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## ASSETS - - \$105,656,311.60



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## SIGNIFICANT FACTS

This Company's Policy-claims paid in 1903 averaged in number one for each minute and a third of each business day of 8 hours each, and, in amount, \$89.00 a minute the year through.

THE DAILY AVERAGE OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS DURING 1903 WAS:

\$59 per day in Number of Claims Paid.  
6,297 per day in Number of Policies Issued.  
\$1,303,559.06 per day in New Insurance Written.  
\$98,582.76 per day in Payments to Policy-holders and addition to Reserve.  
\$53,841.18 per day in Increase of Assets.

Income in 1903.....\$49,887,804.11  
Gain over 1902.....6,551,520.50  
Asset increase in 1903.....16,475,402.81

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## ASSETS

United States, City and R. R.  
Bonds and Stocks . . . \$48,175,913.27  
Bonds and Mortgages . . . 31,814,193.06  
Real Estate . . . 14,835,140.61  
Cash . . . 5,301,220.90  
Loans to Policyholders . . . 1,850,144.14  
Premiums, deferred, and in course of collection (Net) . . . 3,000,401.30  
Accrued Interest, Rents, etc. . . 679,298.32  
\$105,656,311.60

## LIABILITIES

Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserves . . . \$94,008,251.00  
All other Liabilities . . . 956,188.04  
Capital and Surplus . . . 10,691,872.56  
\$105,656,311.60

Paid to Policyholders since Organization, plus the Amount now Invested for their Security, \$238,295,968.84 Number of Policies in Force . . . 7,523,915  
Amount of Outstanding Insurance . . . \$1,342,381,457.00 Amount of Insurance Issued in 1903 . . . \$398,889,074.00

In its Ordinary Department policies are issued for from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 on individual lives, premiums payable annually, semi-annually and quarterly. In its Industrial Department policies are issued on all the insurable members of the family for weekly premiums.

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## RECORD OF GROWTH IN TEN YEAR PERIODS

| INCOME              | ASSETS         | SURPLUS       | POLICIES IN FORCE | OUTSTANDING INSURANCE |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1893-\$2,082,619.05 | \$2,186,622.24 | \$627,868.24  | 531,048           | \$63,425,107.00-1893  |
| 1898-15,218,236.65  | 19,343,705.06  | 4,109,689.92  | 2,940,226         | 353,177,217.00-1898   |
| 1903-49,887,804.11  | 105,656,311.60 | 10,691,872.56 | 7,523,915         | 1,342,381,457.00-1903 |

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## PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Coming direct to the Grand Opera House from his New York engagement, the clever comedian and sweet singer, George "Honey Boy" Evans, will be seen for the first time in Toronto as a full-fledged star, appearing in the new musical entertainment, "The Good Old Summer Time." Mr. Evans, by the way, is also responsible for the popular song of the same name, and much of the musical music in the new piece is of the jingling, catchy style that has characterized all his recordings. The company presenting "The Good Old Summer Time" numbers fifty vocalists, thirty-five of whom are returning, have some very good show girls, making up the beauty chorus of the organization.



George (Honey Boy) Evans. The piece has been one of the real successes of the season in Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Philadelphia and elsewhere before its New York engagement, and it is claimed will prove a veritable revelation as a popular-priced offering, since it attracts so elaborately produced and pretentious has ever been presented at popular prices. Interspersed throughout the acts are no less than sixteen new musical numbers. Supporting Mr. Evans are Charles McDonald, John Carey, John Kearney, Goff Phillips, George Lord, Annie Martell, Pearl Rivers, Dorothy Lallier and Marie Hyman. The usual matinee will be given on Wednesday and Saturday.

"Across the Pacific" will be the attraction at the Majestic Theatre next week.



Miss Kittie Wolfe. With "Across the Pacific" at the Majestic, there is enough action in this

play to suit the desires of every kind of theatre-goer. Humor and pathos, laughter and tears are intermingled. But the comedy element of the play is by far the greater, and to the liking of all lovers of good, clean fun. The popular little comedian, Harry Clay Blaney, who is known in the pay as "Willie Live," a reporter with a camera "always on the spot" to add a scene to his new play with a thrilling snap-shot, is the central figure of the production. The battle scene, where a real Gatling gun is introduced, is one of the best yet produced on the stage.

"The English Pony Ballet" will be one of the leading features at St. George's next week. This is said to be the best dancing act vaudeville has produced. There are eight very pretty, dancing English girls, and there is something comical every minute they are on the stage. George C. Boniface and Bertha Walzinger will be another feature of the show. They will offer a one-act comedy, "The Woman Who Heals in a Week." The appearance of Mr. B. Boniface and Miss Walzinger here will recall to many the names of the numerous successes in comedy and comic opera they have each appeared in. Miss Walzinger was the prima donna of the Bonifaces, and has appeared with the part of Dora in "The Girl Who Sings." Mr. Boniface was the comedian with Pauline Hall, Camille D'Arville, The Maudslayi Opera Company, and was the original Jones in "What Happened to Jones?" Sagar Mudgey and Gertrude

Carlisle will appear in their original edition of the Sammie and Sammie, entitled "After School." Sagar Mudgey has probably the best country kid character of the time, and Gertrude Carlisle is both pretty and clever. The Four Holloways are without doubt the greatest of performers in the world on the tight wire. Many of the tricks they perform with apparent ease seem almost impossible. Musical Dile will be another favorite. His delicate treatment of difficult instruments has made him extremely popular. Louise Dreyer, whose beauty alone would command the attention of an audience, has the added charm of an extremely good voice and a clever way of presenting things to an audience. Jack Norworth, with a lot of new stories and songs, will make everybody laugh. Johnson, Daveport and Loretta complete an exceptionally big bill.

Next week at the Star Theatre will feature one of the best vaudeville and burlesque organizations on the road this season in Harry W. Williams, Jr., Imperial Burlesquers, presenting for the first time this season a merry collection of fun and nonsense. The two burlesques serve to introduce the vaudeville company including Frank Byron, the popular comedian; Cliff Gordon, Byron and Lorraine, Paul C. Evans and St. John, Johnnie Ginn and Sells Moore, Eliza Trine and Grace Forrest, Burke, the Scotchman, and many others, including the entire company and a chorus of twenty-five.

The usual performances will be given each afternoon and evening during the week.

The Theatrical Mechanical Association annual benefit will this year be held in the Princess Theatre Friday afternoon, March 11. The event has for years been looked forward to as the theatrical extravaganza of the entire season. The organization has often been placed under the caption of labor organizations, which is an incorrect interpretation of the order, whose objects are benevolence pure and simple, and which benevolence very often extends beyond its own membership in ministering to the sick, those in distress and burying the dead. The entertainment will begin sharp at 1:45, the opening number to be a selection by the combined orchestras and other musicians to the number of 65, seated upon the stage. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has accepted an invitation and will occupy a box. All theatres are contributing to the entertainment. Box plan for exchange of tickets and reserving seats will open Monday at 9 a.m.

Whenever any great musical tour is undertaken in the United States, Toronto has the honor of being the first place that is consulted, and it is by the point of beginning for the tour of Walter Damrosch, the New York Symphony Orchestra, to be the "Toronto" music being the first engagement made. Afterwards Buffalo was booked in order to break the journey between New York and Toronto, but April 5, at Massey Hall, will be the second engagement on the tour of the New York Symphony Orchestra in Wagner's last and most magnificent work. The subscribers' list will open at Massey Hall on March 20.

The Good Friday holiday concert at Massey Hall will consist of an excellent program, contributed by Mackenzie Murdoch, the greatest of all violinists in Scotland to-day; George Selby, the splendid Scotch lyric tenor; A. Lawrence Murdoch, pianist; Miss F. M. McVey, contralto, and J. W. Burroughs.

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The Pioneer says: We had hoped that by this time the government's proposed legislation would have been laid before the provincial assembly and that we would have been able to announce the calling of a convention for about the 15th day of March. It is now too late to complete arrangements for that date. Even if the government should feel to submit a measure, the convention must be called. It looks at present as if plans will have to be made for bringing our workers together on or about the 22nd inst.

Found Against the Defendant. Belleville, March 4.—An interesting case was decided in the high court here yesterday before Judge Falconbridge. Rev. Mr. Craig of St. Olaf some chickens, and a hen, had just killed some. The parties to the case, the minister and the farmer, his opinion that Sargent had killed his fowl. Thereupon Rev. Mr. Craig was served with a writ for slander. The judge tried the case himself without a jury, finding against the defendant, and ordering him to pay \$25 towards the plaintiff's costs.

Soft for Mr. Hopkins. Port Hope Times: By the will of the late Mrs. Cooper of Newcastle, the dwelling and contents, consisting of a few heirlooms, are to be sold, and the proceeds, after funeral expenses, etc., are to be divided equally between her three nephews in England. The old family clock goes to her stepson, Elroy, and Henry Hopkins, Port Hope, gets the family Bible and the old family feather bed.

Notes from Winnipeg. Winnipeg, March 4.—The graduated nurse of the Winnipeg General Hospital decided to form an association of their own. The city council has memorialized the Dominion government for a central federal building in Winnipeg. Fred Finn of Arcoha is missing. R. H. Shanks was elected Grand Master of the Oddfellows.

## WEST DURHAM CONSERVATIVES.

Bowmanville, March 4.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the West Durham Liberal-Conservative Association was held in the new council room this afternoon, which, owing to bad roads, the attendance was not large. John H. Devitt, ex-warden, presided. Speeches were made by Col. Harry A. Ward, M.P., C. Jones Thornton, W. H. Reed, ex-M.L.A., Albert Barber, Paul Trebilcock, County Councilor, Thomas H. Powers. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Evan H. McLean, barrister, Newcastle; vice-president, H. J. Towers, K.C.; secretary, Dr. G. C. Bonney, Bowmanville; treasurer, James J. Allen, Newcastle.

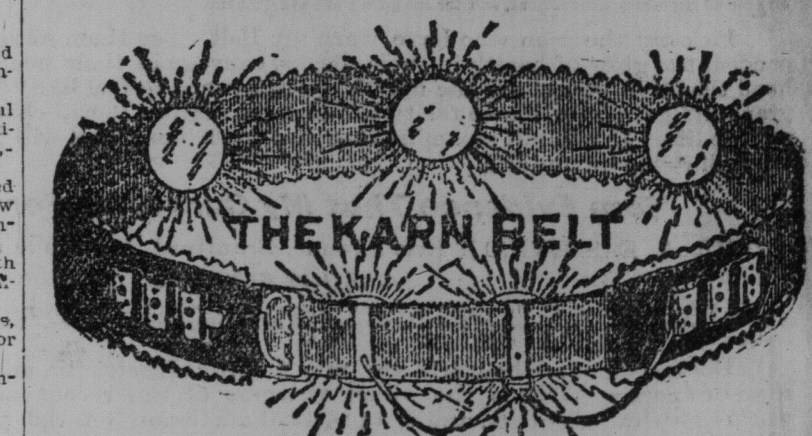
Transportation Commission. The transportation commission will meet in Toronto on Wednesday, March 23. The meeting will take place at the city hall.

## MUST STAND TRIAL.

The application before Chancellor Boyd to have the committal of George Maguire, D.D., and his poll clerk, W. T. London, on the charge of conspiracy, referred to a higher court, was not criminal or indictable, and that the warrant of commitment was bad.

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