

tions, and he believed that they would realize their object. He could only say that they would in no way relax in their efforts to place the Company in the foremost rank of similar institutions in the country. (Applause.)

Mr. JOHN RANKIN proposed, seconded by Sir A. T. GALT:—That the thanks of the Shareholders be accorded Mr. Rawlings, for his efficient services, in the formation of the Company and the management of its affairs up to the present time.

Sir A. T. GALT, in seconding, said that this resolution was heartily concurred in by himself and the whole of the Board.

Mr. RAWLINGS begged to thank the mover and seconder for their kind expressions, and the meeting for their vote. The progress so far made was the result of very uphill work, but with the invaluable aid and co-operation of the Directors, always so cordially accorded him, he looked forward to great success for this Company in the future. There were now it was true, a number of "mixed" companies spreading their sails, where their charters enabled them, to catch any accident business there might be in the wind, thus tending to subdivide the field for this business into somewhat narrow limits; but this company, being an Accident Company, *pure and simple* of itself, and the only one in Canada—not a mere adjunct or tributary of a Company transacting other branches of business—he had no doubt that it would not fail to receive, as such, the fullest confidence of the public. The scarcity of money had doubtless seriously affected the business of the past year, especially in the agencies, and hence the expenses, in proportion to results appeared larger than would otherwise have been the case. With a more favorable circulation of money, and the prestige for liberality and fair dealing that this Company had already attained, he doubted not that in the ensuing year with the united exertions of the influential body of Agents they now possessed, a much larger business would be accumulated and at much less comparative expense. He believed that this Company, standing on its merits as an honorable and liberal one in all its dealings, and untrammelled by responsibility for the losses or expenses of other branches or classes of business—would soon firmly establish itself in the Dominion—and justify its title to the name of *The Accident Insurance Company of Canada*.

The scrutineers reported the retiring Directors re-elected and Mr. Andrew Robertson was elected to the vacant seat at the Board.

Mr. HATTON proposed, seconded by Mr. W. J. M. JONES, that the thanks of the meeting be given to Sir A. T. Galt for his services in the chair. Carried unanimously.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Sir A. T. Galt was re-elected President, and John Rankin, Esq., Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

The Office-Bearers for 1876 are as follows:

SIR ALEX. T. GALT, PRESIDENT. | JOHN RANKIN, Esq., VICE-PRES'T.

#### DIRECTORS.

R. J. REEKIE, Esq.	THOS. CRAMP, Esq.
ANDREW ROBERTSON, Esq.	D. L. MACDOUGALL, Esq.
JAMES ROSE, Esq.	EDWARD MACKAY, Esq.
JOHN MOLSON, Esq.	WM. MOORE, Esq., Quebec.

#### SOLICITOR.

J. C. HATTON, Esq.

#### AUDITORS.

MESSRS. EVANS & RIDDELL.

#### MANAGER.—EDWARD RAWLINGS.

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