

$\frac{4}{5}$  per centum per annum, the table and interest prescribed by the government of Canada, the following are the reserves as at April 30, 1885:—

	Amount assured.	Liability.
Policies outstanding, 18,713	\$33,543,240 01	\$4,547,579 00
Deferred annuity of \$9.50 and assurance at \$45.14		104 00
Bonus additions..	1,346,985 70	
Annual profit reductions .....	7,328 67	721,501 00
Two annuities ..	648 00	5,523 00

Total liability ..... \$5,274,707 00

Respectfully submitted,

SHEPPARD HOMANS,

Consulting actuary.

New York, July 10, 1885.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined and passed in detail the several securities specified in the "General Abstract of the Assets and Liabilities to 30th April last," and find the same to be correct, and have also verified the balance of cash.

DENNIS MOORE.

F. W. GATES.

WM. HENDRIE.

JOHN STUART.

Canada Life Assurance Company's Offices,  
Hamilton, 5th August, 1885.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT, 1885.

To the President, Vice-President and Directors of the Canada Life Assurance Company.

GENTLEMEN:—I have completed the audit of the several books of account of the Canada Life Assurance Company for the financial year ending 30th April last, and found them to be correct and satisfactory. The several receipts and payments were duly vouched and regularly recorded, and the cash balances agree with the bankers' statements at the above date, after deducting the outstanding cheques as noted in the ledger.

The debentures, mortgages and other securities were examined by me in detail. They correspond with the schedules of the same herewith presented, and their amounts agree with the several totals of the investment funds as represented in the ledger for the above date.

The statements of "assets and liabilities" and of "receipts and payments" for the year have also been carefully examined with the ledger entries, and are certified as correct.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours very faithfully,

JAS. SYDNEY CROCKER,

Auditor.

Canada Life Assurance Company's Offices,  
Hamilton, 7th August, 1885.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The report of the directors was moved by the president. Mr. Ramsay said: In moving the adoption of the directors' report, I would say that the present annual meeting is one of greater importance than the usual annual one, for it is the occasion of a quinquennial investigation of the whole of the affairs of the company, when these and its liabilities and its assets are subjected to a more critical and fuller valuation and investigation than are afforded on ordinary occasions, even by the very careful annual audit which is made. The directors are glad, upon such an interesting occasion, to be able to place before the meeting the very full and ample accounts and statements now submitted, proving, as these so clearly do, the thoroughly sound and prosperous condition of the company.

The amount of the past year's new business has, as the directors' report states, largely exceeded that of any previous year. The new premium addition to the income of the year was \$149,428, or 24 times as much as it was 20 years ago, in 1865, when it amounted to \$6,212. The assurances in force reached nearly \$35,000,000, and the magnitude of that amount of business will be appreciated when I mention that it is equivalent to about \$8 per head of the whole population of Canada. Such favorable results have been very largely attained by the aid of the excellent officers and agents by which the company is served. I have great pleasure in acknowledging the board's satisfaction with their services: and as we have to-day the happiness of seeing some of these representatives present at our

annual meeting I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity to speak of them as I have done. Many of them have been engaged in the service of the Canada Life for a great many years; some I am happy to remember over a quarter of a century, and I hope they, as well as those of more recent connection with us, may long continue in its service.

The rapidly increasing income of the company, which was last year \$1,336,681, makes it not always easy to at once find sufficient and secure investments for that, and for the constant employment of the other assets, already amounting to over \$7,000,000. But the policy of our company being to look for perfectly safe security, rather than high interest, we hope, by the very moderate rates which we require, to continue to attract the best class of borrowers to our company.

Losses by death last year were more numerous and larger than they had before been, but they were still greatly under what had been expected and provided for. Of the 137 deaths alluded to in the report, I may mention that a more than usually large number occurred from sudden and accidental causes.

The amount of the profits of the past five years which falls now to be divided is \$1,350,464.28; and I may say that had it not been for the somewhat low rate of interest which has prevailed for the past few years, that sum would have been even very considerably larger.

As it will interest you to compare the profits of the last five years with those of former similar periods, I may state that they were:

In 1870 .....	\$ 192,891
In 1875 .....	517,748
In 1880 .....	744,896
In 1885 .....	1,350,464

With that anxious desire to promote the interests and advantages of assurers which has at all times characterized this company, the directors have increased the share of profits to policyholders to 93.33 per cent., and have declared to them a bonus addition of 2½ per cent. per annum to policies payable at death only, whose profits are taken by way of bonus, and equivalent profit allowances in cases where otherwise payable, or where the profits are otherwise taken. After making full provision for that bonus and for the full special reserve of \$167,582 on account of the anticipated profits upon policies upon the minimum system at the present time, as well as for the special profit reserve of 1880 for policies of that system (\$43,761), and for the Mutual Branch Surplus Profit reserve of 1880 (\$22,752.90), there is left a balance, or further surplus reserve for that branch amounting to \$49,870.84.

The cash profits now declared average over 30 per cent. of the whole premiums paid to the company during the last five years. Such a result cannot fail to afford satisfaction to all interested in our company, although it will not, I dare say, be so to those who have been predicting that our past liberal scale of profits could not be maintained, and that policyholders upon our minimum system especially, with whose terms they have not been able to compete, would not only receive no profit increase upon their policies, but would find them actually reduced. Perhaps the past erroneous prophecies of these gentlemen may make them more careful in their future predictions.

As our wish is that everybody should share our confidence in the company, and as we feel sure that the more fully its affairs and position are known and understood the more fully they will be satisfied of its soundness and stability, I shall be very glad to give any other information or details which may be desired. I beg to move the adoption of the report.

Mr. F. W. Gates, vice-president, seconded the adoption of the report. In his remarks he referred to the increase of the company's business in the past five years as marvellous. He commended the action taken by the board in the cases of volunteer policy-holders who did service in the Northwest. The question had been frequently asked, "Will you charge the usual war extra?" He was proud to say that the board had taken a broad, liberal and patriotic view, and decided not only to cover the volunteer policy-holders without any extra premium, but also to take any other volunteers on the same terms.

Mr. Yates made various inquiries relative to the accounts and position of the company, all of which were satisfactorily replied to by the president.

Mr. Adam Brown moved, and Mr. J. H.

Mills seconded, a vote of thanks to the directors for their attention to the interests of the company during the past year.

Dr. Billings moved, and Mr. Yates seconded, a vote of thanks to the managers of the various branches of the company, and to the local and general agents.

Mr. Justice Burton moved, and Col. Gzowski seconded a vote of thanks to the officers of the company.

All these resolutions were unanimously adopted, when Messrs. John Riddell and Geo. A. Young, scrutineers of votes for the election of directors in room of those retiring, reported the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen for the ensuing four years:—F. Wolferstan Thomas, Montreal; Rev. Canon Innes, London; Hon. D. McInnes, Hamilton; George Hague, Montreal; F. W. Gates, Hamilton. The meeting then adjourned.

Immediately after the adjournment the directors met and unanimously re-elected Mr. Ramsay president and Mr. Gates vice-president.

#### FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Chatham, Aug. 12th.—W. H. Tighe's residence burned, loss \$1,000, insured in Phoenix for \$600.—Ailsa Craig, 12th.—D. S. McDonald's shoe store partly burned, loss \$200.—London, 13th.—T. Graham's house struck by lightning, insured in London Mutual—Bowmanville, 10th.—Barn and stable belonging to J. Ross, burned with a quantity of hay, etc., loss \$1,000, insurance \$700.—Ottawa, 14th.—Tomlinson's saw mill and a quantity of lumber burned, no insurance.—Lawrence Station, 14th.—T. Murray's dwelling burned, loss \$8,000, insurance \$2,500.—Tara.—The woollen mills owned by Alex. Thompson, burned loss \$3,500, insurance, \$500.—Blenheim, 16th.—T. B. Shillingron's tailor shop, burned, insured in Western and B. A. for \$1,120.—Hamilton, 16th.—The boot store occupied by Jas. Dennis damaged to the extent of \$500, insurance \$100.—Clachan.—Wm. Graham's barn burned, loss \$1,000, insurance \$600.—Wallacetown, 13th.—H. Garbut's barns burnt, loss \$2,500, insured in the Dunwich Mutual for \$700.—Amherstburg, 12th.—Dwelling of J. Sinclair, owned by M. Twomey, partly burned, loss \$300, insured for \$200 in a Toronto fire company.—Sandwich, 4th.—Joseph Dorchester's barn and wheat stacks burned by lightning; loss \$500, no insurance.—Westminster, 6th.—Residence of C. Baker, nurseryman, destroyed and stables gutted; loss \$1,200, partly covered in Waterloo Mutual. 16th.—Benj. Smithson's dwelling destroyed with contents.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Plympton, N.S., August 4th.—Capt. Warner's barn and wharf damaged to the extent of \$1,500; no insurance.—Athol, N.S., 4th.—W. M. Fullerton's barn and contents destroyed.—Napierville, Que., Aug. 13th.—H. J. Hubert's barn filled with hay, burned; loss \$1,500; no insurance.—Hallow, Que., 15th.—Walsh's saw mill burned together with two dwelling houses; loss \$15,000, insured in Royal for \$5,000, and Northern for \$2,000.—Dorchester, N.B., 17th.—E. C. Brower's house and barn burned, insured in Western for \$1,000.—Montreal, 18th.—C. R. Willis' rope factory burned; loss \$3,000; no insurance.—Portage la Prairie, 15th.—T. J. Smith's dwelling on the prairie burned by an upset lamp; no insurance.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, August 19th, 1885.

A fair seasonal movement is going on in groceries and dry goods, other lines rather quiet. We are glad to hear dry goods men report some little improvement in remittances since the beginning of the month. This district has been visited since last report with heavy rains, interfering to some extent with harvesting operations, but no reports of serious damage are heard, and crop indications continue favorable. The share market keeps fairly active at pretty steady rates generally, though later transactions show some slight falling off. Montreal has sold at 201 to 201½; Merchants, 114 to 115; Commerce, 127½; Richelieu, 58½; City Passenger, 122; Gas, 189; Peoples, 77.

CEMENTS, FINECLAY &c.—The stoppage of consignments has caused a rather firmer feeling in cements, but prices are still for Port-