

muneration. Mr. Scott, the General Agent, had labored energetically and successfully to add to the list of assured, and so had the different Agents whose exertions had been again and again noticed in former years. Mr. Helliwell and Mr. Bradburne, both present, deserved thanks for their exertions; and other and newer agents merited scarcely less consideration. Amongst the latter he must name Mr. Dupuy, of Kingston, who had transacted a good business in the presence of many obstacles.

HON. A. FERGUSON concurred heartily in the excellent admonitory remarks of the Sheriff, but the impression which some of his words were calculated to convey—namely, that Canada is an unhealthy country—should not go forth uncontradicted. He (Mr. F.) must demur to any such idea. He had had occasion lately to make inquiry upon the subject, and the information which he had acquired from a medical friend satisfied him that Canada, altogether, is the very opposite of unhealthy. A great deal of weight attached to the observations of the President in reference to the position of this Company in the matter. We live and move in a comparatively narrow circle, with every man known more or less to his neighbor; and though, undoubtedly, there is a little too much inebriety and excess, yet the subjects of it are too speedily and too generally known to be commonly accepted for assurance.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Directors to serve four years. The gentlemen retiring by rotation from the Board were Messrs. Hugh C. Baker, Æ. S. Kennedy, W. P. McLaren, Hon. J. H. Cameron, and D. C. Gunn—all, however, eligible for re-election. The death of J. B. Ewart, Esq., of Dundas, had also occasioned a vacancy, to be filled