	1,078 92	
Postage, office account.	389 74	
" agencies......	362 96	
Express and freight....	87 39	
Telephone and telegrams	138 32	
Exchange	121 11	
Other expenses	221 35	
		10,517 91
		$114,098 56
Balance		87,778 39
		$201,876 95

Assets.

Stratford municipal debentures ..$	12,000 00
Mortgages	44,025 00
Accrued interest	396 00
Current account—Bank of Commerce	6,678 34
Savings Bank account—Bank of Commerce	4,115 72
Agents' and other companies' balances	5,136 41
Instalments	1,023 50
Bills receivable.................	341 61
Office furniture................	1,251 23
Goad's plans..................	3,843 40
Real estate and building..........	9,458 16
Premium notes, after deducting all payments thereon.............	139,781 48
Total assets ....$	228,050 85

Liabilities.

Amount required to re-insure all current risks on the Cash System	55,524 89
Losses under adjustment..........	447 94
Losses resisted	681 55
Other accounts..................	490 98
Balance assets over liabilities ...	170,905 49
	$228,050 85

Policies in force, 13,838. Amount at risk, $15,795,103. Amount of deposits with the Government, $12,000.

TRANSACTIONS ON TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bank stocks are firm and in demand. Western Assurance has advanced a point, and is now quoted at 166¾; C.P.R. shares have declined from 89¾ to 88; Commercial Cable sold at 183¾ at the beginning of the week, and is now quoted at 186⅝. London Street Ry. is quoted for the first time this week, opening at 175⅛, and closing at 179, a gain of 3⅞. Loan companies are inactive. Following are the transactions for past week: Ontario Bank, 1 at 101; Bank of Commerce, 306 at 135¾-136¾; Imperial Bank, 115 at 195-196⅜; British America Assurance Co., 50 at 128⅜; Western Assurance Co., 1,440 at 165⅛-166¾; Consumers' Gas Co., 5 at 212¼; Montreal Gas Co., 200 at 195½-196¾; Dominion Telegraph Co., 4 at 132; Canada North-West Land, pref., 40 at 52; com., 50 at 13; C.P.R. stock 2,560 at 89¾-88; Toronto Electric Light Co., 793 at 135⅛-136½; new, 41 at 117-118; Commercial Cable, 1,715 at 183¾-186⅝; Commercial Cable, reg. bonds, $17,500 at 105⅞-108; Bell Telephone, 23 at 174¼; Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., 533 at 111½-113⅛; Toronto St. Railway, 125 at 98½-98¾; London Street Railway, 2,450 at 175⅛-179; Canada Landed and National Investment Co., 55 at 101¼-101½; Canada Permanent Loan Co., 10 at 110; 20 per cent., 17 at 80½; Dominion Savings and Loan Co., 15 at 75; London & Canadian Loan and Agency Co., 5 at 73; Western Canada Loan Co., 60 at 116; 25 per cent., 6 at 87.