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The twenty-third general meeting the shareholders was held on the 8th day of February, 1900, at the office of the company, 17 Melinda street, Toronto, at

company, 17 Melinda street, Toronto, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon.

The vice-president, Mr. W. H. Beatty, occupied the chair, and the following other shareholders were present: Messrs. A. B. Lee, Frederick Wyld, Alex. Nairn, Henry Gooderham, W. B. Hamilton, John F. Taylor, A. M. Cosby, W. B. McMurrich, William Thomson, M. A. Thomas, Joseph Henderson, C. B. Petry, Robert Thompson, John Catto, Robert Carrie, E. M. Chadwick, John Paton, E. W. Burke, Charles Niehaus, etc., etc.

The manager of the company, Mr. A. M. Cosby, was, by resolution to that effect, appointed secretary of the meeting.

The secretary read the notice calling

effect, appointed secretary of the meeting. The secretary read the notice calling the meeting, after which it was moved by Mr. M. A. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Henry Gooderham, that the minutes of the last meeting of the shareholders, held on the 9th day of February, 1899, be taken as read and confirmed. Carried.

The Directors' Report, Statement of Account, and Auditors' Certificate, were read by the secretary.

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REPORT.

The directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders their report, accompanied by the usual statements of account, for the fiscal year ending 31st of December, 1899.

The revenue of the company for the year was\$147,877 41 After deducting from this all

expenses of management, in-terest on debenture, etc., there remained a net revenue of 48,486 14

From this, two half-yearly dividends on the paid-up capital stock of the company at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum were paid, ab-

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a contingent liability of 4,800

Leaving a surplus of\$10,686 14 which the directors recommend be add-

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l to property suspense account. The company's business during ine company's business during the period under review, was, on the whole, satisfactory, although, owing to the stringency in the money market, maturing debentures were not renewed or replaced by new debentures to the same extent as formerly, the result being a reduction in the volume of business.

Payments from borrowers were satisfactory, and, there being a good demand for loans in Manitoba at remuner-ative rates, the company's funds were kept actively employed.

The demand for real estate, in both provinces in which the company operates, having improved, the directors were enabled to effect sales of a large proportion of the properties on hand a year ago.

The work, preliminary to the amalgamation of four loan companies, of which this company is one, and to which refer-ence was made in the report issued by the directors a year ago, has been steadily pursued, necessitating the attention dur-ing the greater part of the year of at least two of the company's officers.

The investigation of the assets of the

four companies, by committees appointed for that purpose, has been most thorough, and it will be gratifying to the share-holders of this company to know that the result of this investigation, so far as this company's assets are concerned, and of the sales of properties made shows of the sales of properties made, shows that the provision made eighteen months ago for anticipated losses, was amply

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