

affords the Directors pleasure to state that the business of the Company is in a prosperous condition, and trust that the statements of affairs will be found satisfactory to the shareholders.

The Company has notwithstanding the great competition, done a safe and profitable business, the net profits for the year being \$42,412 42, out of which two half-yearly dividends of four per cent. each have been paid, amounting to the sum of \$34,315 99, leaving a balance of \$8,060 43 to be carried to the Reserve, which fund now amounts to \$25,488 61.

Since our last annual meeting we have to deplore the sudden death of your former President, Mr. John Bell, who had been a Director and Vice-President of the Company since its formation, and had filled the office of President for the year preceding his death. Mr. Peleg Howland was elected by the Board to the Presidency, and Mr. James Crowther as Vice-President, and Mr. William Thomas to fill the vacant seat on the Board.

The books, securities, and vouchers of the Company have undergone the customary examination by the Auditors, whose report is herewith appended.

Your Directors have pleasure in reporting the efficient discharge of their duties by the several officers of the Company.

PELEG HOWLAND,
President.

GEO. S. C. BETHUNE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company, 31st. October, 1876.

LIABILITIES.	
To stock paid up.....	\$439,804 16
Due depositors, with interest	88,334 30
Due bank	1,411 44
Sundry accounts	393 49
Dividend No. 9, payable 15th Nov., 1876	17,591 54
Reserve fund, 31st Oct. 1875	\$17,428 18
Addition, 31st Oct., 1876	8,060 43
	<u>25,488 61</u>
	\$573,023 54

ASSETS.	
By present value of mortgages	\$562,846 04
Present value of collaterals.....	8,071 79
Office furniture	684 64
Sundry accounts	1,266 63
Cash in office.....	154 44
	<u>\$573,023 54</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 31ST OCTOBER, 1876.

Receipts.	
To cash in bank, 31st October, 1875 ..	\$3,078 76
Cash in office, 31st October, 1875..	698 10
Payments on stock	58,023 54
Deposits received	120,484 43
Repayments on mortgages	118,554 74
Repayments on collaterals	29,092 41
Interest	10,140 61
Insurances	969 17
Fines	1,121 14
Premiums on stock	2,456 60
On account of mortgagors	1,492 97
Sundry accounts, viz :—	
Rents, agents' fees, &c.....	630 91
Due bank	1,411 44
	<u>\$348,154 82</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.	
By loans on mortgages	\$172,952 58
Loans on collaterals.....	36,254 75
Deposits returned.....	91,394 70
Dividends paid	31,807 05
Interest	5,450 02
Insurances	1,979 85

Office expenses, including taxes, rents, advertising, fees, &c	5,787 83
On account of mortgagors	1,562 47
Sundry accounts, viz :—	
Commissions, travelling expenses, &c	811 13
Cash in office, 31st October, 1876..	154 44
	<u>\$348,154 82</u>

GEO. S. C. BETHUNE
Sec.-Treas.

We certify to having examined the books and securities of The Farmers' Loan and Savings Company for the year ending 31st October, 1876, and that we find them correct, and in accordance with the above statements.

(Signed) W. E. MURRAY, } Auditors.
BENJ. PARSONS, }

Toronto, 21st November, 1876.

It was moved by Mr. Howland, and seconded by Mr. Crowther, "That the Report of the Directors for the past year, with the financial statements now read, be adopted." Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Mead, and seconded by Mr. Blaikie, "That the thanks of the shareholders be, and are, hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President, and other directors of the company, for their careful attention to the company's interests during the past year." Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Boulton, and seconded by Mr. Eastwood, "That a ballot be now opened for the election of seven directors, and be closed at two o'clock p. m., or so soon before that hour as five minutes shall elapse without a vote being polled, and that Messrs. James Graham and E. B. Osler act as scrutineers, and that they certify the result of the election forthwith thereafter." Carried.

The votes of the stockholders having been taken, the following report was made by the scrutineers:—

"We, Jas. Graham and E. B. Osler scrutineers at the election of seven directors of the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company, this day held at the Company's office, Toronto, do hereby certify that the following gentlemen were unanimously elected directors of the said company for the ensuing year, viz :—Messrs. James Crowther, James Holden, Peleg Howland, Jas. Loudon, John McBean, John Smith, and Wm. Thomas.

"Dated this 6th day of December, 1876.

(Signed) "JAS. GRAHAM, } Scrutineers."
"E. B. OSLER, }

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. Peleg Howland was re-elected President, and Mr. James Crowther, Vice-President, of the Company for the ensuing year.

THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The first annual meeting of this Company was held at the head office, Waterloo, Ont. on Tuesday 21st. November last. The President I. E. Bowman Esq., M. P. was called to the chair and read the following reports:—

Directors Report.

Your directors desire to lay before you the following reports of the business done during the first year of the company's existence; and, although the aggregate amount of business is somewhat limited when compared with the transactions of older companies, yet we think we may fairly congratulate you upon the favorable balance sheet which we are able to exhibit after paying all the preliminary expenses connected with the organization of the company. The number of policies issued during the year is 857, insuring property to the amount of \$1,159,770, and the cash premiums received

thereon amount to \$15,371 05. The detailed statements of our secretary and the certified report of your auditors are herewith submitted for your examination. The following is an abstract of the year's transactions, with the assets and liabilities in detail.

Receipts.

Premiums.....	\$15,371 05
Interest Account.....	1655 82
	<u>\$17,026 87</u>

Disbursements.

Losses, (fire claims).....	\$ 134 65
Preliminary Expense in forming company.....	302 55
Reinsurance	1467 05
Agents commissions.....	2115 73
Refund premiums.....	283 83
Government license.....	110 00
Dividend 8 per cent. on paid up capital	2011 74
General expenses covering all other charges.....	2152 13
	<u>8577 68</u>

Profit balance for the year.. \$ 8449 19

Assets

Cash in Merchants Bank....	\$17842 15
County of Waterloo Debentures	3500 00
Town of Waterloo do.....	3252 00
Loans on mortgage	2600 00
Bills receivable	342 29
Interest accrued	469 00
Agents' balances	443 75
	<u>\$28449 19</u>

Liabilities.

Am't paid in on \$200,000 00 Capital subscribed	\$20000 00
Balance assets over liabilities	\$ 8449 19
The amount required to insure all unexpired risks, computed at cost price	5096 00
Net surplus	<u>\$ 3353 19</u>

Your directors have determined to confine their business to non-hazardous property and to avoid towns and villages which have no proper appliances for putting out fires; believing that a moderate business carefully managed will prove more remunerative to the stockholders and more secure to the insurers, than a larger business attended with extra hazards. We also submit a list of the stockholders of the company with the amount of stock held by each. There are no calls on the shares in default.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. BOWMAN

President.

Waterloo 21st. November 1876.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the books of the Mercantile Fire Insurance Company, also the bank book and vouchers, and that we have compared the same with the Secretary's balance sheets signed by us; and we declare that such balance sheets represent fully the financial position of the company on the first day of November instant.

We have examined and counted every security including Debentures, Deposits Receipts, Notes and Mortgages, also the certificate of deposits of debentures and deposit receipts made with the Government of the Province of Ontario, and have found all these correct and in perfect order.

We have also much pleasure in testifying to the neat, correct and orderly manner in which the books are kept, and to the valuable assistance which the Secretary afforded us in the course of our examination.

THOMAS HILLIARD } Auditors.
ISRAEL D. BOWMAN }

Waterloo, November 17, 1876.