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COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada was held in Toronto on the 27th December. President C. E. Kyle was in the chair, and the board of directors presented a report showing the association to be in a prosperous condition.

During the past year the membership increased from 4,857 to 5,146. The receipts for the year were \$74,032, which, with the balance on hand, 1st January, brought the sum up to \$93,547. During the year the association has paid out \$724,095 in mortuary benefits, and has invested \$32,486.70 in city of St. John debentures, and \$22,144.94 in town of Truro debentures. The general expenses for the year amounted to \$3,721; the office expenses to \$2,669, and building expenses to \$1,699, leaving a balance in the bank of \$5,853. The sum of \$27,294 was added to the permanent reserve fund, bringing it up to a total of \$334,284.

Owing to the limited number who proposed to take out life insurance or annuities, the board decided to relinquish the agency of the Norwich Life Insurance Society, it being apparent that the contract with that company would not be profitable to it or to the Association.

The announcement was made that the commercial rates current on Ontario railways have been extended to the fraternity on Manitoba railways.

Election of officers being the next business, the following officers were elected: President, M. C. Ellis (acclamation); first vice-president, William Cauldwell (acclamation); second vice-president, Thomas McQuillan; secretary, James Sargent (acclamation); treasurer, J. C. Black (acclamation).

Directors: Toronto Board—A. A. Alexander, W. J. Barr, Lytle Duncan, H. Goodman, A. F. Hatch, T. A. Howard, Robert Keyes, M. Lamont, S. M. Sterling.

Hamilton Board—Wm. Bremner, first vice-president; and James Hooper, second vice-president (acclamation); directors, T. P. Allan, J. H. Herring, W. G. Reid, Fred. T. Smye, H. G. Wright and J. W. Zealand.

Berlin Board—Directors, A. Foster and J. Knauff.

The directors at Guelph, Montreal, Kingston, Winnipeg, Victoria, and Vancouver were re-elected without a contest.

The association decided to take part with the commercial travellers of the United States in Travellers' Day, July 11th, at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, when 25,000 are expected to be present.

The special issue of the Vancouver "Province," dated 15th December, consists of thirty-two pages, and contains much interesting matter. There are stories; reminiscences of early days; statistics of mining and commerce and travel in British Columbia; and many illustrations. We abridge, elsewhere, a sketch of the activities of New Westminster.

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