

Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, LIMITED

HAMILTON HOUSE, VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, LONDON, E.C.

DIRECTORS' REPORT, 1905

The Directors submit to the Shareholders their Twenty-fourth Annual Report, together with the Audited Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

The premiums for the year are \$3,193,685, against \$3,191,985 for the year 1903, an increase of \$1,700.

The balance of this year's account is \$2,641,600. Out of this amount the Directors have already paid an interim dividend of 50c per Share, and now recommend a further dividend of \$1.25 per Share (free of Income Tax), making together a dividend of 17½ per cent, for the year on the Paid-up Capital. This will absorb \$131,250, leaving \$2,510,350 to be carried forward.

The following Directors, Mr. W. H. Maudslay, Mr. H. W. Maynard and Mr. R. Millburn retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

In accordance with the resolution of the Shareholders, Messrs. Welton, Jones & Co. have audited the Accounts now submitted and offer themselves for re-election for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board,
S. STANLEY BROWN,
General Manager and Secretary.

16th February, 1905.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

1st JANUARY, 1904, TO 31st DECEMBER, 1904.

BALANCE OF LAST ACCOUNT—

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| As per last Report | \$2,195,505 |
| Special Reserve now included | 125,000 |
| | <u>2,320,505</u> |
| Less Dividends for 1903 | 112,500 |
| | <u>2,208,005</u> |

REVENUE OF THE YEAR—

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| Premiums, less Bonus and Returns to the Assured and Reassurance | \$3,193,690 |
| Interest and Rents | 137,435 |
| Transfer Fees | 105 |
| Profit on Exchange | 10,000 |
| | <u>3,341,230</u> |

HAMILTON HOUSE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT:—

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| Interest | 970 |
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\$5,550,205

CHARGES AGAINST REVENUE FOR THE YEAR—

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| Directors' and Auditors' Fees . . . \$ | 18,025 |
| Salaries and House Expenses . . . | 54,615 |
| Rent and Rates | 11,820 |
| Taxes (Home and Foreign) | 58,210 |
| Advertising | 9,720 |
| Books and Stationery | 26,510 |
| Legal Costs and Professional Fees . . | 5,515 |
| Branch and Agency Office Charges . . | 20,255 |
| Postage and Parcels | 1,640 |
| Travelling and Inspection | 27,755 |
| | <u>234,065</u> |
| Total Expenses \$ | 234,065 |
| Commission and Losses paid and outstanding | 2,668,975 |
| Furniture and Repairs | 2,760 |
| Bad Debts | 1,965 |
| Loss on Sale of Investments | 840 |
| | <u>2,908,605</u> |

BALANCE OF THIS ACCOUNT \$2,641,600

\$5,550,205

BALANCE SHEET

31st DECEMBER, 1904.

| Dr. | Cr. |
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| SHAREHOLDERS' CAPITAL— | |
| 75,000 Shares, \$50 each | \$3,750,000 |
| TO CAPITAL CALLED UP— | |
| 75,000 Shares, \$10 per Share | \$ 750,000 |
| Amounts due to other Companies | 8,950 |
| Outstanding Liabilities, including Commission | 151,015 |
| Branch and Agency Balances | 500 |
| RESERVES— | |
| For Outstanding Losses | \$ 865,940 |
| Revenue Account | |
| Balance | \$2,641,600 |
| Less Interim Dividend, 1904 | 37,500 |
| | <u>2,604,100</u> |
| | <u>3,470,040</u> |
| BY INVESTMENTS—at Cost— | |
| Bank of Ireland Stock | \$ 27,930 |
| Colonial Government Securities | 323,200 |
| Foreign Government Securities | 607,120 |
| Foreign and Colonial Municipal Securities | 724,840 |
| Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks | 1,378,400 |
| Preference and Ordinary Stocks and Shares | 94,740 |
| Hamilton House | \$ 336,130 |
| Redemption Fund Investment | 28,040 |
| | <u>364,170</u> |
| Freehold Premises | 22,020 |
| Loans on Securities | 32,375 |
| | <u>\$3,574,795</u> |
| Branch and Agency Balances | 537,720 |
| Amounts due from other Companies | 11,380 |
| Outstanding Premiums | 71,365 |
| Interest and Rents Accrued | 43,160 |
| Cash at Bankers | \$141,905 |
| In hand | 180 |
| | <u>1142,085</u> |
| | \$4,380,505 |

\$5 taken as the equivalent of £1 stg.

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CLAUD J. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

S. STANLEY BROWN, *General Manager and Secretary.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies' Act, 1900, we certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have to report to the Shareholders that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, and that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Corporation's affairs as shown by the books of the Corporation in London. The Securities and Books at Boston (U.S.A.) have been examined by Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths & Co., who have reported to us thereon to our satisfaction.

16th February, 1905.

WELTON, JONES & CO., *Auditors.*