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A BANNER YEAR!

The year 1807, the results of which are presented in detail on another page, has witnessed a development on the part of The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada unprecedented in the history of Canadian companies, and not easily paralleled in the records of life assurance in general. For what may be set forth in the form of dollars and cents we refer our readers to that other page, and confine ourselves here to noting some other causes for congratulation.

The new issue of stock rendered necessary in order to bring the paid-up capital up to the amount required by certain of the States was immediately absorbed by the present stockholders in a way that clearly illustrated how they prized their holdings, and the handsome premium they gladly paid was at once added to the Company's surplus so that a substantial benefit accrued to the policyholders from the transaction.

Having thus satisfied the requirements of the American law the way was opened for material extension of territory below the boundary line, and agencies were established in the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, and the District of Columbia, from which a large amount of profitable business has been secured.

The successful accomplishment of the arrangement for having Trustees in Great Britain—an English article on which we print elsewhere—was a matter of profound satisfaction, the Earl of Dufferin's intimate acquaintance with our country, and deep interest in her welfare, rendering him the most fitting person in a peculiar degree to undertake the office, while the other gentlemen added strength by their sound financial reputation.

By the acquirement of the fine building adjoining the Head Office the Company became owners of the entire block, thus possessing a business property perfectly adapted in every way for the transaction of the ever-increasing volume of business. Fine buildings have also been erected by the Company in Ottawa and Hamilton, both as investments and for offices of the local managers.

Thus the year has been marked by a rapidity and solidity of development that gave good ground for pride in, though not for resting content with what has been achieved. The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada has only got well under way, and the results of the past simply constitute an earnest of what will be accomplished in the future.

TORONTO, 1897.

T. R. RAITT, ESQ.,

Superintendent Thrift Dept., Sun Life Assurance Company,

Toronto.

DEAR SIR.

We wish to thank your Company through you for the very prompt and satisfactory settlement of the claim on the death of my father, who had only been insured for one year and three days.

The amount of the policies being four hundred and twenty-one dollars, it was also a great surprise to us to have added to this amount a bonus of four dollars and twenty-one cents and we can highly recommend your Company.

Yours truly,

MRS. C. CAHILL. ANNIE M. DOLAN.