

LOAN SOCIETIES—Continued.

ASSETS, by Provinces, for the Year 1896.

Provinces.	No. of Companies.	A Current Loans secured.							B Property owned.			
		Total Loans.	Dominion and Provincial Securities.	County or City Securities.	Township, Town or Village Securities.	School Section Securities.	Loans to companies Debitures.	Loans to shareholders on their Stock.	Otherwise secured.	Total.	Dominion Securities.	Provincial Securities.
Ontario...	83	\$ 103,970,150	\$ 33,552	\$ 10,689	\$ 50,000	\$ 6,269	\$ 383,191	\$ 826,574	\$ 2,303,083	\$ 107,583,519	\$ 363,586	\$ 170,600
Quebec...	7	9,153,379	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	78,832	101,318	9,336,030	.....	.....
N. Scotia...	3	1,250,883	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,893	1,256,777	.....	.....
Manitoba...	1	1,300,420	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300,420	.....	.....
Total...	94	114,674,831	40,052	10,689	50,000	6,269	383,191	905,407	2,406,295	119,536,756	363,586	170,600

C Property owned. Continued.

Provinces.	No. of Companies.	Property owned.					Property owned. Continued.					Total Property owned.	Total Assets.
		County or City Securities.	Township, Town or Village Securities.	School Section Securities.	Loans to companies Debitures.	Office Furniture and Fixtures.	Cash on hand.	Cash in Banks.	Office Premises.	Loans secured on real estate held for sale.	Other Property.		
Ontario...	83	\$ 1,066,105	\$ 717,588	\$ 144,223	\$ 753,022	\$ 53,100	\$ 113,217	\$ 2,713,103	\$ 1,798,947	\$ 4,555,394	\$ 10,281,367	\$ 22,730,268	\$ 130,313,787
Quebec...	7					\$ 1,410	\$ 8,274	\$ 785,876	\$ 46,473	\$ 55,392	\$ 540,534	\$ 1,437,963	\$ 10,773,993
N. Scotia...	3	\$ 10,000			\$ 5,000	\$ 600	\$ 57	\$ 7,750	\$ 8,461	\$ 9,680	\$ 49,604	\$ 91,153	\$ 1,317,931
Manitoba...	1	\$ 17,310		\$ 23,700			\$ 2,991	\$ 19,447		\$ 27,504	\$ 280	\$ 91,234	\$ 1,451,663
Total...	94	\$ 1,093,416	\$ 717,588	\$ 167,923	\$ 758,022	\$ 55,120	\$ 124,540	\$ 3,526,178	\$ 1,853,882	\$ 4,647,971	\$ 10,871,787	\$ 24,350,619	\$ 141,887,379

ECHOES OF WINDSOR, N.E.

HEARD EN ROUTE.

Scene.—Railway Station of the Would-be Winter Port. Arrival of Montreal train.

Distinguished looking passenger discovered on platform of Pullman, eagerly scanning faces in Station.

"Ah, J...k, how are you old man? Yes, serious business this—for the other fellows, don't you know—doesn't bother us much, the 'Anti Humbug & Crocodile' can stand it, but my dear boy, it's all on risks of the highest class, isolated dwellings and such like, you know; we avoided all the congested portion of the town, don't you see; let the others have that and now they have to pay for it. Oh yes, I'm going to pay up (soon as I'm ready to) and have my cheque book with me. But, I say, J...k, just see that your two dailies get an item, will you; remind the public of our being first to pay in '77, you know; say that claims will be required merely as a matter of form and so on, you know, old chappie, how to do it. And, I say, J...k, a word in your ear, as a matter of fact, I've got every claim fully completed with cheque attached for the full amount in that bag over there, see! ah! ah! Well, train moving, ta ta old fellow, tell enquiring friends address me Windsor.

Following Day. Scene.—Ball Chamber, Duclon Hotel, Windsor.

Present—distinguished looking stranger and numerous other agents, adjusters, and managers. A sprinkling of Flasks about (not Foundry). General talk regarding fire.

Q.—Well, my dear boys, this fire isn't a circumstance to St. John's, Nfld., where we paid half a million without turning a hair (we are all bald, you know), but then we got the funds from England; now we are "of America" however, I suppose Papa at Liverpool will help; have just wired Gordie at Montreal to see if he can spare us a few hundreds.

A.—I don't care what you fellows do, I've paid already, only got here this morning, cheques all issued an hour ago, how's that for Queen Anne?

G.—Look here Union, you're not in it, why we paid yesterday, handed out \$500 bills, and never called for claims or receipts! What's the use of having the largest paid up capital in the world if.....

P.—Ache of L.—Oh stop talking that shop you G....n Angel, we've risen from our ashes before and are going to do it this time; you can't get ahead of us. Why we were here in 184 before you youngsters saw the light, and.....

R....l—Now I object to this lecturing, if you want to see who can pay first why I'm ready for you, and I shan't consult anyone either. Why, we sent telegrams whilst fire was in progress to all stations on the line that an awfully English Inspector, you know, was on the way to adjust, and.....

C....t—Well, I don't know when we shall pay, probably by January 1st, but what Bertie will say to this \$6,000 knock I don't know, afraid we shall retire from the Lower Provinces.

N....M—It's nice to hear you boys talk, but did any of you happen to see the "Sun" of yesterday? Just have a look at it, can't catch us asleep I tell you!

L...l—It seems to me you fellows think you know all about this Lower Province business, but look at us; only lost 31 thou., and been here 34 years, never dropped a copper before. Yah!

Ommes—Rats! Put it in Whitaker's Almanac.

N....n—Agent rushing in. "Ah, just got a cable from my Head Office:—'Draw at sight for all losses before adjusted.' How's that for high, eh!

L....e—Well, if we hadn't cut the rate on at Decmrig hotel and taken risk from Sh....t, we shouldn't have had this blank blank loss to pay.

A....s & N....l—Oh drop this rot, I'll play any one here a game of snooker for a quarter. Are yer o.s?

Extant omnes in search of a snooker table.

The Assessment Concerns which are gone and those which are going are the victims of suicide, not of manslaughter. So long as they continue to dig their own graves, there is no occasion for the regular companies to act as funeral directors. These companies did not kill the Massachusetts' Benefit and they are not killing the Bay State. If they had any disposition to hound such concerns to their death they are spared the trouble by the self-slaughterers. As to those that are still "hanging by the gills," the best answer to their aspersions is found in their imitation or adoption of a scientific reserve basis and of periodic prepayments, opposition to which and condemnation of which constituted their chief stock-in-trade until the gathering storm threatened them with shipwreck.—*Baltimore Underwriter*.