

of the Local Legislature by the Mutual Insurance Companies of Ontario generally, to have the Statutes in reference to them consolidated, was not successful, mainly in consequence of the late stage of the session at which the measure was introduced. It was withdrawn because those members interested in it felt that it would be better to allow the present law to remain unchanged than that there should be hurried and consequently imperfect legislation about it. Much discussion moreover, arose when the bill was in Committee, about the Cash Premium system, and it was thought that if the Bill were postponed until the next session of Parliament, the experience of another year might assist in arriving at a satisfactory decision about it. Your Directors are still of the opinion, however, that the right which a Mutual Company now possesses to issue Cash Premium Policies should not be removed from the Statute Book.

THOS. M. SYMONS, Secretary. JOHN FLEMING, President.

Galt, 19th June, 1871.

The Secretary then read a statement of the Company, showing its receipts and expenditure, its assets and liabilities.

The President stated that it gave him great pleasure to move the adoption of the annual report, evidencing as it did the success which had attended its management. He drew attention to the fact that the number of policies issued during the year just closed was 339 in excess of what it had been during the previous year: that the number of policies in force was also increased by 147, and that in cash premiums there had been an increase of \$4,707.24. The total amount of the Company's receipts had been \$42,746.36, against \$36,241.08 of the preceding year. The expenses of management had also been kept within very moderate limits, while the charge for interest had been reduced to \$380.24. He approved of the Cash system adopted by the Company, regarding it as a high assessment paid in advance.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson and carried unanimously.

The following statement of losses each month is from the inspectors report:—

June.....	\$2,408 50	December..	\$5,065 11
July.....	1,150 00	January....	1,867 19
August.....	2,402 50	February....	3,891 31
September...	97 32	March.....	51 00
October.....	2,800 00	April.....	3,070 78
November....	53 00	May.....	4,795 60

1st ½ year,....	\$9,001 32	2nd ½ year.	\$18,740 99
			9,001 32

The whole year as previously stated. \$27,742 31

The losses of this company during the year ended 31st May, 1871, as will be seen by the foregoing statement are more than ordinary. They exceed those of the previous year, but are not so great in proportion as is the increase of the Company's business during the same period. I am happy to say that the losses have all been satisfactorily adjusted and promptly paid. Of over fifty claims submitted during the year, not a single claim has come before a court of law for adjustment.

If the popularity of a company, and its ultimate success in extending its operations depend on the amount of business done by it, where best known, the following table shewing the amounts insured by this Company, in the several Counties of Ontario, presents in the most favorable manner the present standing and future prospects of this Company. The whole amount at risk is \$2,887,710 and is distributed as follows:—

County of Waterloo.....	\$506,893
" Wellington.....	304,725
" Grey.....	257,495
" Huron.....	171,918
" Bruce.....	138,280
" Oxford.....	123,855

" Wentworth.....	115,825
" Brant.....	100,650
" Halton.....	92,297
" Simcoe.....	86,371
" Perth.....	84,750
" Middlesex.....	80,280
" Victoria.....	74,733
" Norfolk.....	54,750
" Hastings.....	51,952
" Durham.....	44,760
" Lambton.....	38,725
" Peterboro'.....	35,250
In counties other than the above....	524,231

Total amount at risk \$2,887,710

From the above it will be seen that in the county of Waterloo, in which the Head Office of the Company is situated, nearly one-fifth of the Company's business is done—in Waterloo and Wellington adjoining, nearly one-third, and in the counties of Grey, Huron, Bruce, Oxford, Wentworth, Brant, Halton, Perth and Middlesex, of which Waterloo is the centre, by far the greater part of the business of this company, and almost exclusively on the Premium Note system, is done. These facts speak well for the standing of the Gore District Mutual, where its mode of doing business, its adjustment and payment of losses must necessarily be best known; and to these gratifying facts I would call the special attention of our recently appointed Agents where the Company is less known. The large business done by this Company in the counties of Waterloo and Wellington, in which the Head Offices of two other large and respectable Insurance Companies are situated, affords the most ample and convincing proof that where the Mutual principle, as applied to fire insurance, is best known, is always best appreciated by insurers availing themselves of its many and obvious advantages.

I have during the year visited nearly all the Agencies, and with one or two exceptions found the risks fair of their class, and such as they were represented on the applications. Several new agencies have recently been opened under very favorable circumstances. I have no doubt that next year's business will show an equally steady and favorable increase of the Company's business. The policies effected at the Head Office were over 400.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
ROBERT McLEAN, Inspector.

Moved by Mr. R. S. Strong, seconded by Mr. R. Scott, and Resolved—"That the Inspector's Report be received and published with the annual report of the directors, and this meeting wishes to express its satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. McLean has carried out the duties of his office as Inspector.—Carried.

Mr. John Davidson thought as the year had been a good one, some substantial recognition of the services of the Manager and other offices of the Company should be made, and he therefore moved, seconded by Mr. William Cooke, and Resolved—"That the thanks of the members of this Company are due to the Secretary, Inspector, Accountant and Clerk for their exertions in their behalf during the past year, and that the Directors be instructed to pay to them a sum equal to 10 per cent. on the salaries received by them respectively, as a bonus or acknowledgement of such exertions.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Samuel Richardson, M.D., seconded by Mr. John Quarrie, that the Auditors Messrs. G. H. Patterson and Alex. MacGregor, be paid the sum of \$25 each.—Carried.

Mr. Quarrie urged that the salary of the Accountant, Mr. Girdlestone, was too small and had always been so. If he could not earn a decent salary the Company had no business to retain his services. But, on the contrary, Mr. Girdlestone had always shown himself to be a most efficient officer, and he (the speaker) had always considered his salary too low. He therefore moved, seconded by Mr. R. S. Strong—"That

the Accountant's salary should be six hundred dollars per annum.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robert Scott, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hume, that the thanks of the meeting are hereby tendered to the Directors for their management of its affairs during the past year, and that the sum of \$2.50 be allowed to Directors for each attendance, together with travelling expenses to those who are not residents in Galt.—Carried.

The Chairman, for himself and Brother Directors, thanked the meeting for the manner in which their labors had been appreciated by them, and he took this opportunity of referring to the constant and assiduous attention to the interests of the Company, which he had daily means of knowing that it received from the Manager, Mr. Simons. To his exertions was to be attributed in a very great degree the success of the Company, and it afforded him great pleasure to refer to them now.

Moved by Mr. James Young, seconded by Mr. John Quarrie, that Messrs. Middlemiss and Piper be scrutineers of votes.—Carried.

The ballot was then taken, and the scrutineers reported that the following gentlemen had been elected Directors by a majority of votes:—

John Davidson, R. S. Strong, John Fleming, Samuel Richardson, M.D., A. Warnock, H. McCulloch, C. Magill, M.P., John Quarrie, Jas. McTague, Wm. Turnbull, John Watson, Jas. Young, M.P., James Crombie, Thos. Peck, and A. T. H. Ball, Esquires.

At a meeting of the Board held subsequently—Mr. Simons in the chair—it was moved by Mr. R. S. Strong, seconded by Mr. John Davidson, that John Fleming, Esq., be re-elected President.—Carried unanimously.

Statement of Receipts and Expenses.

RECEIPTS.

To balance of Cash on hand 31st May, 1870....	\$72 60
To balance in Merchants' Bank 31st May, 1870....	2,079 80
To balance of Agencies account, 31st May, 1870	440 57
	\$2,592 97
To Assessments and Cash Premiums.....	\$12,118 16
Fees, transfers, &c.....	97 59
Safe and Letter Press sold.....	52 00
Bills payable.....	478 61
	42,746 36
	\$45,339 33

EXPENSES.

By claims unpaid at 31st May, 1870, and law costs	\$6,823 69
By claims of year ended 31st May, 1871.....	27,744 76
	\$34,568 45
Less under two Policies of re-insurance.....	142 45
	\$34,426 00
By Office Furniture.....	62 30
A. Good's Life Policies	121 65
Division Court.....	38 31
Int't on first paym'ts..	180 26
Interest account.....	380 24
Re-insurance.....	780 89
Commission.....	1,406 03
Rent and Taxes.....	161 31
Vote for Board.....	747 50
Salaries.....	3,091 00
Expenses account....	1,941 32
	8,910 81
	43,336 81
Balance, being.....	
Cash on hand, 31st May,	103 30
Cash in Merchant's B'k.	869 87
Due by Agents.....	1,029 25
	2,002 52
	\$45,339 33