

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

HURON & ERIE LOAN & SAVINGS COMPANY

The Directors of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company beg to submit herewith their Twenty-third Annual Report, shewing the results of the business of the Company for the past year, accompanied by the Balance Sheet of 31st December, 1886, duly audited.

From the profits of the year, your Directors have been enabled, after defraying all expenses of management, to pay two half-yearly dividends of four-and-a-half per cent each, pay the income tax of \$2,791⁹³/₁₀₀, add \$23,000 to the Reserve Fund, and leave a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss of \$371⁹⁸/₁₀₀.

During the year there has been a small increase in the deposits in the Savings Bank, amounting to \$1,084⁸⁴/₁₀₀, a marked increase in Canadian Debentures of \$29,000, and in Sterling Debentures of \$129,331⁶⁶/₁₀₀, making a total increase to the working capital of \$159,416⁵⁹/₁₀₀.

In accordance with the invariable custom of the Company, all preliminary expenses connected with the issuing of Sterling Debentures have been paid out of the profits of the year.

Notwithstanding that low rates have prevailed, the demand for money has continued, and the funds of the Company are well invested. The *net* cash value of the securities held by the Company at the close of the year amounted to \$3,303,680⁸³/₁₀₀, being an increase since the corresponding period of last year of \$223,924⁹¹/₁₀₀.

The sum invested by your Directors in 1885 in Government Inscribed Stock remains undisturbed, and is at any time readily convertible.

The value of the Real Estate held by the Company, other than the office premises, is \$2,635⁰⁵/₁₀₀. In this sum is included all the properties remaining unsold which have come into possession of the Company by foreclosure, failure to obtain purchasers under power of sale, or otherwise.

The net losses for the year have amounted to \$963⁹⁴/₁₀₀, a very small sum when compared with the total investments of the Company. The system of inspection by the Company's own Inspectors of securities offered to the Company has been continued.

Your Directors desire to bear testimony to the very efficient manner in which the Manager, and the other officers of the Company have discharged their respective duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. SAUNDERS.

President.

LONDON, ONTARIO,

24th January, 1887.