

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss account	2,973 40
	\$1,311,336 58
<i>Assets.</i>	
Capital Expenditure	\$1,281,819 47
Bonds of the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company, and interest thereon.....	1,596 24
Outstanding accounts due by Government, etc.....	1,000 00
Mortgage Receivable and interest thereon.....	6,210 00
Cash in Bank and on hand	20,710 87
	\$1,311,336 58

3. The directors are happy to state that the company's relations with the lessees and the sub-lessees continue in every way satisfactory, and that the arrangements existing for the working and maintenance of the company's lines and plant are being carried out in good faith.

F. ROPER, Secretary.
THOS. SWINYARD, President.
Per GEO. D. PERRY.
Toronto, February 9, 1886.

After reading the report, the chairman said his task to-day would be an easy one. The position of the company was so fully explained by him on the last occasion that there was no necessity to enlarge upon it. Their affairs had been administered very carefully, and the position of the company was sound and gratifying in the highest degree. He was glad to observe by the enhanced value of the shares how greatly the standing of the company had advanced in public estimation.

The report showed that as usual the payments under the lease had been duly made by the lessees and the proceeds regularly disbursed to the shareholders every quarter. He expressed regret that the secretary, Mr. F. Roper, had met with a severe accident which prevented him from attending the meeting that day; and concluded by moving the adoption of the report, first stating that he would be happy to give any explanations that might be required. Satisfaction having been expressed by Mr. Henry Pellatt on behalf of the shareholders, the adoption of the report was seconded by the Hon. Frank Smith and unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks to the president and directors of the company for their services during the past year was proposed and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Henry Pellatt and Geo. D. Perry were then appointed scrutineers to conduct the election of directors for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen:—

Thomas Swinyard, Esq., Hon. Wm. Cayley, R. N. Waddell, Esq., H. S. Northrop, Esq., General Thomas T. Eckert, Hon. Frank Smith, Erastus Wiman, Esq., Alex. T. Fulton, Esq., and Chas. A. Tinker, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Nordheimer, seconded by Hon. Frank Smith, a vote of thanks was tendered to the chairman for his services in presiding over the meeting, which was duly acknowledged.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly elected board, Mr. Swinyard was re-appointed president, and Mr. Cayley vice-president of the company.

F. ROPER, Secretary,
Per GEO. D. PERRY.

Toronto, Feb. 10, 1885.

GORE DISTRICT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of this company was held at Galt, Ont., on Monday January 25th, 1886.

The manager, Mr. R. S. Strong, read the following report of the directors, the financial statements and the auditors' report:

REPORT.

The directors beg to submit the following summary of the business of the company for the year 1885:

The number of policies issued was 2,448, and there were in force at the end of the year 6,123, insuring property for \$6,499,738.74, showing an increase of over \$100,000 at risk as compared with 31st December, 1884.

The income from all sources has been \$76,537.83 and the expenditure \$57,850.88. The amount saved on the year's business has

been added to the Surplus or Reserve Fund, such reserve having become an absolute necessity to a company aiming to obtain the best and most profitable class of risks.

The assets of the company are increasing satisfactorily—the cash and cash items being \$18,275.42 and the premium note capital \$19,432 more than last year.

The item of losses is larger than in 1884, but not larger in proportion to our increased income than we might reasonably expect. With the exception of one resisted claim which occurred in 1884 and one of 1885 not adjusted, together about \$1,500, you have no liability under this head.

During the year efforts were made to induce this company to join the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, but as this involved the adoption of the association's tariff, your directors after full consideration declined to do so, being convinced that your interests would be best promoted by the "Gore" maintaining that independent position as a company which has so long distinguished it.

We have not been much inconvenienced by the action of the Underwriters' Association in regard to agents, as with a few exceptions, they have declined to give up their connection with this company. We look to our policy holders to show their appreciation of the loyalty of our agents by placing as much as possible of their business with them.

The year upon which we have just entered is the semi-centennial anniversary of the company, it being the fiftieth since the first meeting was held to arrange for its organization. For half a century the Gore has continued to give its patrons safe and cheap insurance—the saving to the mutual system policy holders, being about 20 per cent. as compared with stock companies' rates. It is not too much to say that the Gore never occupied so strong and prosperous a position as at the present time. Its steady success during the past eight years has been most marked, and it begins its semi-centennial year with assets of \$6,757.69 over all liabilities, and including the re-insurance reserve, total assets of \$218,896.57 to pay losses.

The inspector's and auditors' reports with certified statements of receipts and expenditure, assets and liabilities, are attached and are worthy of your careful consideration. We have great pleasure in bearing witness to the care and attention to your interests which have characterized the conduct of the office staff and agents generally.

During the past year we have considered the question of forming a permanent rest, and we now beg to report that in our opinion it is of the highest importance to the future success and prosperity of the company that for this purpose the cash surplus over all liabilities should be allowed to increase to the sum of \$100,000, after which time the board of directors should be authorized to declare such bonuses to the members from time to time as may be deemed expedient. A by-law to this effect has been prepared and will be submitted for your adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) JAMES YOUNG, President.
R. S. STRONG, Secretary,

Galt, January 25th, 1886.

STATEMENT OF BUSINESS, 1885.

<i>Receipts,</i>	
Cash premiums	\$33,241 09
Assessments	38,846 47
	72,087 56
Transfer fees	90 15
Extra premiums	275 02
Interest	3,115 76
Re-insured claims....	969 34
	4,450 27
	76,537 83

<i>Expenditure,</i>	
Claims	\$32,790 41
Commission	\$ 8,269 03
Salaries	4,752 78
Law Costs	236 00
Office Postage.....	277 51
Agents' do.	258 96
Printing and Stationery	305 25
Telegraph and Express.....	56 64
Returned Premiums..	732 68
Returned assessments.	543 19
Travelling Expenses..	570 52
Rent and Taxes.....	476 00

Advertising.....	113 88
Incidentals	174 98
Re-insurance	4,942 02
Auditors' Fees	100 00
Caretaking of Offices..	54 25
Bonus to Agents on Profitable Balances.	1,866 59
License Fee.....	25 00
Directors' Fees	922 00
Contingent to Claims..	139 53
Gov't Insurance Inspector—Stat. and Asst	197 00
Fuel and Light	47 66
	25,064 47
Balance	18,686 95
	\$76,537 83

ASSETS.

Cash in office.....	\$ 910 87
do. Merch. Bank, cur. acct.....	8,954 01
do. do. Dep. Receipts	7,000 00
Cash in Can.B. of Com., Savings Department	6,487 60
do. do. Dep. Receipts	8,000 00
Deposit with Treas. of Ontario	7,000 00
Mortgages	41,310 00
Galt debentures.....	10,755 00
Agents' balances	2,429 73
	92,847 21
Accrued interest	1,692 97
Assessments unpaid....	345 67
Office furniture and fittings	770 82
	2,809 46
Premium notes	180,111 00
Less assessments levied	56,871 10
	123,239 90
	\$218,896 57

LIABILITIES.

Claims..not adjusted..	\$ 1,502 63
Re-insurance reserve..	30,636 25
	32,138 88
Balance	186,757 69
	\$218,896 57

TOTAL ASSETS.

Balance of Assets over all Liabilities.....	\$186,757 69
Reserve for all Liabilities, including Re-insurance	32,138 88
	\$218,896 57

Total Assets to pay losses....\$218,896 57
Certified to be correct.

(Sgd.) Wm. M. TOPPING, } Auditors.
Wm. THOMPSON, }

The Hon. Jas. Young, M. P. P., moved the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously. In doing so he referred to the past year as one of continued good fortune to the Gore, the total income having been \$76,537 and the expenditure \$57,850, showing a balance of \$18,686 to add to their surplus funds. The directors had several important matters before them during the year. They had declined to join the Tariff Association, determined that the Gore should continue to hold an independent position, and their agents had stood loyally by them. They had given much consideration to the question of the surplus. It had now reached something over \$60,000, and had been obtained mainly from the cash premium business, the premium note policy holders getting their insurance at 20% below stock rates and within a trifle of cost price. No company could now command the best business without a considerable surplus or rest, available at any moment to meet losses, and in view of this the board submitted for their sanction a by-law authorizing the accumulation of the surplus to \$100,000, after which it was proposed to pay such bonuses to the members then in good standing in the company as might be deemed expedient. The present was the semi-centennial year since the inception of the company, and it had been proposed to bring their agents together and celebrate it by some social gathering. After full consideration it had been decided by the directors that the company's interests would be better promoted by using part of the money any demonstration would cost, in advertising the strong and prosperous position of the company on its fiftieth birthday. He congratulated the members on the position the Gore had attained. They held \$92,847 in cash and securities, and adding the unpaid balance of their premium notes, they had in all \$218,896