

upon since the first day of the present year. All then existing policies are reinsured in the Mercantile (or General) Branch, and can only be assessed according to their own special losses.

The city branch, for the insurance of property within the range of hydrants in the cities of Toronto and Hamilton, will be maintained as a distinct branch; but your Board think it advisable to extend its operations to all cities and towns having efficient water-works. Its losses of the past eighteen months have been nil. The mercantile community should take care to sustain it with all their ability, as a sure protection against undue or excessive rates of premium.

Your Board desire to call the attention of members to their new Guarantee Stock, which is intended to form a basis for widely extending the influence of this Company. During the past year, the old terminable Guarantee Stock, bearing 10 per cent. interest, has been paid off, with one or two trifling exceptions, and a new permanent stock, bearing interest at 12 per cent per annum, payable quarterly, was created in May last, of which over \$70,000 has been subscribed, and \$34,600 paid in. The prospectus of this stock will be found printed on the wrapper of this report. The Directors desire to increase it to such an amount as will enable them to make the deposit with the Dominion Government required by statute to authorize the issue of cash policies in any part of the Dominion; and they invite the co-operation of the members generally, to secure that result.

You will be required, to-day, to elect four directors in place of those retiring by rotation, viz:—Messrs. C. E. Chadwick, Hon. J. Hillyard Cameron, J. W. Collins, and S. J. Parker, all of whom are eligible for re-election; also to appoint such honorary directors as you may think desirable.

(Signed) C. E. CHADWICK,
President.
S. THOMPSON,
Man. Dir.

Toronto, Feb. 26, 1875

Statement of Assets and Liabilities, 31st December, 1874.

ASSETS.	
Cash in hand and in Agents' hands	\$ 6,715 63
Bills Receivable & Short Date Notes	13,671 35
Assessments due on expired policies	\$11,078 04
Lost doubtful	5,539 02
	5,539 06
Division Court costs in good suits	560 63
Sundries	2,541 22
Premium Notes	\$203,744 24
Less paid	52,079 20
	151,665 04
	\$180,692 96

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable, including claims not matured, and paper under discount	45,384 19
Claims since settled and unsettled	10,282 00
Claims resisted	622 00
Sundries	4,892 88
Total Cash Liabilities	\$61,181 02

Guarantee Stock	34,600 52
Balance of Assets over all Liabilities Dec. 31st., 1874.	84,911 36
	\$180,692 96

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, expressed his satisfaction with the results of the year's business, and his full confidence in the position and prospects of the Company.

A. Harvey, Esq., Manager of the Provincial Insurance Company, followed with some remarks

in commendation of the manner in which this Company's affairs had been carried on, and suggested the entire discontinuance of the branch system as soon as practicable.

After a brief discussion, the report was adopted without dissent, and 20,000 copies ordered to be circulated among the members. Other formal business having been transacted, the meeting proceeded to the election by ballot of five Directors in place of those retiring, when the following gentlemen were declared elected:—C. E. Chadwick, Esq., of Ingersoll; the Hon. J. Hillyard Cameron, M.P.; J. W. Collins, Esq., of Newmarket; J. P. Hutton, Esq., of Chinguacousy and John Burns, Esq., of Toronto.

At a meeting of the new Board, held subsequently C. E. Chadwick, Esq., was re-elected President, and D. Thurston, Esq., Vice-President for the ensuing year.

CANADA FARMERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Canada Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, for the year ending the 31st December, 1874.

The Annual Meeting of the members of this Association was held at the offices of the Company, Thursday the 18th February. The following is the Report:—

In presenting their Twenty-third Annual Report the Directors of the Canada Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company have much pleasure in being able to announce a large increase of business.

Number of Policies Issued.—7,443 Policies have been issued during the year, being an increase of 2,198 over that of the previous year, covering \$6,385,462.00, averaging \$858.00 each.

Number of Policies in Force.—The total Policies in force number 17,764, covering \$14,712,141.00, divided into the following classes, viz:—Farm and Household, \$12,628,941.00; Mercantile, \$1,406,994.00; Manufacturing, \$677,106.00.

Losses.—The number of claims occurring for the year were 131, amounting to \$45,447.01. Two of these the Company dispute, while seven others had not, at the close of the year, been finally adjusted, and upon which there will be, in all probability, a considerable reduction.

The excess of Losses over that of last year arises from the large amount now involved in Mercantile and Manufacturing risks, for which, however, a large corresponding Premium has been received, as is evidenced by the income on Policies during the year. The Cash Premium payable on which amounted to \$45,343.49, while the Premium Notes taken reached \$140,719.39, leaving a margin on the year's transaction, after deducting expenses of management and losses, of \$122,696.38.

The Directors submit with this the usual statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Assets and Liabilities, Expenses, also the Auditors' Report.

ASSETS, 1874.

Cash in Bank at interest	\$ 4,000 00
" " not bearing interest	8,506 17
" " in silver and stamps	206 94
Notes at short date	19,483 63
Assessment, dues in course of collection	4,570 00
Furniture	183 70
Due by Agents	2,030 99
Other debts due the Company	3,361 43
Premium notes on hand	155,354 75
	\$197,697 67

LIABILITIES, 1874.

Claims adjusted and not adjusted, not paid	\$ 12,821 85
Claims resisted	2,400 00
" declined by Company and payment not enforced by claimants	2,650 00
Board attendance	222 15
Due to Agents	2,022 91
Bills payable	1,405 32
Other debts due by the Company	260 68
Balance	175,914 76
	\$197,697 67

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand and in Bank, 31st December, 1873	\$ 2,594 57
Premiums paid through Agents	\$15,348 52
Premiums paid through short dated notes	28,825 43
Withdrawn from deposits bearing interest	44,173 95
Assessments received	5,000 00
Notes collected through Division Court	5,839 53
Interest on Bank deposits and on notes over-due	836 21
Sub-tenants (for rent)	465 06
	253 59
	\$59,162 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Losses paid of 1873	\$ 1,973 63
"	27,575 16
	\$29,548 79
Agents on account	3,024 59
Office expenses, salaries, printing, stationery, postage, &c. &c.	7,272 53
Auditors	120 00
Losses investigation, including Inspector's allowance and travelling expenses	3,015 00
Director's fees	639 60
Law costs	332 32
Awning for office front	68 50
Deposited at interest	6,000 00
Re-insurance	428 47
Balance on hand	8,713 11
	\$59,162 91

Extract from Auditor's Report.

GENTLEMEN,—After a careful investigation of the Books, vouchers of monies received, and payments made by your Secretary and Treasurer for the year ending 31st December, 1874.

We, the undersigned, have now the pleasure of placing before you the result of our Audit in the accompanying Balance Sheet of Assets and Liabilities detailed account of expenses, balances due by Agents and other statements connected therewith, all of which has been certified by us as correct and satisfactory.

The Books of Accounts has been carefully and correctly kept, and the utmost attention has been given to the management and conducting of the business of the Company and the interests of the members.

And it must be gratifying to notice the increased confidence and popularity of the Company in the large business done during the past twelve months in the issue of 2,198 Policies over the previous year.

We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants,

DAVID WRIGHT,
F. W. GATES, } Auditors.

Hamilton, 17th February, 1875.

The Directors willingly endorse the opinion expressed by the Auditors in their Report respecting the management of the Company's affairs by the Secretary and those under him; but there is another officer whose work does not