

Without detaining you further, I beg to move, seconded by the Vice-President, that the Report of the Directors be received and adopted, and, together with the General Statement, be printed and a copy sent to each Shareholder.

The motion was seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. R. S. Hudson, who said:

Before seconding the President's motion that the Report just presented be received and adopted, I wish to say that I think the record of the past fourteen years, to which the President has specially directed your attention, is one that cannot but inspire the fullest confidence of the Shareholders and of the public generally.

In considering the results of the past few years it should be borne in mind that in addition to having to contend with many difficulties directly attributable to war conditions, both in respect to the procuring of funds for loaning purposes and the loaning of the money when obtained, the profits shown have been the net earnings after the deduction of large and increasing payments for special war taxation. In the past three years the amount paid to the Dominion Government in settlement of these new taxes, and the amount contributed for patriotic purposes, have aggregated \$126,921.14. This is in addition to the taxation imposed by the various Provinces, which existed previous to the war, but has since been on an increasing scale. How long these various forms of taxation will be continued we do not know, but it will be seen that but for them the Corporation's profits would have been even more satisfactory.

I can well remember when the margin between the cost of money and the rates we obtained was very much larger than it is at present. Under existing conditions such results as those the President

has mentioned can only be attained by the most careful management.

I shall not detain you with any lengthened remarks, except to say that I can assure you, as one who knows every detail of this business, that the Assets as presented are realizable and are only incorporated in the Statement after the most careful revision.

A strong Reserve is of the most vital interest to a financial institution which obtains money from the public, as it increases the security of the Debenture Holders and Depositors and inspires their confidence. We have all been looking forward for some years to the time when our Reserve Fund would equal the Paid-up Capital. Now that, as the President has indicated, the goal is in sight, I think the Shareholders may be justified in expecting that thereafter so large a proportion of the net profits may not necessarily be devoted to augmenting the Reserve.

Without further remarks I beg to second the motion to adopt the Report.

The motion to adopt the Report of the Directors was then presented to the meeting and unanimously carried.

The election of Directors for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous re-election of Messrs. W. G. Gooderham, R. S. Hudson, Col. Albert E. Gooderham, J. H. G. Hagarty, John Campbell, S.S.C. (Edinburgh); John Massey, F. Gordon Osler, E. R. C. Clarkson, William Mulock and George W. Allan, K.C., M.P. of Winnipeg.

Messrs. Henry Barber and A. E. Osler, Chartered Accountants, were appointed Auditors for the current year.

At the subsequent meeting of the Board Mr. W. G. Gooderham was re-elected President, and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Vice-President.

CANADIAN AUTOMOBILE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the C. A. U. A. was held at Ottawa on the 5th and 6th instants. There was a large attendance of members both from Toronto, and Montreal. Mr. John Jenkins (Employers) presided.

The chief business was the considering of rates for the coming year. In case of Liability, Collision and Property damage insurance, it was decided

to adopt a new basis of rating, viz.: the present price list of Car, while in the case of Fire and Theft insurance, the list prices were discarded, and in lieu thereof the Merit system was adopted, based in the case of the fire risks upon the physical hazard of each make of car as established by the Underwriters Laboratories of Chicago after elaborate examinations carried on during the past 18 months, and in the case of Theft insurance upon the experience of Companies, as to the types of cars most popular with thieves.