

The result of this is that the business is to some extent reduced to a system of tendering for rates.

The various Statements on the table most of which are in the hands of the Shareholders show—that in the year 1878, after providing for all losses—paid and those unsettled.—

The Fire department left a surplus of.....	\$15,932 92
“ Guarantee department “ “	3,800 09
And Accident “ “ “	551 48

And the liabilities of the Company have been reduced during the year, \$47,812.64, as shown by the repayment of the loan on Bank Stock and other resources, after allowing full provision for re-insurance fund and all other liabilities.

The business of the Company has been either altogether withdrawn or much restricted in the more distant places, particularly in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edwards Island and Manitoba and in anything like ordinary circumstances, the business of the Company should be fairly remunerative, and there is every prospect of its being so in the near future.

The accounts of the Company have been duly audited and a certificate to that effect is on the table.

The Directors who go out of office at this term are Messrs J. B. Rolland, N. B. Corse and J. L. Cassidy, but they are all qualified for re-election.

HUGH ALLAN,

PRESIDENT.