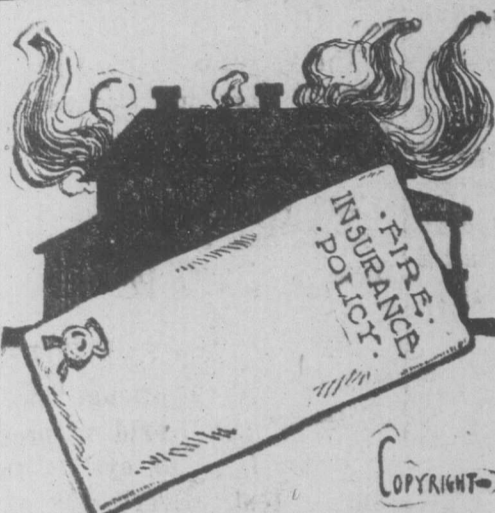




Patriotic Association of Newfoundland

There will be a meeting of the Patriotic Association of Newfoundland in the Board of Trade Building, Water Street on Thursday, 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

V. P. BURKE, Hon. Secretary.
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SUN LIFE IN STRONGEST POSITION IN HISTORY

Business written in Canada shows gain. Assets show largest increase on record

In view of the recently announced amalgamation of the Federal Life with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, the Annual Report for 1914 presented at the Annual Meeting of the Sun Life of Canada in Montreal is of more than ordinary interest. The Company closed the year with the strongest statement in its history. It again maintained its leadership among Canadian Life Companies in amount of new assurances issued and paid for, assurances in force, assets, surplus and income. New assurances issued during 1914 totalled \$32,167,000, as paid for issue of \$15,388,000 in Canada representing an increase of \$388,065 over 1913, a fact strongly suggestive not only of popularity of the Sun Life of Canada among the Canadian people but of the essential soundness of Canadian business conditions. Assurances in force now total over \$218,299,000. Assets increased by \$8,461,000 to \$64,187,000, the largest annual increase in the Company's history. As additional resources over and above these assets the Company holds Contingent Fund securities to a total par value of over \$11,000,000. A particularly favorable feature of the year's operations was increase of more than 48% in surplus earnings. Net surplus now standing at \$6,503,793. That the year's progress was along eminently conservative lines is indicated by the fact that an increase of 8% in assurances in force was very properly accompanied by an increase of over 15% in assets and of over 13% in surplus. Cash income totalled \$15,052,275, an increase of \$1,055,000 over that for 1913, payments to policyholders increasing \$1,178,000 to over \$6,160,000, and bringing total payments to policyholders since organization to over \$45,500,000. The prosperity of the Sun Life of Canada is reflected in the fact that during the present year the company is in a position to maintain its increasing scale of policy dividends in accordance with which five-year and reserve dividend policies will receive larger dividends in 1915 than those paid on similar policies in 1914.

The record for 1914 of the Sun Life of Canada in the face of acute depression reflects the highest credit upon the directors and officers of the company and should be equally satisfactory to the shareholders and policyholders.

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Garibaldi's Idea of The Future of Europe After the War

Austria-Hungary Dismembered, the Balkans Untied Under Russia, the Mediterranean Sea Declared a Neutral Area

AS already reported by cable Rome, These men have often told me of the steady progress of the Czech element in Vienna, how they have been gradually pushing forward and pushing forward until at least 60 per cent of the Austrian capital is now Slav, mostly Czech.

"I have often asked them why, if that was the case and their positions were so strong, they did not do something, and the reply has generally been they were sure of some power being made to take over the position of paramountcy held by Austria at present. With considerable insight," General Garibaldi added, "they

recognized the fact that if all these states were left to themselves without any strong controlling influence, the future would be one long repetition of minor struggles and disagreements."

The Situation in Balkans
From Austria-Hungary the General passed on to the even more involved question of the future of the Balkans.

"From my knowledge of these peoples," he said, "and it is a knowledge extending over many years, I have come definitely to the conclusion that they are without exception really pan-Slavist in their ideas. They are, however, equally without exception, strongly opposed to any form of suzerainty by the Czar.

"I have repeatedly discussed all these questions both with revolutionaries before the wars of liberation and with Balkan statesmen afterwards, and the conviction has always been borne in upon me that the Balkan states could not entertain any hope of really peaceful development for any length of time, unless they were controlled by some power sufficiently great to secure the respect of all."

Austria To Break Up
The General was asked what he expected would be the effect of the war as far as Austria-Hungary was concerned, to which he replied that he fully anticipated the complete break-up of the dual monarchy.

"I do not think," he said, "there is any doubt that all the subject states of Austria-Hungary, which for so many years have been striving to attain a greater liberty, will seize on this opportunity to achieve the purpose for which they have striven so long.

"Bohemia and Croatia, as well as Hungary, will claim independence. As I have said the Italian lands will undoubtedly go to Italy. Bosnia and Herzegovina will go to Serbia and Montenegro, whilst Transylvania will undoubtedly be annexed by Roumania. Galicia is to be incorporated in the new Poland, and all that will be left to Austria will be Salzburg, Carinthia, Styria, Cariola, the Grand Duchy and the Tyrol.

Austria's Share May Be Small
"She may not even," he continued, "be left all that, as I do not think there is any doubt that the Czechs of Bohemia have great ambitions in the direction of Vienna. I have often talked over the question," the General continued, "with prominent revolutionary Czechs, for," he added, with a smile, "all revolutionaries of all nationalities seem to come sooner or later to my house in

Petrograd, March 20th—Count Sergius Witte, former Russian premier and a dominant figure in international politics, is dead. It was officially announced today.

Count Witte owed his chief claim to fame to what was generally considered his diplomatic triumph over Japan in the Portsmouth peace negotiations, at the close of the Russo-Japanese war. Since his retirement as president of Russia's first constitutional ministry he had been engaged in a number of diplomatic ventures. He was reported in Rome last fall, attempting to induce Italy to join the allies.

Count Witte was born in Tiflis, in June, 1849. After graduating from the University of Odessa he began his career as a clerk in a railway freight office. He advanced rapidly and his successful handling of the transportation problem in the Russo-Turkish war won him influence in official circles in Petrograd.

From an appointment as minister of ways of communication, Count Witte was advanced a few months later to the post of minister of finance. Later he was secretary of state to his majesty and privy councillor. When the Russian constitutional ministry was formed he was made president, retiring in 1906.

Count Witte possessed the highest Russian and foreign orders. He had been honored by many universities and towns.

Notes from Carmanville

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—I would appreciate space in your esteemed paper to make few remarks as to how we people of Carmanville are treated by the Government. At last election we were promised a telegraph office, but Mr. Fitzgerald told us that it depended on his being returned. We didn't return "Fitz" however.

Now Sir, what a childish piece of business, I didn't believe we had children looking for seats in the House of Assembly. If we had the use of the wires here, when we see the steamer couldn't call, we could wire her captain to land freight at the nearest port for our convenience.

Now, if any of the people starve who will hear the blame, "Crosbie" or Sir Tax Morris. We are just as independent as he is and will have the wires put up as soon as his hoodling days are done, which will be short now.

I would like for our opponents to know that we with our President Coaker, intend to fight the Government as determined as the allies are fighting the Germans, and when we're done they will have it embossed on their minds that we always meant business.

According to "The law of the Government Power" we are now back one hundred years, suffering under laws no better than that of "turn in your all and take out your little." If you find an independent hard working man today he is the same slave for the merchant, and more he's the hardest independent self-made slave under the sun, and very few live long enough to enjoy their independence.

Anyone should know why President Coaker is so faithfully working to have the sealer's case settled. He is but doing his duty and only through him would we or could we get it done.

The Government refused to do it. So Edward you will have to go and if you'd only said the word you may have gone before. You know the hole the builders leave. So get right out that door. Mr. Cashin we don't forget your insults, and when you get your note in hand you may look for another job. These are two we don't forget, as they are basking in the sun. We just remind those gentlemen their boodling days are over.

Our President formed a Union and your trying to down it eh. But don't you worry gentlemen, our union came to stay.

Yours truly,
D. C.
Carmanville, March 18th, 1915.

Charging that he had been annoying British steamers with repeated wireless calls, federal officers recently arrested Lyman Sayward, a Wallaston, Mass., youth, who has been operating a powerful wireless outfit at that place without a license.

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In spite of continued financial disturbance, the year Nineteen Fourteen was a period of uninterrupted progress and prosperity for the Sun Life of Canada. At the present moment the Company occupies an even stronger position than at any time in its forty-four years' history, as is clearly shown by the substantial and highly satisfactory increases registered during the past year.

	1914	1913	INCREASE
Assets as at Dec. 31st	\$ 64,187,056	\$ 55,726,347	\$ 8,460,709 (15.2%)
Cash Income	15,052,275	13,309,310	1,742,965 (13.1%)
Surplus Earned	1,676,298	1,128,328	547,970 (48.6%)
Surplus distributed to Policyholders	861,763	706,424	155,339 (22%)
Added to Undistributed Surplus	777,035	421,904	355,131 (84.2%)
Net Surplus at Dec. 31st	6,503,794	5,752,886	750,908 (13%)
Total Payments to Policyholders	6,161,287	4,982,555	1,178,734 (23.6%)
Assurances issued and paid for in Cash in Canada	15,985,430	16,989,704	388,066 (2.5%)
Assurances in Force	218,299,835	202,303,996	15,995,839 (7.9%)

Payments to Policyholders since organization	Payments to Policyholders since organization and Assets now held for their benefit	Premiums received since organization
\$45,546,575	\$109,734,231	\$108,431,677

Assurances issued and paid for in cash during 1914 totalled \$32,167,339—the largest amount issued by any Canadian Life Company. In this respect as well as in amount of Assets, Assurances in Force, Income, and Surplus the Company again established its position as

The Company's Growth

YEAR	INCOME	ASSETS	LIFE ASSURANCES IN FORCE
1872	\$ 48,210.03	\$ 96,461.95	\$ 1,064,350.00
1884	278,379.05	836,897.24	6,844,404.64
1894	1,373,596.00	4,019,419.03	31,528,569.74
1904	4,661,936.19	17,851,760.92	85,327,662.55
1914	15,052,275.24	64,187,056.38	218,299,835.00

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