possible, all accounts for the past year, has been, especially when compared with the expenditure of other Companies of similar standing, extremely moderate.

The Board of Directors have further to report that they have deemed it conducive to the interests of the Company to purchase the Building at present, and for some time past, occupied as their offices.

The Receipt of monies for investment has increased, this Branch of the Company's business is worthy of attention, being advantageous to all parties.

Although the agents of the Company number about 50, it is only a few that have exerted themselves with any degree of success; the necessity for a General Agent, whose appointment dates some three years ago, and whose duty it is to visit the different Agencies, establish new ones, and generally exert himself to promote the interests of theCompany, has been rendered singularly apparent; for not only has a large portion of the Company's business been the result of his exertions, but the practice of Life Assurance has been introduced in places where formerly people were almost ignorant of its name.

In conclusion, the Board of Directors cannot refrain from the remark that the career of the Company has hitherto been one of success; that its prospects, with Canada and the British North American Provinces for its field, are most flattering; and that it will ultimately become one of the most important, as it is one of the most useful, Institutions of Canadian origin.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH C. BAKER,
President.

THOS. M. SIMONS,
Secretary.

THE Chairman then read the statement of Assets and Liabilities, and explained that the greater value at which the investments were held in this statement over their assumed value in the balance previously read, (included in the Report) arose from the system, which had been heretofore followed, of charging in the Company's books only the cost price of any security which might be purchased at a discount,—so that the true interest in each year could be strictly ascertained for