$81,707·69. That balance has now been reduced to $18,134·10. This reduction, however, is owing chiefly to the amount of the fifth call on stock, valued at about $74,478; so that taking into consideration the unfavourable circumstances before referred to, the business of the Company does not appear to have been impaired to the extent that might have been anticipated. In compliance with a resolution of the Special General Meeting of the Shareholders, on the 14th June last, a further call of five per cent. was made, "to enable the Company to meet its liabilities with promptness and certainty." This call becomes payable on the 1st October next, and will place a considerable balance beyond the liabilities to the credit of the Company.

The readiness and unanimity with which this further call was voted, fully manifest the desire of the stockholders to satisfy all just claims, whilst the large amount of uncalled capital affords the most ample guarantee to policy-holders of the ability of the Company to meet all its engagements.

Your Directors beg to notify that, in compliance with a further resolution of that meeting, the Agency of the Company in California has been discontinued.

The Shareholders of the Provincial Insurance Company of Canada having so lately as on the 14th June last, met specially with reference to the position of the Company, and a financial statement of its affairs having then been placed before them, and fully investigated, your Directors conceive that it is unnecessary to make any further remarks on the statements now submitted.

The important subject connected with the resolution of the last meeting of the shareholders, and on which this meeting has been specially convened to decide, involves in its consideration the progress and affairs of the Company from its commencement to the present time; and has reference, therefore, to transactions over which your present Board had no control. By the regulation of the Act 22 Vic., cap. 62, amending the