

THE Dominion Life Assurance Co.

Head Office - Waterloo, Ont.

From Directors' Report for 1907.

The following are some of the outstanding facts gleaned from the Annual Report of the Board of Directors presented, and from the remarks made at the Annual Meeting of the Company on February 7th, 1908:

1. **NEW BUSINESS**—During 1907, applications for assurance were received to the amount of \$1,402,993. Policies issued and revived amounted to \$1,315,328, which is larger than the amount issued in any previous year in the Company's history.

2. **ASSURANCES IN FORCE**—The assurances in force now amount to \$7,421,365, showing a very substantial increase for the year.

3. **PREMIUM AND INTEREST INCOME**—The total net income from premiums and annuities amounted to \$233,082.82, and from interest and rents to \$75,714.13, making the total cash income \$308,796.95, an increase for the year of \$27,425.37. The interest receipts were more than sufficient to pay all Death Claims, matured Endowments, Head Office salaries and medical fees.

4. **ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**—The assets of the Company now equal \$1,409,111.74, an increase for the year of \$170,173.76. These assets are of the first quality and include no stocks or other speculative securities. The liabilities of the Company amount to \$1,179,028.44, consisting for the most part of Reserves held for the protection of policyholders. These Reserves are over \$40,000 higher than are called for by the statute, thus enhancing the securing of policyholders.

5. **SURPLUS**—The surplus held for the further protection of policyholders now amounts to the substantial sum of \$220,073.32. The surplus over and above the liabilities computed in accordance with Government requirement is over \$270,000. The surplus earnings for the year amounted to \$46,188.20, and after paying out of this the dividends to policyholders and to shareholders and providing for surplus accretions to policies, there was left a balance of \$23,596.31, by which the surplus account has been increased. This surplus places the Company in a strong position, perhaps unexcelled by any Canadian Company at the present time. The ratio of assets to liabilities is 116.17 per cent., or 119.5 per cent., as far as liabilities to policyholders are concerned.

6. **PAYMENT TO POLICYHOLDERS**—The payments to policyholders amounted to \$44,681.73. During 1907 the Company experienced a most favorable mortality rate, the rate being only 40 per cent. of the tabular expectation.

7. **EARNING POWER**—The average rate of interest earned upon the invested assets has increased from 6.73 per cent. to 6.89 per cent. Taken in connection with the fact that not a dollar of this Company's invested funds has ever been lost, this remunerative rate of interest must be very satisfactory to policyholders and shareholders. Profits on matured endowments have been such as to return to the holders all premiums paid to the Company, together with interest compounded at three per cent. or over, besides carrying their risk during the term of their insurance, and the returns to policyholders now entering promise to surpass those heretofore made.

City and District Manager

GEORGE L. GOODROW

705 BANK OF HAMILTON CHAMBERS, - HAMILTON

MRS. DUNN'S READINGS.

The third of the series of interpretative readings by Mrs. Sidney Dunn will be given in the recital hall of the Conservatory of Music on the evening of Monday, February 24, when scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," "Hamlet," and "The Taming of the Shrew" will be given. Mrs. Dunn will be assisted by Miss Adeline Smith and Miss Herald. The two recitals already given have been so delightful that all who heard them will be anxious to attend the last, which promises to be the best.

THE VITAGRAPH.

The American Vitagraph Company will be on hand again to-night in Association Hall with another famous programme of moving pictures. Mr. Cardinal is a "King Bee" as an operator, and the machine he handles is second to none, and with the assistance of the direct current of electricity he is able to throw on the canvas pictures so life-like and so steady that it is not wearisome to the eye while watching them, and the rapidity with which the various stories are told in picture form keeps the audience constantly thrilled. Among the good films to-night will be "The Eviction," "The Unknown Talent" and "Sold Again," the latter two being comic and ridiculously funny.

"The Thieving Hand" is sensational, being one of the longest films ever shown here, a thrilling story full of pathetic touches and pointing to a good moral. These, with fifty additional features, will comprise one of the best programmes yet put on.

LYCEUM GRAND CONCERT.

The Lyceum Grand Concert Company will be seen in Hamilton on Feb. 26th at the Association Hall, is without doubt one of the finest musical companies on this continent. Madame Alice Myron has a reputation both in Britain and America as one of the most successful exponents of the wonderful art of the great teacher George Henschel. Miss Ada Wallace is a pianist of exceptional talent. She studied for four years under Prof. Geo. G. Lewis, now with Chicago College besides studying for two years in New York City under the best teachers.

Mr. Arthur Braumberger, as a harpist, is certainly one of the best equipped persons who ever undertook his line of work.

Mr. Karl Smith, violinist, is known all over the States, both as a soloist and as an orchestra and quartette player of distinguished ability.

CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL MUSIC TO-MORROW.

Bishop Du Moulin will preach in the Church of St. Thomas to-morrow evening.

Rev. John Young will conduct both services in St. John Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

In Simcoe Street Methodist Church the pastor will occupy the pulpit at both services.

Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., will preach at both services at Christ's Church Cathedral to-morrow.

At Charlton Avenue Methodist Church to-morrow Rev. R. B. Rowe and Rev. John Martin will preach.

In Central Church service in the morning will be conducted by Dr. Lyle, and in the evening by Mr. Sedgewick.

Rev. Dr. Williamson will conduct evangelistic services in Emerald Street Methodist Church to-morrow night. Bright evangelistic music.

In the Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church the Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, B. A., will preach in the morning and Dr. Lyle in the evening.

The subject of discourse by the minister of Unity Church, Main street, near Walnut, to-morrow evening will be "The Discipline of Freedom."

In First Methodist Church Rev. R. J. Treleven will preach at 11 a. m. on "A Pressing Personal Duty," and at 7 p. m. on "Solomon Saved or Lost."

The pastor of Zion Tabernacle will occupy his own pulpit to-morrow. The Lord's supper will be administered at the close of the morning service.

In Herkimer Baptist Church to-morrow the pastor will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Ambassador and His Mission," and at 7 p. m. on "The Ambassador and His Message."

At Gore Street Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. Isaac Couch, M. A., B. D., will preach in the morning on "The Life of Service," and in the evening on "Self-Deception."

In MacNab Street Presbyterian Church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. Beverly Ketchen, will preach. Morning subject, "The Signs of Power"; evening subject, "Mercy and Judgment."

At Central Presbyterian Church to-morrow Mr. Percy M. Smith will sing a solo in the morning. In the evening excerpts from Shelley's "The Soul Triumphant" will be sung.

At the First Congregational Rev. Giles G. Brown, home on Burlington, will speak on condition in Guyton, India. Rev. J. K. Cusworth will preach in the evening on "Keep Your Eye on the Best."

The pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. MacLachlan, B. A., will preach in his own pulpit to-morrow both morning and evening. Morning subject, "A Sinner Throned in Heaven"; evening, "Was Light." Seats free. All welcome. Song service at 6.45.

Music at Wesley Church to-morrow: Anthem, "There is a Blessed Home;" solo, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus;" A. L. Garthwaite; evening anthem, "Come Unto Me;" solo, "O Eyes, That are Weary;" Miss Carey; duet, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me;" Messrs. Clark and Pettie.

At James Street Baptist Church the pastor will preach. Morning subject: "The Perils of the Advanced Christian Life;" anthem, "The King of Love;" quartette, "When I Come Home;" quartette, "Evening Song;" "The Irrepressible Past;" All Possible Future;" anthem, "Saviour Who Died For Me;" solo, Frank Bendershot.

Rev. Richard Whiting will occupy the pulpit of Centenary Church to-morrow, his morning subject being "Christ, among the common things of life;" evening, "The common things of life;" subject, "Self Control." Appropriate musical services by the choir under the direction of W. H. Hewlett, with organ recital after the evening service.

ST. ANDREW'S.

Anniversary Entertainment Thursday and Friday Evenings.

St. Andrew's Sunday school held its anniversary entertainment on Thursday and last night, in the school room, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Wilson, presiding, when the following programme was enjoyed by large gatherings: Hymn, "Come Let Us All Unite"; chorus, primary department; recitation, Evelyn Turner; song, Agnes Anderson; chorus, Golden Rule; Mission Band; recitation, Muriel Hannah; song, Gladys Henwood; recitation, Evelyn Gordon; recitation, Willie Scott; drill, Miss Jessie Gray's class; duet, Isabel Decker and Evelyn Turner; recitation, Grace Dural; song, Dorothy Douglas; recitation, Gordon McDaniel; dialogue, "School of Hickory Hollow"; cantata, "Daisy Dell."

A NEW CLUB FOR HAMILTON.

A story of progress is always pleasing to hear, but the tale is still more desirable if it deals with persons or firms in our own city. Hamilton is to be congratulated on having a number of well-appointed and up-to-date clubs, and the public will be pleased to learn of another one, with headquarters at 66 King street west. The "Golfing Club," piano and organ house, has started a Piano Club, limited to fifty members, whereby any member has the privilege of purchasing a new piano at a greatly reduced price on monthly payments without interest. This piano is manufactured by a well-known and old established firm and is thoroughly guaranteed. It will pay any prospective piano purchaser to investigate this club proposition before purchasing, because the piano is delivered immediately on becoming a member, and there is no initiation fee to be paid before being enrolled to membership.

ELGAR CHOIR IN TORONTO.

Attention is drawn to advertisement in another column, re Elgar Choir concert in Massey Hall, Toronto, Friday, Feb. 28. As the choir's list for this concert will close Monday night, those intending to hear this concert should subscribe immediately.

Advices from Toronto already indicate that a large house is assured. Return fare on C. P. R., \$1.55. Train leaves Hunter street station at 5.03.

Tory Timber Policy.

Hon. Clifford Sifton summarizes the Conservative timber policy thus: "Twenty-one thousand square miles of the speculator and the Police Court for the settler." Such a policy can scarcely be expected to be in the interests of a larger Canada.

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WILL INVESTIGATE THE ASPHYXIATION.

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so below the scene of the tragedy, and who happened to be passing, called Dr. Baile. Before the doctor arrived the police were notified, and a squad was sent down with the ambulance and the patrol. When the doctor arrived he confirmed the fact that Mrs. Martin and one son were beyond assistance and ordered the immediate removal of Martin and the other son to the City Hospital. This order was carried out, and the two were soon in good care. The bodies of the dead were carried out by the policemen, Constables Jas. Clark, Campaign Harris, Crick-shank and Wheatley, and were removed to the city morgue in the patrol. The house was in a terrible state of disorder and looked as if it had not been tidied up for some days. A large crowd of people thronged the street in an endeavor to learn the horrible details and to catch a glimpse of the scene and of the bodies. The house was filled with the odor peculiar to dead bodies, but no trace of coal gas could be detected by that time. Mrs. Gullar stated, however, that it was quite strong when she first went in, at the instigation of Martin. It was quite evident that the two had been dead some hours and how Martin and the other son survived is a wonder.

Shortly after the case had been discovered and the police's report turned in, the police authorities deemed it wise to make an investigation, and by order of the chief Inspector McMahon was put on the case, and some constables were sent to the City Hospital to watch Martin. Till 7 o'clock they stayed in charge, and then another order sent to the station, and the surveillance was removed. The cause of this course on the part of the police was that a report from the hospital was interpreted by the chief to mean that Martin was not suffering from the effects of coal gas at all. He was told by the investigating constable that some of the neighbors had heard Martin walking around during the night and also during the morning. That he had been discharged from his job at the Hamilton Cotton Co. was no point they thought looked suspicious, and at one time the chief stated that he intended to have Martin held pending investigation. The City Hospital authorities gave it out last night that Martin had been guarded for a while, but that the investigation showed there was nothing to warrant it, and the guard had been withdrawn. They stated that the son and father would both recover, and that the father was almost well enough to leave the hospital.

The reason given by the police for the surveillance being placed on Martin in the City Hospital is that when he was first taken from the house he told conflicting stories. They report that he told them that he awoke at 8 o'clock and called his wife, but she did not answer him. He is also reported to have said that his son was dead, but he thought his wife was fooling him, so thought more of it. He got up later and took in the milk, and a bottle of milk half emptied corroborated his story, as it was away when the first person entered the house in the afternoon. The police naturally got suspicious at this, and decided to keep sight of him until a fuller investigation could be made, and Inspector McMahon was put on the case. After making minute inquiries all about the neighborhood he was satisfied that Martin had not been to blame, probably realizing, on account of the condition he was in, what had happened, and the surveillance was withdrawn.

Coroner McNicol was notified of the affair, and after a consultation with Crown Attorney Washington he ordered that the inquest be held at the City Hospital at room, Constable Yaxley having summoned a jury.

HIS SIDE WON.

Freeman Treleven, son of Rev. R. J. Treleven, of First Methodist Church, was one of the two speakers who represented Ogdoo Hall in an intercollegiate debate with Victoria College, in Toronto last evening. The subject was "Resolved, That There Should be no Expenditure of Canadian Public Funds in Aiding Immigration into Canada." The chair was occupied by Mr. J. W. Clark, of the University Senate. The judges were: Prof. Alfred Baker, of the University of Toronto; Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick, of Knox College; and Rev. Principal O'Meara, of Wesley College. Mr. Treleven won on the negative side, which won the debate.

You'll Get the Road.

If Col. Gibson's Radical Railway bill is as unproductive of the actual railway as many similar bills that found much less difficulty in getting through the House of Commons a good deal of time and talk has been wasted.

TILL MAY 16TH.

Bennett's Will Run Here But May Close Earlier In London.

The London Advertiser says: "It was rumored to-day that Bennett's Vaudeville Theatre in London will close for the present season in three weeks, which will be just at the beginning of Lent. The theatre will re-open for the season of 1908-09 about the first of next September. As a usual thing, the house would have remained open till the middle of May, but this year the patronage has not been very heavy for some time, and added to this is the fact that, owing to the vaudeville war, which was only ended a few weeks ago, the prices of acts have been doubled. In some instances, too, acts which three years ago were booked for \$80, now demand and receive \$250 a week."

"When the big vaudeville war was ended, the Keith interest, with which Bennett's is identified, agreed to take over all the acts which Klaw & Erlanger had booked, and now it has been found that the majority of these acts are not up to the standard, and that Klaw & Erlanger had agreed to pay them fabulous salaries. With Lent coming on, it is only to be expected that the attendance will drop off materially, and under the circumstances, the management has decided to curtail the season. But it is an absolute fact that the theatre will be re-opened next fall, and that the people of London will be given better vaudeville than ever."

In regard to the foregoing, Mr. Geo. F. Driscoll, manager of the local Bennett house, said that he did not think the report was true. He said he had bookings for the Hamilton theatre till the second week in May, and the house will certainly be kept open till that time. Mr. C. W. Bennett, head of the enterprises, left Hamilton for New York last night, but he made no mention of closing the London house earlier than usual. He expressed himself as highly pleased at the business that the house here has been doing since New Year's, since a better lot of acts has been secured.

ATHLETIC NIGHT

And Moving Pictures at Twentieth Century Club.

At the Twentieth Century Club rooms last evening the regular Friday night entertainment of moving pictures and boxing and wrestling bouts drew a fairly large crowd, despite the rain. In three rounds, each a minute and a half long, George Sandwell and James Simpson fought a draw. William Thorne was referee and chairman. James Briar was timer. The next sporting event was a wrestling match between McMenemy and McBriar and resulted in a draw. The bout was 15 minutes long and McBriar won the first fall in 1 minutes, while McMenemy got the next in four minutes. Thomas Still and H. Ward sparred for three of the half-time rounds to a draw. Ward had the best of the bout from the first, and landed three blows to Still's one, but they were all love taps, and hardly a mark was made. Moving pictures of the Titan-White tragedy were shown on the sheet, to the edification of the audience, and several other pictures were shown.

A mite box at the door, with huge jaws and a big light in it, took the place of an admission fee.



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Chiffon Broadcloths at \$1.00

A choice line for spring costumes. Beautiful French Chiffon Broadcloths in fine wool quality, with a perfect finish, correct weight for tailoring, brown, green, red, navy and black, well worth \$1.25 per yard, on sale now at only \$1.00

Amazon Cloth at \$1.00

A popular line for costumes and separate skirts. Pure wool, quality smooth, silky finish, resembling broadcloth, width 54 inches, brown, green, red, navy, Copenhagen and black to choose from, one of our leader lines, and exceptional value at \$1.00 per yard

Striped Suitings

Smart Striped Suitings, in brown, navy, cadet and ecru, with a pretty stripe of self color, in a darker tone, width 56 inches, one of the most popular weaves for spring costumes and splendid value at \$1.25 per yard

New Cashmeres

The new Cashmeres for spring have a fine velour finish and are exceedingly pretty and graceful for afternoon gowns, for children's frocks, separate skirts, etc., width 42 inches, choice of a good range of shades at 50c. yard

Spring Styles in Street Skirts

New models in finely tailored skirts for the spring are here for early buyers. Smart distinctive styles that will freshen up many a woman's wardrobe during the in-between season. Some exceptional values among them, too. We cite four for example:

Smart Skirts of Panama and Venetian Cloth, in navy and black, cut in pretty gowns with a deep pleat of each seam, stitched to yoke depth, flaring gracefully at the foot and trimmed with self strap-pings, well tailored, well fitting and one of our leader values for spring, price only \$7.50

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On Monday this store will place on sale on the third floor twenty-five of the famous "Stanley Mills" Drop-Head Sewing Machines at the exceedingly low price of \$18.50.

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"BIRDS."

Merry birds of summer
Welcome back again.
Singing songs of gladness
In a sweet refrain.

Chorus:
Merry birds of summer, gladly, sweetly sing,
Message of God's promise to our hearts, you bring.

Merry birds of summer,
God for you doth care.
He hath brought you safely
Over the path of air.

He who gives the song birds,
Carols of good cheer,
To the little children,
Ever will be near.

Work of Swedish Scholar.

The Swedish scholar, Professor Yngve Spjostedt, who has recently returned from an expedition of zoological investigations in German East Africa, which he undertook with other scholars, under the direction of the Stockholm Academy of Sciences, will publish the results of his research, but in German. The title of his volume will be "Wissenschaftliche Ergebnisse der Swedischen Zoologischen Expedition nach dem Kilimandscharo, dem Marn und den Umgebungen Mas-

saiteppen in Deutsch-Ostafrika, 1906-1906.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW TARIFF.

If Canada Gets Preference Condition Will Be Improved.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—A report has been received from Mr. Larke, Canada's agent at Sydney, Australia. He says that the new tariff is now in force, but it will be finally dealt with next month. Under the changes, as originally made, the increase in duties was about one million and a half pounds sterling. Reductions have now been made to about one million, so that the increase is about half a million pounds. This makes an increase all round of about 5 per cent. The British preference makes up for this, and if Canada gets the advantage of that preference, Mr. Larke says he position will be better than under the old tariff.

Distinguished physicians have asserted that the sex and age of a person could be told by the heat of the pulse alone. The female pulse always beats faster than the male, and from birth to death the pulse speed steadily decreases.

SHAH OF PERSIA ASSASSINATED.

Report Reaches London, But No Official Confirmation Received So Far.



MOHAMMED ALI MIRZA.

London, Feb. 14.—The Shah of Persia, Mohammed Ali Mirza, was assassinated yesterday in Teheran, according to rumors telegraphed to this city.

All particulars are lacking, and the rumor is not officially confirmed. According to the stories there is a panic in Teheran, and all messages sent out from there are rigidly censored.

Mohammed Ali Mirza, Shah of Persia, according to the ancient Persian formula

of royalty, and sixth sovereign of the house of the Kadjars, was born in Tabriz, June 21, 1872. He was the eldest son of and generally recognized legitimate successor to Monzafer-ed-Din, the former Shah, who died at Teheran on Jan. 8, 1907. Mohammed Ali Mirza was not born of a Kadjar princess, however, and because of the established custom of keeping the succession in the line of the family on both sides his right to the throne was contested by a younger brother, Aboul Fath Mirza, who was the first-born of a princess of the line.