

Western Assurance Company

FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

The annual meeting of shareholders was held at the Company's offices on Thursday, 7th March, 1901. The President, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, occupied the chair.

The following annual report of the directors, with accompanying financial statement, was then read by the secretary:—

The directors beg to submit their annual report showing the result of the Company's transactions for the past year, together with a statement of assets and liabilities at 31st December last.

The premium income, after deducting the amount paid for reinsurances, was \$2,918,786 and the earnings from interest were \$75,649. The total losses incurred during the year amounted to \$2,069,096. These bear a ratio to the premiums received considerably higher than that shown in the general experience of the Company, though there have been exceptional years in the past when a much larger percentage of losses to income has been sustained. After providing for losses and for current expenses, the revenue account shows a profit balance of \$12,824. This is probably as favorable an outcome as shareholders will have anticipated, bearing in mind the disastrous fires which have occurred during the year. The total amount paid, it may be stated, by this Company for losses in the Ottawa and Hull conflagration in April last, was \$182,608. Of this amount, however, \$58,000 was recovered on account of re-insurances. The generally unfavorable experience of fire insurance companies, both in Canada and the United States during the past two years, has led to advances in rates which,

it is believed, will place the business on a more satisfactory footing.

In the last annual report the establishment of a branch office in London, England, was referred to, and it affords your directors much pleasure to be able to say that the progress made by this branch and the agencies connected with it has fully met their anticipations.

Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 10 and 8 per cent. per annum respectively have been declared.

As announced by circular to shareholders in July last, it was decided to increase the cash capital of the company to \$2,000,000 by calling up the \$1,000,000 subscribed and unpaid capital in instalments of 10 per cent. each at intervals of two months. Two instalments fell due before the close of the year, but the majority of shareholders exercised the option which was given of anticipating the calls, and nearly two-thirds of the entire amount was paid in by 31st December.

The directors have pleasure in calling attention to the financial position which the Company occupies at the beginning of the second half century of its corporate existence—offering, as it does, the following security to its policyholders:

Capital paid up on 31st December...	\$1,648,518 00
Calls in course of payment...	351,482 00
Total capital...	\$2,000,000 00
Reserve fund...	1,002,794 00
Total funds...	\$3,002,794 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1900

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Fire losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to December 31st, 1900...	\$1,508,364 41
Marine Losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to December 31st, 1900...	560,732 96
General expenses, agents' commissions, etc.	912,514 15
Balance to profit and loss...	12,824 93
	\$2,994,436 45

Fire premium...	\$2,268,006 06
Marine premium...	1,214,902 24
Less re-assurance...	564,121 45
Interest...	\$2,918,786 85
	75,649 60
	\$2,994,436 45

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dividend No. 78...	\$50,000 00
Dividend No. 79...	60,411 35
	\$110,411 35
Balance reserve at December 31st, 1900...	\$1,002,794 08
	\$1,113,205 43

Reserve fund at December 31st, 1899...	\$1,100,380 50
Balance of revenue account...	12,824 93
	\$1,113,205 43

ASSETS.

United States and state bonds...	\$171,445 00
Dominion of Canada stock...	67,310 50
Bank, loan company and other stocks...	470,324 87
Company's building...	65,000 00
Municipal bonds and debentures...	723,419 51
Railroad bonds...	308,188 16
Cash on hand and on deposit...	346,474 33
Bills receivable...	92,742 43
Mortgages...	32,550 00
Due from other companies—Current acct's...	174,453 07
Interest due and accrued...	8,868 08
Furniture, insurance plans, etc., head office and branches...	64,561 54
Agents' balances and sundry accounts...	412,846 63
	\$2,938,184 12

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid-up...	\$1,648,518 00
Losses under adjustment...	226,460 60
Dividend payable January, 1901...	60,411 35
Reserve fund...	\$1,002,794 08

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