

Members are earnestly requested, for their own sakes, to put a stop to smoking, or using uncovered lights in and about their out-buildings; to prevent their chimnies and stove-pipes becoming foul, and the accumulation of moss on the shingles, especially of their dwelling-houses. The Directors have reason to know that many fires occur from these causes.

Members are respectfully informed that, if they do not pay up their dues or assessments within 30 days after their maturing, they can, legally, claim no benefit under their policies, while at the same time they are not released from the payment of said dues. Such is the law. They are recommended to pay promptly, and not place themselves at the mercy of the Directors.

Members are also reminded that a Reward of \$200 is still offered for information that will convict any one of incendiarism, by which the Company suffers. It would be cheerfully paid, if earned.

A vacancy having occurred at the Board the past year, the Directors filled it up by the appointment of Mr. Donald Seaton, of Lobo, a qualified member of the Company. He will hold office till the next annual meeting.

Three Directors now retire in rotation, according to the Statute. These are Messrs. Hamilton Dunlop, Richard Biddulph, and T. H. Buckley. The two first are eligible for re-election; the last one is not, having ceased to be a member of the Company.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. MACDONALD,

Secretary.

CROWELL WILLSON,

President.

February 15th, 1866.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING.

After the reading of the Report, it was moved by E. V. Bodwell, Esq., of Dereham, and seconded by W. Y. Brunton, Esq., of London, that the Report be received and adopted.—Carried.

After a short debate, touching the progress of the Company, in which G. G. Magee, E. V. Bodwell, James Evans, Esqs., and other prominent members of the Company, took part, the meeting proceeded with the election of Directors, when the Scrutineers appointed declared the following gentlemen unanimously elected, viz.: Richard Biddulph, of Westminster; Samuel Eccles, of Yarmouth; and Hamilton Dunlop, of Metcalfe.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Chairman, and a similar one to the Directors. Officers, and Agents, and the meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board held subsequently, Crowell Willson, Esq., M. P. P., was unanimously re-elected President; W. R. Vining, Esq., Vice-President; and the other officers appointed, whose names appear on 2nd page of cover.

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