

**SPECIAL AND ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE.**

THE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF this Company at its Nineteenth Annual Meeting, in Waterloo, on May 23rd, 1889, though not quite as large as in some former years, was, as usual, both influential and representative.

The President, I. E. Bowman, Esq., M.P., having taken the chair, on motion the Secretary of the Company, W. H. Riddell, Esq., acted as Secretary of the Special and of the Annual Meeting.

The provisions of the Act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, to amend the Company's charter, having been explained by the Chairman, on motion it was unanimously approved of, whereupon the Special General Meeting was dissolved.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the Company was then held. The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting, on motion the minutes of last Annual Meeting were taken as read, and confirmed. The President then read the

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

It affords your Directors much pleasure, in submitting the following statement of the affairs of our Company, to be able to report to the members that the net result of the business transacted during the year 1888 exceeds that of any previous year. The new assurances issued amount to \$2,518,650, under 1,905 policies, and the total amount in force on 31st December is \$12,041,914 under 9,398 policies. The regular progressive increase of the past ten years in our Premium and Interest Income has been fully maintained.

Our total assets as at 31st December last amounted to \$1,313,853, and our surplus over and above all liabilities has reached the handsome sum of \$90,337.09, which is a very satisfactory showing after the liberal annual distributions which have hitherto been made. A portion of this surplus will be held in hand as a provision against future reductions in the rate of interest and other contingencies.

Our expense account for 1888 is about \$2,000 less than that of 1887, while the business transacted is considerably greater; and the ratio of expense has been reduced to 18 1-5 per cent., showing a reduction of 2 1/2 per cent. as compared with the previous year.

The policies in force at the close of the year have been valued by the officers of the Government Insurance Department and the Reserve required to be held has been certified as correct by the Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion. After the regular annual Audit, the Executive Committee of the Board again carefully examined in detail all the securities embraced in the general statement of assets and found them correct and in proper order. The detailed statement prepared and duly certified to by your Auditors is herewith submitted for your examination and disposal.

You will be called on to elect four Directors in the place of B. M. Britton, John Marshall, Francis C. Bruce and J. Kerr Fischen, whose term of office has expired, but who are all eligible for re-election. On behalf of the Board,

ISAAC E. BOWMAN, Pres.

Printed copies of the Financial Statement and Auditors' Report for 1888 having been distributed among the members, the President moved the adoption of the various reports. He congratulated the policy-holders on the favourable results of the year's operations, obtained at a lower ratio of expenditure than in previous years and lower than the expense ratio of any of our Canadian competitors, with one exception only; while the volume of business has been well maintained and its quality improved. The new business of the current year was much in excess of that written during the same period in any previous year, evidencing the continued popularity of the Company and warranting the hope that the next report the Directors may have the privilege of submitting will be the best ever experienced in the history of the Company. He had no hesitation in stating that The Ontario was never more deserving of the support and confidence of its members and of the patronage of the insuring public than it is at the present time. B. M. Britton, Esq., Q.C.; James Trow, Esq., M.P.; Joseph Ward, Esq., of the wholesale firm of Messrs. Ward, Carter & Co., Montreal, and others ably supported the motion, which was adopted amid applause.

Messrs. Jackson and Scully having been reappointed by vote of the members present auditors for the current year, the Scrutineers appointed to take up the ballots having reported the re-election of the retiring Directors, and the customary vote of thanks to the Board, the Officers and the Agents having been tendered and responded to, the meeting was brought to a close. The Directors met subsequently and re-elected I. E. Bowman, President; and under the amended charter elected C. M. Taylor 1st Vice and Robert Melvin 2nd Vice-President of the Company for the ensuing year.

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