

On rising to move the adoption, the Hon Adam Hope said:—

GENTLEMEN,—Before moving the adoption of the report, with the accompanying annual financial statement, I will take the opportunity of making some remarks suggested by the documents now laid before you. By referring to the statement you will observe that we have been enabled to pay the usual dividend of 8 per cent. and carry \$24,000 to the credit of the Reserve Account, making in all at the credit of this account \$87,000.

I would particularly call the attention of our shareholders to the fact that the interest-bearing securities of the Society amount to \$1,388,249.45 as cash at 31st December, 1877, and consist of first mortgages on real estate, valued at \$3,748,593, together with municipal debentures amounting to \$1,764.59, and advances to shareholders on the security of their stocks amounting to \$1,304.35. The total number of mortgages on hand amount to 1,504, or an average of \$923 for each loan. Great care has been exercised in the selection of our securities, and, although in some instances we have been compelled to realize on a few of them, yet I am happy to say that we have done so without having sustained a single loss during the existence of the Society, and I look upon these securities as affording, on the one hand, perfect safety for the money of our shareholders, and on the other, as a matter of course, constituting a basis of absolute security to our bondholders, superior to anything in the way of the personal security of shareholders, which is created by subscribed, but unpaid, stock.

He concluded by moving the adoption of the report.

Mr. Sanford, in seconding the motion, said that it was a matter of congratulation that the Society was prospering so favorably.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the thanks of the shareholders are due to the auditors for their careful scrutiny of the books during the past year, that they be re-appointed auditors for the present year, and that the sum of \$200 be paid to each for his services. Carried.

Moved by J. Bagwell, seconded by Mathew Leggat, that the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby offered to the Directors for the satisfactory attention which they give to the business of the Society, and that the sum of \$3,000 be and is hereby set apart for the remuneration of the Directors for the present year. Carried.

Moved by Hon. Adam Hope, seconded by W. E. Sanford, that the following named gentlemen be re-elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz: Adam Hope, W. E. Sanford, Alex. Harvey, A. T. Wood, M. P., John Harvey, Alex. Turner, J. M. Williams, M. P., Geo. H. Gillespie, Charles Gurney, E. W. Hyman, London.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the Treasurer and other officers of the Society.

Mr. Cameron responded in a brief speech.

Moved by John Harvey, seconded by Alex. Harvey, that the President do now leave the chair, and that W. E. Sanford do take the same. Carried.

Moved by John Harvey, seconded by Alex. Harvey, that the thanks of this meeting be and are hereby tendered to the Hon. Adam Hope for the impartial and satisfactory manner in which he has presided at this meeting. Carried.

Mr. Hope acknowledged the vote of thanks in a pleasant speech. He said that there was one good feature in the Society, as indicating the confidence placed in it, and that was one-third of the stock was held in trust for ladies and children.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Hon. Adam Hope was re-elected President, and W. E. Sanford, Vice-President.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

The third annual meeting of this Company took place at the offices, 103 St. Francois Xavier street, on Thursday, the 14th of Feb-

ruary, at which there were present many prominent citizens, shareholders in the Company, the President, Sir A. T. Galt, in the chair.

The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the Manager read the following report:—

Third Annual Report of the Directors of the Accident Insurance Company of Canada to the 31st December, 1877, presented to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on the 14th February, 1878:

After another year of continued commercial and financial depression, the record of this Company's operations is communicated to the stockholders, and the statements presented hereunder afford a result which, considering these exceptional circumstances, may be regarded as a satisfactory recognition of its merits by the community generally.

The Company has now established itself in the confidence of the public, and it may be fairly anticipated that, when more favorable times come about, it will experience the benefit of its past efforts and outlay, in the accession of a more extensive and less costly business.

As it is, the Company's progress shows considerable improvement on its satisfactory position at the end of last year, the annual revenue this year being materially increased over that reported at last meeting (that revenue being for 14 months, while this is for 12 exactly), and after paying some 230 claims amounting to about \$12,000, and all its necessarily heavy expenses, also the usual dividend of 8 per cent to its stockholders, besides making full provision for all possible liabilities, and reserving \$6,000 of the funds in hand for unearned premiums there is a net surplus of over \$5,000. This will suffice to show that its progress has been one of satisfactory advancement.

The following figures give the results of the past year's working, and the position of the Company on the 31st December, 1877:—
3,661 Policies have been issued and renewed, during the year, insuring.....\$5,232,650 00

The Premiums received were..... \$30,118 05
Add interest received and accrued 1,922 06

Total revenue for the year..... \$32,040 11

The balance of receipts and expenditure account carried forward to next year (being the assets of the Company) amounts to..... \$42,251 41

Against which the current liabilities are:—

Paid-up capital..... \$26,920 00

Claims in course of settlement..... 150 00

Directors' fees, 1877..... 1,000 00

Commission on Agents' balances reported..... 800 00

Rent for 2 months, from 1st November to 31st December, 1877..... 66 67

Dividend declared for year ending 31st December, 1877..... 2,153 60

31,090 27

Gross surplus..... \$11,191 14

Against this there has to be temporarily held—

estimated proportion of premium in hand, unearned. (See note*). 6,000 00

Net surplus, 31st December 1877 (over and above all liabilities and reserved)..... \$5,191 14

* A considerable extent of this Company's annual business expires on the 31st Dec., and therefore requires no reserve for unearned premiums. A good proportion is also composed of a short date insurances, travelling tickets, and permits, which have also expired. The reserve of \$6,000 held as a provision for unexpired risks is, therefore, a very liberal allotment for that purpose.

The investments of the Company are in bonds and debentures on the best of security and are, consequently, not subject to any material variation. The present value exceeds the cost, and, where a premium has been paid, it has been debited to profit and loss, and the *par value only* taken credit for in the assets.

The competition and cutting of rates on behalf of two or three companies who transact a small accident business, in connection with their other and more important branches continues. But, as anticipated in last year's report, the fact of this being the only purely Accident Company in Canada, and the only one which has made the full special deposit required by Government, coupled with its record for straightforwardness in the settlement of its responsibilities, has, doubtless, tended greatly to secure for it the large proportion of the business of the Dominion which it has transacted during the past year.

The losses during the year have fortunately not been in excess of anticipations, they have been promptly and liberally met at all times, and, being diffused over the Dominion, they are bearing good fruit. There is not a single claim made upon the company to the 31st December in dispute and only a trifle of \$150 which is unpaid, simply for the reason that the claims came in only a few days previous to the closing of the books.

The directors would acknowledge the valuable services rendered by the several gentlemen forming the local boards of the Company, also by the agents in the several cities and towns. The Company has now over 160 agencies established, and there is but little doubt that, with the valuable connections now effected, the future of this Company will prove eminently successful.

The directors who retire this year are Messrs. John Rankin, D. Lorn MacDougall and John Molson, who are eligible for re-election.

The balance sheet containing statements of receipts and expenditure and assets and liabilities, are on the table for the inspection of the shareholders.

A. T. GALT, President.

EDWARD RAWLINGS Manager.

In moving the adoption of the report the President said that he felt he could congratulate the shareholders on the very satisfactory progress the Company had made, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances of the depressed times.

The income shewed a marked improvement, and the reserve, after all losses and expenses had been paid, and provision for all outstanding matters made, was very materially increased. The amount laid by for unearned premiums was really cash in hand; but, as the risks represented by it were still current it could not be said to thoroughly belong to the Company yet.

They had been able to pay their stockholders the usual 8 per cent. dividend for the year, and he was pleased to point out that in doing this every year since the Company had commenced, they had paid out for that purpose less than what the Company had earned on its investments, thereby leaving the premium income untouched.

He firmly believed that there was a very gratifying future for the Company, and from the fact of its having been so successful under adversity, there was no doubt that, when the opportunity served, its business would very considerably increase—the Company being, as he conscientiously believed, thoroughly worthy of the confidence of the public.

Mr. Jno. Rankin seconded the adoption, which was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were then given to the Directors and to the Manager.

Mr. Edward Mackay, in moving the latter, spoke in a most cordial and flattering manner of the success of the Manager in his administration of the Company's affairs; and looking at the results now before them, he felt that the thanks of the meeting were in every respect due to Mr. Rawlings. The motion being seconded by Messrs. Rose and Rankin, and supported by the president, was unanimously carried.