

Montreal, shall be filled by a choice to be made by the said Board of Trustees, by a plurality of votes. Trustees whose term has expired shall continue in office until others are elected in their stead and Trustees going out shall be eligible as new Trustees.

Commissioners for organizing Company.

5. The Hon. Sir Francis Hincks, Theodore Hart, Henry Judah Andrew Allan, and Hector McKenzie, all of the City of Montreal, are appointed Commissioners for the organization of the Company. It shall be their duty within two years from the passing of this Act, to open books to receive applications for insurance to be effected by the said Company, and as soon as applications amounting to \$500,000 shall be received, to give notice to the persons who have made such applications, of a meeting for the election of sixteen Trustees, and of three Scrutineers for the next election. Every person having so made application for insurance shall be entitled to vote at the said election, and shall be eligible as a Trustee or Scrutineer.

First election of Trustees.

Votes.

Insurers shall be members.

6. Every person and every firm having taken a policy during the preceding year, and every person and firm holding a certificate of the Company not discharged by payment of losses, shall be a member of the said Corporation, and entitled to vote at all elections, and eligible as Trustees and Scrutineers. Individual members shall vote either in person, or by proxy; and firms shall be represented and vote by one of the members thereof, or by the proxy of the firm. Every person or firm who shall become a member of the said Corporation by effecting insurance therein, shall the first time he or it effects insurance and before receiving the policy, pay the rates that shall be fixed upon and determined by the Trustees, and no premium so paid shall ever be withdrawn from the said Company, but shall be liable to all the losses and expenses incurred by the said Company, during the continuance of its charter.

Votes.

Insurers to pay rates on insuring which shall not be withdrawn.

Elections after the first notice.

Yearly nett profits to be ascertained.

7. After the first election, annual elections shall be held for the election of four Trustees, and of three Scrutineers to hold the next election. Notice of the time and place of holding every election shall be given, for two weeks preceding such election, in two public newspapers, printed in the city of Montreal, the one in the English, and the other in the French language.

And each member credited with his proportion thereof.

Certificate of such proportion, and its contents.

8. The officers of the said Company shall, within one month after the expiration of one year from the day on which they shall have issued their first policy, and within the first month of every subsequent year, cause an estimate to be made, as near as may be, of the profits of the said Company during the preceding year, in which estimate the losses and expenses of the said Company for the year shall be deducted from the earnings of the said Company during the same year, arising as well from premiums as from the income derived from the investments; and the balance, (if any,) shall be deemed the amount of the net profits for such preceding year, which estimate shall be binding upon all persons entitled to receive certificates as hereinafter mentioned. The said officers shall thereupon credit on the books of the said Company each person or firm who shall have paid any premium to the said Company during the preceding year, with such proportion of the said nett balance, (exclusive of fractional parts of ten dollars as hereinafter mentioned,) as the amount of earned premiums paid by such person or firm during such year and not returned, shall bear to the whole amount of earned premiums received by the said Company during the said year. (less returned premiums), and they shall issue