

Profits to participating policies are recommended at the same rate of "Cash" as given last year. For those policies participating for the first time, where taken in "Cash," the profits will be 41 per cent. of the difference between the pure premiums required for the risks and the rates charged, and to those policyholders who take "Bonus" payable at death, the equivalent thereof.

The Investment Branch of the Company's business receives the careful and earnest attention of the Directors, and they have been able during the year to invest the Company's spare funds in securities of a most satisfactory character, although at rates of interest lower than were looked for in former years. They are satisfied, however, that the main object of the Company should be to obtain perfect and ample security rather than high returns upon troublesome or perhaps precarious investments. The acceptance of lower rates of interest in that way, and the fact that interest has been carefully excluded in all cases of investments where any doubt of its realization may exist, have again diminished the average for the year to a trifle over 6 per cent., and 6 per cent. is accordingly recommended as a Stock Dividend, in addition to a Bonus of \$2.78 per share. In accordance with the desire that payments of dividends should from this time be made half-yearly, one-half of the sums declared will be payable on 1st November next, and the other half on 1st May. In cases of shares not fully paid up to \$50, the amounts will as hitherto, be added to, the shares, making them at 1st May next, stand at \$45 each. During the year under review, 280 shares, and since 30th April last 59 shares have been fully paid up to \$50 each.

Allusion was made in last Report to the beneficial change in the law relative to Life Assurance Companies' investments. By it this Company has been enabled to materially aid many of its assured, by Loans upon Policies to the extent of their value; the investments in that way now exceeding in the aggregate \$8,000. Besides that and first class loans upon Real Estate, for over \$52,000, large investments have been made in the most desirable class of Debentures, by which the sum held under the heads of Municipal and other Debentures, is now increased to nearly \$300,000.

In the Savings Bank under the Company's management there were open at 30th April, 967 accounts.

As required by the Company's Act of Parliament, the following five Directors retire from the Board by rotation, but being all eligible they are recommended for re-election. Their names are: F. W. GATES and GEORGE H. GILLISPIE, Esqs. of Hamilton; The Hon. ADAM FERGUSSON, of Woodhill; DONALD MCINNES, and JOHN FERRIE, Esqrs., of Hamilton. In February last, upon the resignation of MILES O'REILLY, Esq., Q.C., the Directors elected TRISTRAM BICKLE, Esq., to fill his seat, and he is eligible and recommended for re-election for the remainder of the time for which Mr. O'REILLY had been elected. By the more recent retirement of W. H. PARK, Esq., another seat at the Board was rendered vacant, and to supply that vacancy, the Directors would cordially recommend to the Shareholders the name of W. P. HOWLAND, Esq., of Toronto, M.P.P., a gentleman from whose high standing and well known business qualifications, the Company can not fail to derive much benefit.

The following Table giving at a glance the progressive increase of the Company's new assurances, well indicates the increasing confidence of the public in this purely Canadian institution, and shows a laudably patriotic desire to support a Canadian Company entirely conducted by residents in Canada, not withdrawing the capital of the country for transmission to England or elsewhere, but retaining and investing all its spare funds in the colony, and so materially promoting its welfare and development.

Comparative Table showing New Business in following years.

	No. New Policies.	Sums Assured.	Premiums.
Yearly average to April 30, 1859.	231	\$ 431,738	\$ 11,769.39 c.
Transacted year ending April 30, 1860.	338	542,821	15,763.86
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