

The following, being the forty-seventh annual report of the directors, with accompanying financial statement, was then read by the secretary, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

## REPORT.

The directors beg to submit herewith a statement of the results of the transactions of the company for the year 1897, together with the assets and liabilities at the 31st December last, and the auditors' report thereon.

The balance at the credit of Revenue account is \$149,845.05, and there has been a gain of \$18,381.16 in the value of securities, as compared with their market price a year ago.

Two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum have been declared out of the year's earnings, and \$68,226.21 added to the reserve fund.

The amount of the estimated liability upon risks now on the company's books is \$775,661.51, and a net surplus is shown over capital and all liabilities of \$379,472.91.

GEO. A. COX, President.

Toronto, 18th February, 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Fire losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to Dec. 31st, 1897..	\$1,001,369 40
Marine losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to Dec. 31, 1897..	375,864 46
General expenses, agents' commission, etc.....	756,553 57
Balance to profit and loss....	149,845 05
	<u>\$2,283,632 48</u>

Fire premium. . . . .	\$1,881,509 37
Marine premium. . . . .	689,718 54
	<u>\$2,571,227 91</u>

Less re-assurance .....	359,851 79
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Interest account.. .....	\$2,211,376 12
	<u>72,256 36</u>

\$2,283,632 48

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dividend No. 72 .....	\$ 50,000 00
Dividend No. 73 .....	50,000 00
Balance—Reserve at December 31st, 1897.....	1,155,134 42
	<u>\$1,255,134 42</u>

Reserve fund at December 31st, 1896.....	\$1,086,908 21
Appreciation in investments ..	18381 16
Balance of revenue account..	149,845 05
	<u>\$1,255,134 42</u>

## Assets.

United States and State bonds.....	\$ 298,227 50
Dominion of Canada stock ..	68,620 00
Bank, loan company and other stocks.....	321,902 40
Company's building .....	65,000 00
Municipal bonds and debentures.....	707,289 16
Cash on hand and on deposit.	287,963 05
Bills receivable .....	53,545 04
Mortgages .....	63,926 00
Due from other companies—current accounts.....	112,180 39
Interest due and accrued ..	9,165 40
Re-assurance claims .....	41,694 16
Agents' balances and sundry accounts.....	385,573 31
	<u>\$2,415,086 41</u>

## Liabilities.

Capital stock paid up .....	\$1,000,000 00
Losses under adjustment .....	209,951 99
Dividend payable January, 1898.....	50,000 00
Reserve fund .....	1,155,134 42
	<u>\$2,415,086 41</u>

## RE-INSURANCE AND SURPLUS FUNDS.

Reserve fund.. .....	\$1,155,134 42
	<u>\$1,155,134 42</u>

Re-insurance reserve—being the estimated amount necessary to re-insure or run off outstanding risks.....	\$ 775,661 51
Net surplus .....	379,472 91
	<u>\$1,155,134 42</u>

GEO. A. COX,  
President.

J. J. KENNY,  
Vice-president and Managing Director.  
Western Assurance Company's Offices,  
Toronto Feb. 18th, 1898.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Company:

Gentlemen,—We hereby certify that we have audited the books of the company for the year ending December 31st, 1897, and have examined the vouchers and securities in connection therewith, and find the same carefully kept, correct, and properly set forth in the above statement.

JOHN M. MARTIN, F.C.A.,  
R. F. WALTON,

Auditors.

Toronto, February 17th, 1898.

The election of directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen, viz.: Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Hon. S. C. Wood, Messrs. Robert Beaty, G. R. R. Cockburn, Geo. McMurrich, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, J. K. Osborne and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the board of directors held subsequently, Hon. Geo. A. Cox was re-elected president and Mr. J. J. Kenny, vice-president for the ensuing year.

HAND-IN-HAND INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

## MUTUAL AND STOCK.

FOUNDED 1873.

The twenty-fifth general ordinary meeting of the members and shareholders was held at the offices of the company, Queen City Chambers, Church street, Toronto, on Saturday, 19th day of February, 1898, when the following report was submitted.

## REPORT.

The directors beg to submit to the members and shareholders the revenue account for the past year, and the balance sheet, showing liabilities and assets on 31st December, 1897.

The number of policies in force at the close of the year was 1,476, covering at risk, after deducting reinsurance, the sum of \$2,175,834.

The total revenue from the fire branch was \$55,352.60, and after deducting all expenses and claims for fire losses, the balance to carry forward was \$10,490.60.

The balance now standing at the credit of revenue account of the Plate Glass Branch is \$14,608.22.

In view of the foregoing results, the usual two per cent. dividend on the capital of the company, being equal to ten per cent. on the paid-up portion thereof, was declared.

The retiring directors this year are: Hon. Justice Maclellan and J. D. Chipman.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
HUGH SCOTT, L. W. SMITH, D.C.L.,  
Vice-President and Sec. President.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, FIRE BRANCH, FOR YEAR  
ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

Dr.	
To premium income .....	\$53,663 12
Interest income .....	1,689 48
	<u>\$55,352 60</u>

## Cr.

By cancelled policies and rebate .....	\$2,614 78
Re-insurance .....	21,401 73
	<u>\$24,016 51</u>
Salaries, directors' fees, commission, advertising, rent, plant, postage, etc. ....	7,491 67
Claims—fire losses .....	\$12,870 64
Claims under adjustment (since paid) .....	483 18
	<u>13,353 82</u>
Balance to Contingent account ....	10,490 60
	<u>\$55,352 60</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT, PLATE-GLASS BRANCH, FOR  
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

## Dr.

To balance carried forward from 1896 .....	\$13,721 99
Premium income and interest, 1897 .....	3,758 92
	<u>\$17,480 91</u>

## Cr.

By commission, charges, stationery, proportion of advertising, rent, directors' fees, etc. . . .	\$1,165 67
Claims paid.....	1,208 81
Cancelled policies .....	498 21
	<u>\$ 2,872 69</u>
Balance to Contingent account ....	14,608 22
	<u>\$17,480 91</u>

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST  
DECEMBER, 1897.

## Liabilities.

To capital stock (\$20,000 paid up) ..	\$100,000 00
Contingent account.....	50,778 13
Re-insurance undertakings in force ..	6,721 05
	<u>\$157,499 18</u>

## Assets.

By capital liable to call .....	\$80,000 00
Undertakings in force..	\$14,162 93
First mortgages on real estate valued at \$56,500 .....	21,686 33
Cash on deposit, Ontario Bank .....	3,063 62
Cash on deposit, Dominion Bank.....	35 00
Cash on deposit, Imperial Trusts.....	5,446 92
Loans on Stocks:	
Toronto Electric Light, Western Ass. Co., Imperial Bank .....	24,298 00
Building and Loan Association stock .....	400 00
Debtors' and creditors' balance .....	7,021 39
Accrued interest .....	1,384 99
	<u>77,499 18</u>
	<u>\$157,499 18</u>

I hereby certify that I have audited the books and examined the vouchers and securities of the company for the year ending 31st December, 1897, and find the same correct, carefully kept, and properly set forth in the above statements.

HENRY WM. EDDIS, F.C.A.,  
Auditor.

Toronto, February 1st, 1898.

The president, in moving the adoption of the report said:

The report and statements just read are very satisfactory, more particularly so when we take into consideration that the total fire losses in Canada during the past year, 1897, exceeded those of 1896 by \$1,632,570, and also find the Dominion superintendent, in his last published report for 1896, stating:

"Thus it appears that for every \$100 of income there has been spent \$101.16, viz., for losses, \$64.48; for general expenses, \$32.91; and for dividends to shareholders, \$3.77. Hence, also, for every \$100 of premium received there has been paid out \$66.62 for losses, \$34.01 for expenses, and \$3.90 for dividends to shareholders—\$104.53."

Although we do not present in our statements a large volume of figures, it is gratifying to be able to state, that since the company was founded in 1873, we have shown satisfactory annual results, and never had to omit the yearly ten per cent. dividend to our shareholders.

Our contingent or rest fund alone now shows a ratio of 2.33 per cent. to our gross liabilities, or amount at risk, a much larger ratio than that of the companies published in the "Insurance Blue Book," the average of which, to their total assets, including capital is 1.46 per cent.

The conservative policy that has invariably been pursued by the management in aiming for results rather than for a large volume of business, through which such satisfactory annual exhibits have been attained, will, I feel confident, commend itself to you, as it does to myself.