

Meetings.

HAMILTON PROVIDENT AND LOAN SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society was held at noon, on 5th inst., at the company's banking house, corner of King and Hughson streets, Hamilton.

The president, Mr. Geo. H. Gillespie, occupied the chair, and the treasurer, Mr. H. D. Cameron, acted as secretary. The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. Geo. H. Gillespie, president; A. T. Wood, vice-president; H. D. Cameron, treasurer; Chas. Gurney, T. H. Macpherson, James Webster, Edward Martin, Q.C., H. H. Laing, Dr. Billings, W. H. Glasco, Geo. Bull, John Crerar, P. M. Bankier, John Muir, A. F. Sutherland, C. Ferrie, Wm. Gibson, Wm. Carey, Henry McLaren, John Eastwood, Walter R. Macdonald, Alex. Turner and J. M. Williams.

The president called upon the secretary to read the usual notices calling the meeting and the report of the society's operations during the year, which was in printed form in the hands of all the shareholders. It is as follows:

REPORT.

The directors have much pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the sixteenth annual report of the society's affairs.

The net profits of the year amount to \$119,102, to which add \$4,776.17 withdrawn from the contingent fund, making in all \$123,878.17. Out of this two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, have been paid, amounting, together with the personal property tax, to \$78,878.17. The balance, amounting to \$45,000, has been carried to the reserve fund, which now amounts to \$200,000, and the contingent fund stands at \$23,665.75.

The amount invested during the year was \$816,136.01, and the amount repaid, including interest, is \$801,289.62, both sums largely in excess of any previous year.

The sterling debentures of the society which matured during the year were renewed or replaced at a much lower rate than they originally carried.

There has been an increase in the amount borrowed by way of deposit and debenture, amounting to \$206,033.02, all of which is a significant indication of the confidence of the public in the stability and financial strength of the society.

The total assets of the society now amount to \$3,516,851.51, being an increase over last year's of \$261,321.58.

It will thus be seen that the volume of the society's business has largely increased in every department, and the net result cannot be otherwise than gratifying to the shareholders.

In consequence of the large amount on deposit in the society's savings bank, the directors have deemed it prudent, in order to provide for any sudden or unexpected withdrawal of any large amount, to add to the provision previously made by investing in securities readily convertible. Of such investments they have now nearly \$200,000, which, while yielding a fair rate of interest, is practically available at any moment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE H. GILLESPIE, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1887.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Liabilities to Stockholders.

Share capital paid up.....	\$1,100,000 00
Contingent fund.....	23,665 75
Reserve fund, credit	
31st Dec., 1886..	155,000 00
Added this year....	45,000 00
	200,000 00
Dividend No. 33 (payable 2nd Jan., 1888)	38,500 00
	\$1,362,165 75

Liabilities to the Public.

Savings bk. deposits	\$1,088,779 13
Sterling debentures	781,927 11
Currency debentures	153,506 00
Debenture stock....	37,716 66
Interest on savings bank deposits....	37,741 87
Interest on debent's	8,594 81
Sundry accounts ..	46,420 18
	2,154,685 76
	\$3,516,851 51

Assets.

Net value of investments.....	\$3,300,933 84
Property on King street.....	89,000 00
Cash on hand and in banks.....	126,917 67
	\$3,516,851 51

PROFIT AND LOSS.

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To dividends Nos. 32 and 33.....	\$77,000 00
To personal property tax.....	1,878 17
	\$78,878 17
To interest on deposits	40,710 11
To interest on sterling debentures	35,350 00
To interest on currency debentures	6,000 00
To interest on debenture stock.....	1,500 00
	83,560 11
To debenture expenses	1,215 13
To directors' compensation.....	2,990 00
To solicitors' and valuers' fees and commission.....	4,622 68
To expense (including cost of management, fuel, taxes and attendance for whole building, auditors' and officers' salaries, inspection, office expenses and postage)	21,281 00
	30,108 81
To balance of profit for year after paying a dividend of 7 per cent., added to reserve....	40,223 83
	\$232,770 92

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By interest earned on investments, etc	\$229,275 09
By rent.....	3,495 83
	\$232,770 92

Hamilton, 7th February, 1888.

H. D. CAMERON,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society, and found the same correct. We have also examined the securities and find them in perfect order, and correct as set forth in the above statement.

Hamilton, 13th February, 1888.

W. F. FINDLAY,
R. K. HOPE,
Auditors.

The president said—In moving the adoption of the sixteenth annual report, copies of which have been mailed to all our shareholders, I feel I can congratulate you upon the result of the past year's business, which is one of the most satisfactory ever presented to the shareholders. After paying two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum and personal property tax, in all \$78,878.17, we have carried \$45,000 to the reserve fund, leaving that fund with \$200,000 at its credit. In doing this we have withdrawn \$4,776.17 from the contingent fund—a fund, as you are all aware, formed to meet anticipated losses on our loans in Manitoba, but we felt fully justified in doing this, as during the last autumn our inspector visited that part of the Dominion and carefully re-examined all the properties mortgaged to the society. He reports that any losses we may there sustain will be inconsiderable, much less than we at one time expected, and he considers the amount now at the credit of the contingent fund as ample to cover any losses that may be sustained on any of our investments. I may here state that the total amount of the society's investments in Manitoba at the close of the year was \$148,500, and that sum has since been reduced by payments on account. You will observe in the last paragraph of the report that the directors deemed it prudent to be prepared for any sudden withdrawal of funds from the savings bank; not that we have or had any reason to anticipate such, but the fact of our being prepared for such a contingency is one strong reason for our never experiencing it. We have now on deposit with the banks, available on a few days' notice, \$130,000, besides fully \$60,000 of debentures of the city of Hamilton and townships of Ontario. The deposits in our savings bank

have now reached the limit we are authorized by law to take, and the increase in the amount borrowed on sterling debentures and debenture stock, as well as in the savings bank, shows a net addition of \$206,000 for the year, and I think we may, looking at these facts, congratulate ourselves upon the confidence existing in the society, as evidenced by the steady increase of facilities placed at our disposal. We ask your approval to-day of an amendment to Rule 14, giving your board of directors the power to reduce their number to not less than seven, three of whom, as hitherto, will form a quorum for the transaction of business. I find few, if any, loan companies in Ontario have more than seven directors, and we think the number ample. We propose, however, submitting eight directors for re-election, only dropping one, that of a gentleman who has tendered his resignation, and which the board regret, he having been a director since the organization of the society.

Mr. A. T. Wood, vice-president, in seconding the report, considered it a very pleasing thing for a board of directors when they can come before a meeting of shareholders with such a satisfactory statement as has been submitted to-day. "It is an indication to shareholders, too, that their property is well and carefully looked after by those in whom they have placed their confidence. I need not say, gentlemen, that the result of the year's business just placed before you has not been reached without a good deal of hard work as well as a good deal of anxiety on the part of those who occupy the chief position in the management; you can quite understand in these days of keen competition in all classes of business that lending money is no exception. In order, therefore, to invest our funds so as to earn the dividends, and a sum sufficient for our yearly addition to the rest, there must be constant and close attention on the part of the board in investigating every security offered before the loan is passed. Then there is the constant anxiety on the part of the manager in looking after all our investments, seeing that nothing suffers for want of proper attention on his part. I can, from personal knowledge, bear testimony to Mr. Cameron's enthusiastic devotion to the interest of the society in all its branches. We do not claim for the Provident and Loan that it is the oldest or largest company in the Dominion; but there is one thing the directors aim at, and that is to make it one of the strongest and safest societies in the country, one in which not only the stockholders, but the investing public will continue to have unbounded confidence. Although the average rate of interest on the investments is slightly lower than it was, still with the increased borrowed capital at reduced rates, and the yearly additions to the reserve fund, the earning powers of the society are steadily increasing. The shareholders may confidently look forward to a time not far distant when the reserve fund will be fifty per cent. of the paid-up capital, and when all the society's earnings may be safely divided among them every six months."

The president and vice-president both informed the meeting that if any shareholder had any questions to ask they would be happy to give any additional information they had concerning the affairs of the society.

Everybody seemed satisfied, and the resolution adopting the report was put by the president and carried unanimously.

An amendment to Rule 14, authorizing the directors to reduce their number to not less than seven, was carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were re-elected directors:—Messrs. G. H. Gillespie, Chas. Gurney, Emilius Irving, Q.C., Walter R. Macdonald, T. H. Macpherson, Alexander Turner, J. M. Williams and A. T. Wood.

After the customary votes of thanks to the directors, manager and officers, the meeting adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. George H. Gillespie was unanimously elected president and Mr. A. T. Wood vice-president.

ROYAL CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Royal Canadian Insurance Company was held at the offices of the company, 157 St. James street, Montreal, on Thursday, 23rd February, 1888.

In the absence of the president and vice-