

## THE CANADA LIFE.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY AT HAMILTON

## A Splendid Exhibit—Entering on its Fortieth Year—Great Increase in New Business—Nearly Seven Millions of Reserve.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Life Assurance Company was held in the Board Room, at the head offices of the Company, in Hamilton, on Tuesday last. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. A. G. Ramsay.

The Secretary of the meeting read the advertisement calling the meeting, and also the minutes of the last general meeting.

The President said:—Before going on with the regular order of proceedings, I would like to explain the delay in calling the meeting, which is held this year later than usual. The Directors were anxious to have the result of the investigations of the Government Insurance Department. We now have it and it is very satisfactory, and it is laid before you with our Annual Report.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

Report by the Board of Directors of the Canada Life Assurance Company, to be submitted at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at Hamilton on the 14th September, 1886.

The Directors beg to present their thirty-ninth Annual Report, and the accompanying statements and accounts of the business of the past year to 30th April last. In doing that they have pleasure in drawing attention to the fact that the new business transacted again largely exceeds all previous years.

The number of applications for assurance was 2,634, for the sum of \$5,373,456, and careful consideration of each of these resulted in the acceptance of 2,448, for \$5,486,456, with annual premiums of \$188,023.51; 186 applications for assurance of \$387,000, not being such as it appeared in the interest of the Company to accept, were declined, and the remaining 112, for \$242,000, were not completed.

The total business in existence at 30th April last was \$39,511,347.44 of Assurances, under 20,073 policies, upon 15,613 lives and an annuity of \$400 per annum.

As shown by the statement of the receipts and payments, the income of the past year was \$1,493,405.21, and after payment of all claims and expenditure, including \$455,407.16 of profit paid in cash to policy-holders, the total assets of the Company were increased to \$7,396,777.59.

During the year 156 deaths of assurers for \$438,547.79 occurred, under 195 policies, but as the sum calculated up on was \$547,633, it will be seen that the claims by deaths were largely under what were provided for.

The Government Insurance Department having this year made its valuation of the Company's risks, as prescribed by the Insurance Act, it affords the Directors much satisfaction to be enabled to submit the result of that, as communicated by the letter of the Superintendent of Insurance herewith. His valuation confirms the sound position of the Company, and warrants the anticipation that the Canada Life will continue to give its policy-holders larger profits on the general average of policies than are believed to be given by any other company. The usual dividend was paid to the proprietors during the past year.

The following Directors retire from the Board by rotation, but are eligible for re-election at the present time:—The Hon. Mr. Justice Burton, Col. C. S. Gzowski, A.D.C. to the Queen, and N. Merritt, Esq.

(Signed) A. G. RAMSAY, President.  
R. HILLS, Secretary.

The Canada Life Assurance Company,  
Hamilton, Ont., 8th Sept., 1886.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1886.

RECEIPTS.		
To balance at 30th April, 1885.		\$6,559,872.29
" Premiums received on New Policies and Renewals	\$1,079,096.23	
" Extra Risks	1,818.93	
" Fines	473.04	
" Interest earned on Investments and Profits on sale of Debentures, etc.	413,017.01	
Add difference between Account value and Par value of Debentures.	1,493,405.21	
" Amounts received, being balance of items in Suspense Account awaiting arrangement.	14,882.14	
	2,434.44	
		\$8,070,034.08
PAYMENTS.		
By Expense Account		\$221,629.94
" Written off Loans on Real Estate (Mortgage having proved a Forgery)		2,000.00
" Liens on Half-Credit Policy written off		542.75
" Re-Assurance Premiums		3,739.37
" Claims by Death	\$392,928.52	
" " Matured Endowments	9,000.00	
" Cancelled (purchased) Policies		401,928.52
" Profits of Mutual Branch—" Bonus "	\$39,882.40	
" " Cash "	305,318.57	
" " Diminution of Premiums "	110,206.19	
" Dividends and Bonus on Stock	455,407.16	
" Annuities	87,500.00	
	400.00	
	\$1,211,069.62	
" Balance of Assets as per General Abstract of Assets and Liabilities	6,858,964.46	
		\$8,070,034.08

Audited and approved.

(Signed) JAS. SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditor.

The Canada Life Assurance Company,  
Hamilton, 3rd September, 1886.

## GENERAL ABSTRACT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, AS AT 30th APRIL, 1886.

ASSETS.		
Cash on hand, \$55.15, and in banks, \$161,476.45		\$161,531.60
Mortgages on real estate—value in account.		1,267,179.79
Debentures—value in account (par value):—		
City	\$520,199.54	
County	229,773.34	
Township	390,105.33	
Town	621,314.37	
Village	539,428.06	
Harbour of Montreal	50,000.00	
Ontario Government subsidy	3,163.77	
Canadian Pacific land grant bonds	375,000.00	
Canada Southern Railway guaranteed	98,073.59	
Loan Companies	20,000.00	
Dorchester Bridge Company	6,011.43	
Bank stocks	2,853,069.43	
Stock in loan companies	543,598.23	
Dominion Telegraph Company stock	25,655.50	
Gas companies' stock	5,723.50	
Loans on policies	16,565.15	
Loans on stocks, etc.	586,441.30	
Real estate—head offices and branches.	909,130.95	
Liens on half-credit policies in force	304,500.00	
Ground rents (present value)	166,880.17	
Office furniture	11,482.58	
	7,206.26	
		\$6,858,964.46
OTHER ASSETS.		
Cash in agents' and others' hands, including receipts held by them for premiums which have since been accounted for	\$298,650.90	
Half-yearly and quarterly premiums secured on policies, and payable within nine months	144,691.05	
Deduct 10 per cent. for cost of collection	\$443,341.95	
	44,334.19	
Accrued interest on debentures, etc.	\$399,007.76	
	138,805.28	
		96,777.60

## LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid up	\$125,000.00
Proprietors' Account	102,587.40
Assurance Funds	4,903,717.04
NOTE.—From this falls to be deducted \$86,886.39, as it is paid for death claims not fully due, or for which claimants had not presented valid discharges at 30th April, 1886, nearly all since paid.	
Assurance and Annuity Funds	110.36
Annuity Funds	5,453.70
Profit Funds, being declared profits upon Mutual Assurances	1,642,959.39
NOTE.—From this falls to be deducted \$36,751.26, as it is paid for vested Profits on the above unpaid Death Claims, and "Cash" and "Diminution" Profits unpaid at 30th April, 1886.	
Reserve Profit on Mutual Policies	76,702.13
Suspense Account—balance of items awaiting arrangement	2,434.44
	\$6,858,964.46

Audited and approved.

(Signed) JAS. SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditor.

The Canada Life Assurance Company,  
Hamilton, 4th September, 1886.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT, 1886.

To the President, Vice-President and Directors of the Canada Life Assurance Company:—GENTLEMEN.—I have completed the examination of the Company's books of account to the close of the financial year ending 30th April last, their several entries being duly vouched and correctly recorded, the cash balances agreeing with the banker's statements at the above date, after deducting the outstanding cheques as noted in the ledger. The debentures, mortgages and other securities were severally produced and examined. Their amounts corresponded with the schedules of investments herewith submitted, and with the totals of the several investment funds as stated in the ledger. The accompanying statements of assets and liabilities, and receipts and payments have been examined with the ledger balances, and are certified to be correct.

(Signed) JAS. SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditor.

Hamilton, Sept., 4th, 1886.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined and passed in detail the several securities specified in the "General Abstract of Assets and Liabilities to the 30th April last," and find the same to be correct, and have also verified the balance of cash.

(Signed) F. W. GATES.  
N. MERRITT.  
JAMES OSBORNE.  
DENNIS MOORE.

Canada Life Assurance Company's Offices,  
Hamilton, 19th July, 1886.

## REPORT BY GOVERNMENT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE,  
OTTAWA, 3rd September, 1886.

A. G. Ramsay, Esq., Canada Life Assurance Company, Hamilton, Ont.

DEAR SIR.—The following is the result of the valuation of the policies of your Company, as at 30th April, 1886. In the valuation of the policies and bonuses, the Institute of Actuaries' H. M. Table of Mortality was employed, with 4½ per cent. interest, pure premiums only being valued. In the case of the annuities the Government Annuity table, with 4½ per cent. interest, was used:—

Policies	No.	Amount.	Value.
Bonuses—	20,073	\$36,975,864.44	\$5,305,166.90
Reversionary	8,912	2,540,171.25	
P. R. of Premiums	704		1,440,943.20
T. R. of Premiums	3,493		
Total		\$39,516,032.69	\$6,746,110.16
Annuities			2,745.27
Total value			\$6,748,855.43
Policies re-insured	120,463.58		17,686.31
Net reserve			\$6,731,169.12

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. FITZGERALD,  
Superintendent of Insurance.

After it had been moved, seconded and carried that the report, which was printed and laid before the shareholders, should be taken as read, the President moved the adoption of the report as follows:

## THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

I beg to move the adoption of the report by the Directors, which is now before you, and which, having been printed and in your hands for some days, has been taken as read. It contains the record of another year's success and prosperity, and shows the business of the past twelve months to have been as remarkable in its amount as it is undoubtedly favourable in its character. To some extent this greater success than usual is doubtless attributed to the general satisfaction which the distribution of the profits last year gave to our policy-holders, confirming as that did the claim that for persons desirous of providing for their families or dependents by the system of life assurance, this Company's advantages were such as could not be surpassed. The total amount as risk being now close upon forty million dollars, an idea of the magnitude of the Company's interests and operations may be obtained by considering that these figures largely, I believe, exceed the operations of any banking or other financial institution of Canada, except one, the Bank of Montreal.

The sums paid in cash to policy-holders during the last year were \$895,258, of which no less than \$455,407 was by way of profits alone.

As the report mentions, 156 deaths occurred last year among our assured, and of these it will interest the meeting to learn that no fewer than 13 were the direct result of accidents, suddenly, in nearly every case, depriving families of their whole means of support, except the provision which had thoughtfully been made for them by means of their life assurance with this Company.

The safe and profitable investment of the large funds now held by the Company necessarily continues to be an object of constant anxiety and consideration by the Directors, and this has been especially the case during the last six months, from the great absence of desirable loans and other investments. It is hoped, however, that as borrowers who have good security to offer become aware, as I am glad to say they are gradually doing, that they may obtain loans from the Company at the lowest prevailing rates, applications for the best class of loans will keep the funds fully employed upon fair and reasonably remunerative terms.

The constant object of the Directors is to obtain investments of as nearly an absolutely safe character as is possible, at moderate rates of interest, and they at no time allow themselves to be led away from that object by the temptation of high interest. To this may, I think, fairly be attributed the almost entire absence from loss upon the investments of the Company. Last year, however, it will be seen by the accounts, that a loss of \$2,000 was sustained by the forgery of a mortgage upon a farm in the county of Peel upon which that sum had been lent. The forgery and the scheme by which the money was obtained from the Company was so cleverly devised and executed that no care or reasonable precaution on the part of the Company or its solicitors could possibly have avoided them; but the Board, deeming it its duty to secure the punishment of a crime so dangerous to society, and to our own and other institutions, spared no trouble or expense to attain that object. This course resulted in the sentence of the culprit to the penitentiary for two years, which, it is hoped may deter the recurrence of any future attempt of the kind.

Allusion is made in the report to the recent valuation of the Company's risks by the Insurance Department of the Government. You are aware that by the Insurance Act of 1886, it is provided that companies like this, licensed by the Government to transact life assurance business, shall from time to time have such an investigation of their position made by the Insurance Department as may fully establish their soundness and solvency.

The investigation of this Company, so recently made by the Insurance Department, fully confirms the soundness and strength of the Company, and it will doubtless prove beneficial to it, by still further adding to the confidence and satisfaction of assurers, and by increasing the public support which it has already so largely obtained.

The published report and financial statements are so full and explicit that I do not know that I need say anything further as to them, or as to the general business of the Company; but if there be any explanations or information which I can give to the meeting I shall most gladly supply it.

Mr. F. W. Gates, in seconding the adoption of the report, said:—The President has so fully referred to all the various interests that he had left nothing to be said on the subject. Mr. Gates would therefore content himself with simply seconding the report.

The report was adopted without opposition.

The retiring Directors whose terms had elapsed were:—Hon. Mr. Justice Burton, Col. Gzowski and Mr. N. Merritt, and the scrutineers reported that they had been re-elected for a period of four years.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Mr. A. G. Ramsay was re-elected President, and Mr. F. W. Gates, Vice-President.