

gamations are concerned, it can be proved by an algebraic formula that if one minus term be multiplied into another minus term, the product is a plus term compounded of both. For example: Let— $a$  be the National, while— $c$  and— $e$  represent two other home companies. Then— $a \times -2c = +2ac$ , or simply  $2ac$ , which was to be demonstrated; an exhibit which we would commend to the attention of the clever secretary of the company.

#### THE DOMINION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

The fifth annual report of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society of London, Ontario, reproduced on this page, shows that the Institution contributes its quota to the general prosperity which characterizes the financial enterprises of the Forest City. As compared with the business of the previous year, there is an increase of \$81,400 in paid-up stock, of \$192,840 in investments, and of \$124,517 in deposits. The net profits of the year, after paying two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent., were \$5,291.90, of which \$5000 have been added to the "Rest," which now amounts to \$74,000. The investments of the Society appear to be carefully made, being in first mortgages on real estate valued at considerably more than double the loans on the basis of a forced cash sale, and the constant services of their efficient valuator in this respect should enable the executive to produce as good results for the shareholders in the future as they have in the past. The Manager is surely to be congratulated, who, in such an exceptional era of depression, can assert that the Society has not been obliged to write off a single dollar of their investments.

#### THE DOMINION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

##### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society was held on Tuesday, the 12th ult., at the offices of the Company in London.

The President, Mr. D. Macfie, occupied the chair, and Mr. F. B. Leys, the Manager, acted as Secretary. There was a large attendance of stockholders.

The Chairman called on Mr. Leys to read the annual report as follows:—

*To the Shareholders of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society.*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Directors, in presenting this fifth annual report take pleasure in calling your attention to the continued and ever-increasing prosperity of the Society.

By comparing the business done in the different branches during the past year with that of the preceding one it will be seen—notwithstanding the financial crisis through which the country is now passing, and consequent scarcity of money and general depression of trade—that very considerable progress has been made.

There has been paid on stock \$81,400 07, making the total amount of paid-up stock, on 31st December last, \$502,625.76. And we have now invested in first mortgages on real estate \$1,032,835.45 as against \$839,995 06 in the previous year: the estimated value of which, at a forced cash sale, is \$2,479,525.

The most striking increase in our business has been our Savings Bank; the deposits during the past year reaching to the large sum of \$1,196,149.75, and the withdrawals to \$1,073,083.58, leaving a balance of \$123,066.17, making total amount in Savings Bank on 31st December last

\$451,196.02, as compared with \$326,678.99 the previous year. This result is the more gratifying when it is considered that some of our large kindred institutions, instead of an increase, have to record a loss in this branch.

The net profits for the year, after paying two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and all expenses of every kind, have been \$5,291.90, of which \$5,000 has been placed to Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$74,000; and the balance, \$291.90, has been carried to credit of Contingent Account, amounting now to \$1,893.24.

Our Valuator is constantly engaged in viewing properties, offered as security for loans, and in re-valuing property already held by the Society. It is to his great care and prudence that we may, in a great measure, attribute the fact that we have not had occasion to write off a single dollar of our investments.

At the last annual meeting of the shareholders the number of Directors was reduced from twelve to seven, whose term of office now expires, but who are eligible for re-election. The retiring Directors are D. Macfie, Henry Taylor, William R. Meredith, Samuel Peters, John, Burnett, Dr. Cattermole, and Wm. Duffield.

The Manager and other officers have performed their duties to the satisfaction of the Board.

D. MACFIE, President.

FRANK B. LEYS, Manager.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending 31st December, 1877:

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Merchants' Bank, December 31st, 1876.....	\$ 7,528 43
Accumulating stock.....	47,120 64
Permanent stock.....	100,150 00
Repayments on loans.....	231,959 86
Extra interest.....	5,853 88
General interest.....	1,642 55
Savings Bank deposits.....	1,196,149 75
Debentures.....	21,656 66
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	\$1,612,661 77

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Loans on mortgages.....	\$ 339,542 45
Acc. stock made permanent.....	60,318 05
Acc. stock dividends paid on converted stock.....	5,492 52
Savings Bank deposits withdrawn.....	1,073,083 58
Savings Bank interest withdrawn.....	20,543 36
Permanent Stock dividends paid.....	36,412 45
General interest.....	2,678 40
Commission on loans.....	3,142 78
Expense acc't (including solicitor's and directors' fees and expenses on debentures).....	8,581 26
Remitted int. on debentures.....	1,191 23
Bal. in Union Bank of Scotland.....	5,392 64
Bal. in Merchants' Bank of Canada.....	55,783 05
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	\$1,612,661 77

The following are the Assets and Liabilities:—

ASSETS.	
Cash Value of Mortgages.....	\$1,032,835 45
Loans on Society's Stock.....	4,050 00
Cash in Merchants' Bank of Canada.....	55,783 05
Cash in Union Bank of Scotland.....	5,392 64
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	\$1,098,061 14

LIABILITIES.	
Permanent Stock.....	\$450,650 00
Permanent Stock Dividends.....	22,451 14
Accumulating Stock.....	51,975 76
Accumulating Stock Dividends.....	15,235 02
Savings Bank Deposits and interest.....	451,196 02
Debentures.....	30,659 96
Reserve Fund.....	74,000 00
Contingent Fund.....	1,893 24
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	\$1,098,061 14

##### AUDITORS REPORT.

We, the undersigned Auditors, do certify that we have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Society, for the year ending 31st December, 1877, and find the same correct,

as above set forth, and that the mortgages have been valued at the same rates at which the investment was made.

J. J. DYAS,

A. G. SMYTH,

Auditors.

The election of Directors was then proceeded with, and resulted in the re-election of the old Board, namely:—Daniel Macfie, Esq., Henry Taylor, Esq., James Cattermole, Esq., M.D., Samuel Peters, Esq., Civil Engineer, W. R. Meredith, Esq., Q.C., M.P.P., of Scatterd & Meredith, Barristers, Wm. Duffield, Esq., of Duffield Bros., John Burnett, Esq., of Burnett & Elliot.

The usual formal resolutions were then proposed and adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

Shortly afterwards the new Directors met, and unanimously elected Daniel Macfie, Esq., President, and Henry Taylor, Esq., Vice-President of the Society for the ensuing year.

#### ROYAL CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANY.

The adjourned annual meeting of this Company was held in the directors' room, in their building, St. James street, on Thursday the 21st ult.

There were present: Mr. John Ostell, President, in the chair; Hon. J. R. Thibaudeau, Vice-President; Messrs. Duncan McIntyre, Hugh Mackay, Robt. Archer, M. C. Mullarky, Andrew Robertson and F. W. Kay, directors, and the following stockholders:—

Wm. O'Brien, G. H. Dumesnil, G. W. Moss, W. S. Evans, Thos. Ross Wood, Toronto; Roderick McKenzie, Dr. Raymond, Daniel McCarthy, Sorel; M. Robinson, St. John, New Brunswick; A. St. Denis, F. E. Gilman, F. B. McNamee, C. F. Sise, Boston; John C. Watson, George R. Robertson, James Stewart, B. J. Coghlin, J. A. B. Mongenais, M. O'Shaughnessy, A. Desforges, Quebec; E. Ford, A. C. Clark, James Morgan, Sorel; Jas. Strachan, John Palmer, L. Monat, Alfred Perry, Jonathan Hodgson, John Plimssol, W. S. Evans, Murdoch McKenzie, P. A. Fautaux, John Haggart and many others.

The President called upon Mr. Gagnon, the Secretary, to read the advertisement calling the meeting.

By request of the Chairman, Mr. Gagnon then read the following report in English:—

##### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.

Your Directors beg leave to submit their annual report of the operations of the Company for the past year. They would have been glad to exhibit a brighter statement, but Insurance business has been generally unfortunate, as well as in the more especial calamity at St. John, New Brunswick, where this Company's net losses amounted to \$337,052.03.

Your Company could hardly anticipate exemption from what has been the general experience of Insurance companies for the past year—that is, a serious loss on business, attributable to the great reduction in rates and the still continued depression of business on this continent. The latter is recognized as a cause for increased fires, and consequent loss to Insurance companies.

Your Directors have devoted their best energies to meet the emergencies thus arising, and, taking all circumstances into consideration, have deemed it prudent to follow out a more conservative policy, reducing the amount of risks carried, and circumscribing the field of the Company's operations. These means, with the strictest possible economy in expenditure, will, it is trusted, bring about a more satisfactory future.

The statements now submitted show gross assets of \$947,995.12, and a surplus, as regards policyholders, of \$851,668.87, the investments being calculated at the actual market value on the 31st December. This surplus, combined with the strength of your proprietary, so thoroughly proved in the payment of recent calls, affords ample grounds for public confidence.

The Directors retiring are the Hon. J. R. Thibaudeau, Andrew Robertson, W. Frederick