THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF

The London Life Insurance Company

SHOWS REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN THE

New Business, \$13,035,945—a Gain of \$1,975,434—the Largest in the Company's History.

Business in Force, \$41,715,317.00—a Gain of \$6,894,989.00—a 75 per cent greater gain than in any previous year.

Lapse Ratio and Expense Ratio reduced in both departments.

Profit Distributions for 1917, 45 per cent in Excess of Estimates.

The Forty-Second Annual Meeting of the Shareholders and Policyholders of the London Life Insurance Company was held at the Company's Head Office, London, Canada, February 12th, 1917.

The President, Mr. John McClary, occupied the chair, and there were present a number of Shareholders and Policyholders.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Manager and Secretary, J. G. Richter, F. A. S., after which the following report and financial statement were submitted.

Forty-Second Annual Report

The Directors of the London Life Insurance Company submit herewith the Audited Financial Statement of the Company for the year ending December 31st, 1916.

During the year 54,684 Applications for Insurance, amounting to \$13,035,945.80, were accepted and Policies issued therefor.

The net Premium and Interest Receipts of the year were respectively \$1,571,636.21 and \$402,144.17, a total of \$1,973,780.38. The increase over the previous year is \$307.658.03.

The payments to policyholders or heirs, for Cash Profits, Surrender Values, Annuities, Matured Endowments and Death and Disability Claims, aggregated \$507,583.54. The increase over the previous year is \$72,288.18.

The insurance in force on the Company's books at the close of the year, after deducting all re-insurances, aggregated \$41,715,317.41, under 20,951 Ordinary and 151,544 Industrial Policies, an increase of 2,972 Ordinary and 20,770 Industrial Policies, for insurance of \$6,894,989.88 for the

The Company's Assets, consisting of Stocks, Bonds and Debentures, first Mortgages on Real Estate and other approved securities, amount to \$6,975,763.72, an increase of \$900,439.89 over the previous year. The interest and other payments falling due during the year were generally well

The liabilities of the Company under outstanding Policies, and in all other respects, have been provided for in most ample manner, the whole amounting to \$6,674,359.14. The surplus on Policyholders' Account, exclusive of Subscribed but uncalled Capital, is \$301,404.58. After deducting Paid-up Capital, the net surplus over all Liabilities and Capital is \$251,404.58.

JOHN G. RICHTER, F. A. S.,

JOHN McCLARY, Manager and Secretary.

Synopsis of Financial Statement REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Receipts. Premiums, Industrial and Ordinary\$1,571,636 21 Interest on Investments 402,144 17 \$1,973,780 38 Disbursements.

Paid Policyholders or Heirs\$507,583 54 All other Disbursements 592,580 01 Balance to Investment Account 873,616 83 \$1,973,780 38

> BALANCE SHEET. Assets.

Mortgages, Debentures and Stocks......\$5,990,071 83 Loans on Policies and other Invested Assets.. 616,133 46 Outstanding and Deferred Premiums Net..... 188,409 62 Interest Due and Accrued 181,148 81

Reserve on Policies in Force......\$6,294.974 00 Accumulating and Accruing Profits 164,650 00 Investment Reserve and other Liabilities.... 214,705 14

Surplus on Policyholders' Account 301,404-58

I have audited the Books and Accounts of The London Life Insurance Company for 1916.

All the Journal Entries are of a proper nature, and I have checked All payments have been properly vouched, and I have verified the

rrities for Investments.
The Policy Reserve Liability is certified by the Actuary Explanations made and access to all documents given when required. The above statement is a true and complete abstract from the Company's Books, and in my opinion correctly shows the state of its affairs.

JAMES McMILLAN, C.A., Auditor.

London, January 24th. 1917.

Actuary's Report

31st December, 1916, were as follows: Ordinary Business—Issued prior to 1st January, 1910, Hm. Table of Mortality, 3½% interest. Issued since 1st January, 1910, Om. (5) Table of Mortality, 8% interest.

Industrial Business-Issued prior to 1st January, 1900. Combined Issued since 1st January, 1900, Farr's English Table No. 3, 3% interest.

The total amount of the Reserves so computed, less the Reserve on

The increased scale of profits which took effect in 1916 resulted in

the actual distribution for that year exceeding the estimates under present rates by approximately 40 per cent. It has been found possible to intain this same scale of profits, notwithstanding the strain of the during 1917, will be approximately 45 per cent in excess of the original

branches. The actual rate of mortality from these causes was, in the Ordinary Branch, only 36.2 per cent. The additional rate due to War Claims, was 28 per cent, making the total rate experienced, including War Claims, 64.2 per cent of the expected.

The surplus that would be shown, if the Statement were issued sir'ctly in accordance with the terms of the Insurance Act, is \$834,642.58. This amount has been apportioned as follows: Amount required to bring Reserves to Company's standard \$295,999.00 Investment Reserve and other Special Funds................ 99,500.00 Surplus on Policyholders' Account, unapportioned.............. 301,404.58

EDWAPD E. REID, B.A., A.I.A., Actuary.

Report of Loaning Committee

Owing to continued depression in Real Estate Values, due in part to the European War, in which Canada, as a part of the British Empire, is involved, and because of discriminatory legislation and other unfavorable conditions, the Committee deemed it advisable to continue during the past year the policy adopted two years ago of eliminating all speculative Building Loans in Cities and Towns, thus confining Mortgage loaning operations to owners' homes, and such productive farm loans as afforded

Fortunately the Bond and Debenture market continued favorable fortunately the Bond and Debenture market continued ravorable throughout the year, affording opportunity for safe and profitable investment of the Company's surplus funds in securities of this class in place of Mortgage loans. The total new Mortgage loans of the year aggregated \$192,300.00. Loans on Policies, \$38,662.47, and Bonds and Debentures purchased, \$864,328.95, a total of \$1,155,291.42.

The Committee went carefully over all the outstanding Mortgages on the Committee went dataful interest due and overdue at the close of the year in respect of Eastern loans to be slightly under two-fifths of one per cent, and in respect of Western loans less than two per cent of one per cent, and in respect of Western loans less than two per cent of the whole being .93 of one per cent of the amount of Mortgages outstanding on the books

In no case has credit been taken in the Financial Statement for interest overdue or accrued which for any known reason might not be paid, and to further provide for possible contingencies the sum of Five Thousand Dollars has been added to Investment Reserve Account out of surplus earnings of the year, bringing this fund up to \$40,000.00, an amount amply sufficient in the judgment of the Committee to cover any possible losses which might result from the unsettled conditions at present existing.

The Committee also checked over all the Bonds and Debentures of the Company and found game in order. The book values were compared in each case with the Government Valuation of similar securities, and the aggregate of the Company's values were found to be \$60,808.56 below that of the Government's Valuation. The Company, therefore, has a margin of Investment Reserve Fund and excess value of Bonds and Debenture over book value of \$100,808.56.

The Committee have pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which the clerical work of the Loaning Department of the Company is being transacted, and the good order in which all the

ALBERT O. JEFFERY, T. H. SMALLMAN, W. M. SPENCER,

The President, MR. JOHN McCLARY, in moving the adoption of the

For many years past it has been my privilege, when moving the adoption of the Annual Report of the Directors and accompanying Financial Statements, to review briefly the results of the year's operations. It has been gratifying to note year by year the steady and substantial progress being made by the Company.

The past year, I am pleased to note, has not only upheld the best traditions of the past in the matter of substantial progress, but greatly surpassed in practically every essential the excellent records of any of the years that have gone before.

close of the year, gain in Premium and Interest, Income and gain in Assets, the record of the past year is exceptional, and reflects great credit on the Agency and Head Office Staffs of the Company.

In the matter of investment of the Company's funds, the policy of In the matter of investment of the Company's funds, the policy of the Directors has always been "Safety First." Following the outbreak of the European War, many factors have come into play tending to unsettle values of practically every class of securities, including Real Estate. In the West, owing to generous enlistments in the Military Forces of Canada for service abroad, and a general falling off in emigration, considerable property, formerly occupied, has for the time being become vacant, and will likely remain so until after the close of the War, and will be slow of sale at fair prices.

In addition to these drawbacks, investors have also to contend with unfavorable and in some cases most unfair legislation as affecting Mort-gage securities. That in face of these conditions the Company has been is a matter for congratulation, and speaks well for the care exercite Loaning Committee and the Management in this connection.

Having regard to the special conditions referred to, and the fact that for the time being Governmental and Municipal Bonds and Deben-tures afforded an exceptionally profitable and safe investment, the Company's holdings of this class of securities has been considerably ncreased the past year, and now constitute a considerable percentage of the Company's investments, and as pointed out in the Report of the Loaning Committee, are being carried on the books of the Company at valuations considerably below the valuations allowable by the Govern-

The other Assets of the Company are all of equally high order in their respective classes, and were taken into account at the close of the

A further factor and one that is highly important, is the rigid manner in which every Liability of the Company has been ascertained and taken into account. In this connection the Company has always been much more strict than mere Governmental requirements called for As a consequence the margin of security is being strengthened in the meantime, and the earnings of the future being perpetuated, the profits to policyholders will undoubtedly be greater hereafter than would be the case under other and less favorable conditions.

I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the Report.

The Vice-President, DR. A. O. JEFFERY, K. C., in seconding the the adoption of the Report, said:

The progress of the Life Insurance business during such a year as 1916 is a matter of great interest to the whole community. No other business of a financial nature has been so directly affected by the war as that of the Life Insurance Companies. Not only are these Companies affected, as are other institutions of a like nature, by the un-

usually disturbed conditions existing, but they are called upon to contribute directly from their funds through claims under policies on the lives of those engaged in Active Service. No crisis through which it is conceivable the country may be called upon to pass could more thoroughly test the stability of our life insurance institutions. They continue to perform the functions for which they were created, without any question as to their ability to meet the obligations to which they are bound by their policy contracts. They are, at the same time, affording a means of conservation for the savings of the public that is especially important at this crisis in the nation's affairs, and the constant increase in the accumulation of their funds is available for the service of the ountry, and affords a very important factor in the fighting resources

The years 1914 and 1915 showed considerable disturbance of the normal progress of the business of life insurance, and more particularly was this noticeable in the difficulty Policyholders seemed to find in maintaining payment of premiums. Happily, this condition has apparently been greatly improved generally during the year 1916, and certainly the attitude of the public towards the importance of life insurance, both to the individual and to the State has undergone a most marked change since the outbreak of the war. Coincident with this has been the since the outbreak of the war. Coincident with this has been the realization that only on actuarially sound principles is it possible to successfully conduct the business of life insurance and the reorganization. tion of the majority of the Assessment and Fraternal Societies has enforced this lesson in a most pronounced fashion. In the statement which your Directors have submitted to you there is evidence not only of remarkably satisfactory progress during the past year, but also of a condition of affairs within the Company itself of such excellence as to serve the life insurance requirements of the public in a peculiarly satisfactory

The remarkably satisfactory progress in all departments of the Company's business is, perhaps, best shown by a short comparative statement, and this progress in Income, Assets, New Business and Business in Force, is indicated in the following table.

Year, Insurance in Force, Insurance Issued, Total Assets, \$ 205,648 1896\$ 4,289,900 \$ 1,284,992 1,618,105 3,387,774 2,100,394 543,660 1916 41,715,317

Both the New Business for the year 1916, and the gain in Business in Force for that year have shown by far the largest increase in the history of the Company. Those acquainted with the Life Insurance business will realize that this means, temporarily, a strain upon the surplus resources. In addition to this, the War Claims of the year amounted to a little over \$100,000. Furthermore, a more liberal scale of profits than had ever heretofore been adopted went into force at the beginning of 1916, and was fully provided for, both as to profits maturing in 1916 and in the Reserve for profits maturing thereafter. Notwithstanding exceptional combination of circumstances, the surplus earnings for the year were sufficient to maintain the financial position of the Company without in the least impairing the emergency funds that it has always been the practice of your Directors to maintain.

We are particularly gratified with the great improvement shown during the year in the conservation of the business on the books. This was manifest in both Branches—the record in the Ordinary Branch being very much better, according to press reports, than that experienced by the Companies generally. Only one-third of the new business of the year in that Branch was required to cover all lapses due to claims, mayear in that Branch was required to cover all lapses due to claims, matured endowments, surrenders and terminations of every kind—a record of which the efficient Agency Staff of the Company may well be proud. The work of the Field Staff in this connection has undoubtedly been splendidly supported by the satisfactory profit distributions to Policyholders. Furthermore, the nature of the business on the books of the Company, 75 per cent of which is of an Endowment nature, gives reason to believe that our Field Force may be able to show an even better record in the future.

As has been above noted, the favorable scale of profits adopted year ago has been fully maintained. This means that under quinquennia distribution policies the distributions in 1917 will be larger than ever before, and will, on the average, exceed the original estimates under present rates by 45 per cent.

Another gratifying feature of the Report is that notwithstanding the considerable expansion of the business, the expense rate shows a re-

The company, in adopting its generous policy in waiving all re-The company, in adopting its generous policy in waiving all restrictions as to Active Service under policies issued prior to the declaration of war, has been subjected to the additional strain of war claims already noted. We feel sure, however, that all concerned, either as Directors, Agents or Policyholders, are only too glad to make this contribution towards the support of the dependents of the men who have given their lives in the service of our Empire. given their lives in the service of our Empire.

Notwithstanding this comparatively heavy strain, the total mortality experience of the Company has been again very favorable. The ratio of actual to expected losses in the Ordinary Branch has been only 64.2 per cent—28 per cent of this being due to the War Claims, leaving the Ordinary claims only 36.2 per cent of the expected.

I beg to second the adoption of the Report.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered the agents of the company for the excellent work done during the year, and was responded to on their behalf by George McBroom, inspector ordinary branch, and J. F. Maine,

The following directors were re-elected for the current year: John McClary, Dr. A. O. Jeffery, K.C.; W. F. Bullen, Sir George Gibbons, T. H. Smallman, T. W. Baker, W. M. Spencer, W. J. Christie, Winnipeg. At a subsequent meeting of the board, John McClary was re-elected president, and Dr. A. O. Jeffery, K.C., vice-president.

FEEBLE DEFENSE AS BRITISH TAKE **600-YARD TRENCH**

Germans Admit Giving Up "Unserviceable Line."

ARTILLERY DOES TRICK

The Enemy Reports English Troops Going to Attack in "Snow Shirts."

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads: "Wa made further progress last

night north of the Ancre in the neighborhood of the Beaucourt-Pusieux road, where, as a result of a small enterprise undertaken on a limited front, we occupied some 600 yards of hostile trenches

"Early in the night the enemy at-tacked our new positions south of Serre Hill, but, caught by artillery barrage and machine gun fire, was easily repulsed. The enemy's lines were entered by our patrols at a number of places. South of Armentieres one of our raiding parties blew up a hostile ammuni tion dump and captured a few prison-This morning an enemy raiding

party observed collecting on the enemy's positions northeast of Neuville-St. Vaast was dispersed by our artillery. ccessful bombardments were carried out by us during the day north of

the Somme and in the neighborhood of Armentieres and south of La Bassee Armentieres and Ypres. all the attacks which had been pre-"In the course of the air fighting yes- pared by lively artillery fire failed. terday one German airplane was driven down damaged. One of our machines was directed against our positions on

LOSE "UNSERVICEABLE" TRENCHES.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.-Via Sayville,-The official statement issued today by



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without difficulty. We took a few no matter how long or how bad—ge to your druggist today and get a 50 cent box of Pyramid Pile Treatment. It will give quick relief, and a single box often cures. A trial package mailed free in plain wrapper if you send us coupon below.

> FREE SAMPLE COUPON PYRAMID DRUG COMPANY, 590 Pyramid Bidg., Marshall, Mich. Kindy send me a Free sample of Pyramid PileTreatment, in plain wrapper. Name

Macedonia front: There is nothing rated by less than half a mile of sea in SENTENCE SUSPENDED

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BRITISH LANE OF PROTECTING SHIPS both sides of the Ancre River. During the night English troops six times at-**EXTENDS 300 MILES** tacked our wrecked trenches from

"Western theatre: Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht: East of The trench line and the north of Serre, in hand-to-hand fighting. His troops in many instances were 'snow shirts.'

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attacks were repulsed. The enemy suffered severe losses in our defensive fire,
and to the north of Serre, in hand-tohand fighting. His troops in many instances were 'snow shirts.'

"The trench line southeast of Serre,
which had become unserviceable, was
evacuated. This was planned and carried out without any molestation and
before the English attacks were
launched.

"Eastern theatre: Front of Prince
Leopold: Advances of our storming
detachments on the Dvina and near
Kiselin, west of Lutsk, were completely
successful. Near Kiselin two officers
and 40 men and one machine gun were
brought in.

"Front of Archduke Joseph: In the
mountains on both sides of Oituz, and
in the Putna lowlands, there were
frequent clashes of raiding detachments."

"Macedonia front: There is nothing
to report."

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today is crowded with shipping, and
the offices of the various trans-Atlantic lines are busy settline questions
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PORT OF NEW YORK IS

Trans-Atlantic Lines Busy Settling Question of Blockade.

GODERICH, Feb. 12.—O. C. White-lay, former treasurer of Huron Lodge in Detroit and brought back, appeared before Judge Dickson on a charge of misappropriation of lodge funds. He pleaded guilty. Wm. Proudfoot, K.C., nounced to the judge that the finds had been returned to him on Saturlay, February 10 in full, and that he had not been advised to prosecute further. Crown Attorney Seager did no have anything to say, and L. E. Dancey for Whitely addressed the judge, and and gave him a severe lecture. On count of his past good record, and the money being prid back and ris pleading guilty, the judge released nim of the money being prid back and ris pleading guilty, the judge released not very wide. The Andania left Liverpool January 31. the date Germany announced its unrestricted submarine policy. The date Germany announced to the Andon Tale Tillisonburg. [Special to The Advertiser.]

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NEW MASONIC HALL CROWDED WITH SHIPPING OPENED AT INGERSOLL

INGERSOLL, Feb. 12.—The formal opening of the new Masonic Hall took place tonight with a large attendance of brethren from Hamiton, London, Woodstock, Norwich, Tilsonburg, Thamesford, Embro and Springfield, Rt. Wor, Bro. H. P. Stoneman of Ingersoll, D.D.G.M. of Wilson District, No. 6, presided

HIS LAST DAY.

Washington. Feb. 13—This was Count von Bernstorff's last day in Washington. The former ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff and the mbassy staff, leave here late tonight for New York, where they take passage tomorrow on the Danish liner Frederik VIII. for home.

Jewels by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.

Wor. Bro. Austin Miller, on behalf of his brother, Rt. Wor. Bro. Roger Miller, P.G.J.W., presented with past masters' rope.

Wor. Bro. Austin Miller, on behalf of his brother, Rt. Wor. Bro. M. H. Wardrope.

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Lodge two aprons. One of the aprons was worn by the wor. Master Bro. I. Hall of King Hiram Lodge in the year 1813, and the other was worn by his son. Elisha Hall, who was worshipful

with a child who is rundown, has pale with a child who is rundown, has pale cheeks or thin blood, who will not GERARD REFUSES TO TALK give that child the very thing it needs to start it growing and keep it going? For over forty years the concentrated liquid-food in Scott's Emulsion has been changing thinness to plumpness -changing poor blood to rich blood.

There is nothing better for growing children-whether they are weak or well-than Scott's Emulsion, but see that you get the genuine Scott's. Scott & Bewne, Toronto, Ont.

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Pte. B. A. Woodcock.
GALT.
Pte. H. H. Fabian.
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Pte. J. C. Graham, R. R. No. 1. WOUNDED BRANTFORD. Pte. F. F. Shunt. WINDSOR.

Pte. K. T. Deel. Pte. A. C. Cornett. SERIOUSLY ILL

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Pte. W. J. Roe.
SIMCOE.
Pte. W. C. Hazely.
GLEN WILLIAMS.
Pte. G. S. Fry.

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today, and merely shrugged his ers when shown an alleged semi-er to Rt. Wor. Bro. George Naylor, announcement in the Cologne (D.G.M. of Wilson District, No. 6, declaring that Germany expec-uppreciation of his excellent work, especially in connection with the

WINTER RHEUMATISM

Rheumatism is a disorder of blood. It attacks people when blood is overcharged with acid tion in the muscles and joints. weather or cold weather may star the tortures of rheumatism, but is no winter malady have every reason to fear the first dull ache in the limbs and joints, followed by sharp pains through the flesh and muscles; these are the symptoms of poison in the blood which may shortly leave the victim painracked and helpless.

There is only one way to cure rienmatism, and that is through the blood.

Liniments, hot applications and rubbing may give temporary ease, but cannot possibly root the trouble cut of the system. That can only be done by the rich, red, new blood which Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make. This new blood drives out the poison-Will Not Go by Way of England, As ferer from this painful malady begin Invited by Britain.

Berne, Feb. 12.—Via Paris, Feb. 13.

—Ambassador Gerard announced today that he probably would leave for Paris on Tuesday evening with the immediate embassy staff. He informed other Americans desirous of returning to the inited States that they were welcome to accompany him, but must make their passport and other arrangements through the legation here, which now ferror from this painful malady begin curing yourself today by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pilis from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.