Mortgages	17,150 00
Bills receivable	49,370 78
Interest due and accrued	4,261 29
Company's building	65,000 00
Re-assurance due from other companies	22,619 79
Bank stocks	62,500 00
Loan and Investment Company stocks	63,400 00
Agents' balances and sundry accounts	152,955 20
	$1,359,054 40

A. M. SMITH,
President.
J. J. KENNY,
Managing Director.

Western Assurance Offices,
Toronto, February 12th, 1887.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Company :—

GENTLEMEN,—We hereby certify to the correctness of the books of the Company for the year euding 31st December, 1887, which we have audited, having examined the vouchers verifying the same and the above statements agree therewith.

R. R. CATHRON, } Auditors.
JOHN M. MARTIN, }

Toronto, Feb., 12th, 1887.

In moving the adoption of the report the President said :

Gentlemen, it is with feelings of no ordinary satisfaction that I rise to move the adoption of the 36th annual report of the Western Assurance Company, which will be seconded by our vice-president. Our able and efficient managing director has laid before you a full statement of the company's affairs as they appeared on the books on the 31st December last, which I am sure must be very gratifying to the stockholders. Our business has steadily increased in volume, and has been profitable in all its branches, enabling us to declare two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, and writing off all known bad ann doubtful debts, we have added to our Reserve Fund the handsome sum of $75,000. In addition, we have, during the year, allotted to you 5,000 shares of new stock at par, which at present market quotations is worth about 160, so that on the whole I think you will agree with me that we make a very satisfactory showing for the past year, and that the results of the business have fully justified the increase in the capital which the directors recommended in February last. For the present prosperous state of the company's affairs I feel that under a kind Providence we are largely indebted to the watchful care of our managing director and his able staff of superintendents, inspectors, agents and other officers of the company, both in our own country and the United States, who appear to have vied with each other in their endeavors to forward the company's interests.

Mr. William Gooderham, vice-president, seconded the report, which was unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the president, vice-president and directors for their services and attention to the interests of the Company.

Messrs. Wm. Anderson and E. J. Holmes, having been appointed scrutineers, the election of directors was proceeded with, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen to serve during the ensuing year :—A. M. Smith, Esq., Wm. Gooderham, Esq., Hon. S. C. Wood, Robt Beaty, Esq., A. T. Fulton, Esq., Geo. A. Cox, Esq., Geo. McMurrich, Esq., H. N. Baird, Esq., and J. J. Kenny, Esq.

At a meeting of the board of Directors held subsequently, A. M. Smith, Esq., was re-elected president, and Wm. Gooderham, Esq., vice-president.

WELLINGTON MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the county of Wellington, was held in the company's office, Guelph, on the 8th of Feb'y, 1887, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of receiving the directors' report of its operations during the year, with the financial statement.

It was moved and seconded that the President take the chair, when the following documents were read by the secretary.

REPORT.

The directors, in submitting to the members (at this the forty-sixth annual meeting of the company) their report, trust that it will be found as satisfactory as any of those that have preceded it for the last thirty-five years.

During the year twenty-three fires occurred (seven less than in 1885) in which the company was interested as will appear by schedule annexed, showing losses to the amount of $13,837.34 which for the most part were promptly paid when the proofs of loss furnished were satisfactory, and all were paid before the end of the year but two which have been settled since.

Of these claims, there were a number evidently of incendiary origin, and in a greater number of instances than formerly. Great difficulty was experienced and considerable expense incurred in obtaining anything like a fair statement of claim, and hence delay in settling of losses which the companies are generally blamed for, but which in reality is wholly owing to the parties not having proper books of account, (especially men in business) so as to ascertain what the loss really is and to enable the company to make prompt payment.

There have been 1,120 policies issued during the year, an increase over last year of 87, covering property to the amount of $1.416,-854, being an increase of $306,011 over last year.

The total number of policies in force on the 31st of December, 1886, is 2,786 covering property to the amount of $3,516,054 with a corresponding increase in premium notes amounting to face value $388,858.91, and after deducting all assessments made, $344,284.58 to which must be added :

Cash in the Canadian Bank of Commerce	$ 12,806 78
Bills receivable	1,007 99
Assessment in course of collection	2,578 11
Balance in hands of agents	330 38
Cash in treasurer's hands since deposited	683 02
Premium Notes	344,284 58
	$361,690 86

leaving as security for the insured, an amount of assets sufficient to convince all of the soundness and prosperous condition of this old established company.

The change from a credit system to an assessment in advance system, which has been going on for the past three years, will be completed on the 31st of January, 1887, and all that remains of the old method is the settling up of arrears and assessments which the secretary will endeavor to do as soon as possible.

The directors have to express their due sense of the faithful efforts made by the agents to further the interests of the company and it only requires them to keep before their minds when insuring the moral standing of the party or parties and on no account (so far as their judgment will guide them) to over-insure. This being done, the continued prosperity of the company may be depended on.

The financial statement, with the auditors' report will be submitted and read, and we trust will be satisfactory to the members.

Should any legislation take place this year affecting mutual insurance the new board should be empowered to appoint one or two of their number to attend to it as well as to be present at the annual meeting of the Underwriters' Association of Ontario.

The year that has just passed has been a very fair one for this company, which shows a large increase in the amount insured and much under the average of losses, when the increased amount of insurance is taken into account.

The position of the company has not changed since its incorporation in 1840 in regard to its rating, viz.: taking eight times stock company's rates as a basis for the premium note, which gives such ample security to its members at no additional expenses. It can be seen by the tables annexed, that during the last forty years, this company's assessment has been less by 50 per cent. than stock companies charge on general risks; and during the last ten years it has saved its patrons over $120,000 which they would have had to pay had they insured the same amount in stock companies.

The directors who retire from the board this year in accordance with the by-law passed at the last annual meeting are: James Goldie, Fred'k J. Chadwick and J. R. Wissler, but who are eligible for re-election,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report of the auditors is as follows :

GENTLEMEN,—Your auditors beg to report that they have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the company, together with the secretary-treasurer's financial statement, for the year ending 31st Dec., 1886, all of which are correct. The balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the credit of the company being $12,806.78, and the cash in the hands of the treasurer amounting to at that date $683.02, since deposited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. W. SAUNDERS, } Auditors.
D. A. MACKENZIE, }

Guelph, January 27th, 1887.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Receipts.

Balance per last report	$ 586 98
Carpenters' risks	50 42
Premium	9,003 34
Bills receivable	337 60
Agents' balances	291 76
Interest	407 57
Assessment	18,051 08
Transferred policies	6 66
	$28,73 541

Disbursements.

Premium	449 89
President	125 00
Directors	387 20
Auditors	24 00
Travelling expenses	104 05
Losses	11,520 00
Salaries	2,200 00
Charges	129 50
Stationery	342 80
Fire inspection	365 49
Postage	159 23
Commission	3,650 29
Bank of Commerce	8,019 23
Advertising	224 00
Cash on hand	683 02
Rent $80 ; printing $39.60; taxes $12.66; government $91.51; fuel and light $48.94 ; D. Guthrie $9.11; law expenses, &c., $69.89	351 71
	$28,735 41

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Dr.

Agents' balances	330 38
Office furniture	443 30
Assessments	2,578 11
Bills receivable	1,007 99
Bank of Commerce	12,806 78
Cash on hand	683 02
	$17,849 58

Cr.

D. Guthrie	39 72
Balance	17,809 86
	$17,849 58

It was moved by Mr. Jas. Watt, seconded by Mr. David Allan, that the above reports, &c., be received and adopted, and that they be printed as in previous years and distributed to the members. Carried.

Mr. Jas. Goldie moved, seconded by Mr. Fred'k J. Chadwick, that Messrs. Jas. Watt and Rutherford be appointed scrutineers for the election of directors to fill the place of those retiring. Carried.

A ballot having been taken, the scrutineers reported Messrs. James Goldie, Fred'k J. Chadwick and J. R. Wissler duly elected.

By-law No. 7 was then read and passed as follows:

BY-LAW NO. 7.

The members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the County of Wellington in annual meeting assembled enact as follows : "In cases where other insurance companies shall desire this company to assume part of any risk which such other companies may have taken it shall be lawful for the officers of this company to charge for such assumption of risk the same rates in premium notes and cash as such other insurance companies charge or have charged to the persons whom they have insured." Passed this 8th day of February, A. D. 1887.

There was passed also a resolution fixing the remuneration of directors.