

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

HURON & ERIE LOAN & SAVINGS COMPANY

The Directors of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company beg to submit herewith their Thirty-second Annual Report, showing the results of the business of the Company for the past year, accompanied by the balance sheet to December 31st, 1895, duly audited.

After defraying the expenses of management and all other charges, the net profits have been sufficient to pay two half-yearly dividends at the rate of nine per cent. per annum, together with the shareholders' income tax of \$2,408.64 thereon, and to add \$19,506.73 to the balance of undivided profits carried forward, which now amounts to \$35,305.38, irrespective of the Reserve Fund.

The limit of the Company's borrowing powers as fixed by Statute having been reached at the close of 1894, the total liabilities are practically the same now as at that date; and the funds of the Company have been kept fully employed throughout the year.

The lower rates of interest obtainable on choice first mortgages of freehold property have been met by a reduction in the interest allowed on Debentures and in our Savings Bank Department. Besides resulting in a saving to the Company, this has led to the conversion of a considerable amount of deposits into Canadian Debentures, a change which your Directors regard with favor. Notwithstanding the reduced rates of interest, there has been an increase in deposits and Canadian Debentures during the year amounting to \$156,282.24.

The value of the Real Estate held by the Company, other than office premises, is \$25,400. This sum includes all properties remaining unsold, which have come into possession of the Company by foreclosure, failure to obtain purchasers under power of sale, or otherwise.

It is thought desirable that the general borrowing powers and liabilities of the Company, as at present defined by numerous isolated enactments, should be made to appear in one Special Act. Application is therefore being made to the Parliament of Canada at its present session for an Act of that character. For many years it has been the practice of the Company not to lend on the security of its own stock, nor to a Director or other officer of the Company upon any security whatever, and so convinced are your Directors of the prudence of this course that they have decided to ask for a legislative withdrawal of the power to make such loans.

Your Directors desire to bear testimony to the very efficient manner in which the Manager and other officers of the Company have discharged their respective duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. LITTLE,
President.

LONDON, ONTARIO,
January 29th, 1896.