

boxes. "I took the pills, said Mr. Dunnett, "and I declare to you I am a well man to-day. I used to worry a great deal over the pain about my heart, but that is all done now, and I feel like a new man." All this the reverend gentleman told in a quiet conversational way, and when it was suggested that he let it be known, he rather demurred, because, as he put it, "I am almost afraid to say I am cured, and yet there is no man enjoying better health to-day than I do."

At that time, at Mr. Dunnett's request, his statement was only published locally, but now writing under the date of Jan. 21st, from Fitchburg, Mass., where he has been conducting a very successful series of evangelistic meetings, he says "I had held back from writing in regard to my health, not because I had forgotten, but because it seemed too good to be true that the old time pain had gone. I cannot say whether it will ever return, but I can certainly say it has not troubled me for months, and I am in better health than I have been for years. I have gained in flesh, hence in weight. I would prefer not to say anything about my appetite; like the poor it is over with me. Yes, I attribute my good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and you have my consent to use the fact."

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Sixty-Fourth Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the British America Assurance Company was held in the Company's Offices, Nos. 18, 20 and 22 Front street east, Toronto, on Friday, the 18th February.

The President, Hon. George A. Cox, occupied the chair.

Mr. P. H. Sims was appointed to act as Secretary, and read the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the Sixty-Fourth Annual Financial Statement of the Company, the Directors have pleasure in calling attention to the following results of the year's business.

The balance of income over expenditure, as shown by the Revenue Account, is \$100,832.74.

There has been a net appreciation in the market values of Securities of \$15,117.93.

The Reserve Fund has been increased from \$528,883.81 to \$591,364.51, after providing \$52,500 for two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

The estimated liability on current policies is \$511,982.86, an amount more than ample, according to the Company's past experience, to run off all existing risks, and after providing for this there is a net surplus over capital and all liabilities of \$79,381.65.

In all departments a decrease is shown in loss ratios as compared with those of the previous year.

The Directors express their appreciation of the efficient services of the Officers, Special Agents and Representatives of the Company during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total cash income	\$1,470,339 10
Total expenditure, including appropriation for reserves under adjustment	1,369,506 06
Balance	100,832 74
Dividends declared	52,500 00
Total assets	1,510,827 89
Total liabilities	169,453 37
Surplus to policy holders	\$1,341,364 51

The following gentlemen were elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing year: Hon. Geo. A. Cox, J. J. Kenny, Hon. S. C. Wood, S. F. McKinnon, Thos. Linn, John Hoskin, Q. C., L. D., H. M. Peppatt, R. Jaffray, A. Myers.

At a meeting held subsequently Hon. Geo. A. Cox was elected President and Mr. J. J. Kenny, Vice-President.

KLONDIKERS.

Steamer reservations made; a handsome map of Alaska and all information furnished by addressing F. J. Moore, General Agent, Nickel Plate Road, 23 Exchange St., Buffalo, N. Y.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERY.

Before going on to now matter, to speak of our nearby region in the extensive bounds of our Presbytery, let me make a correction. In condensing a portion of what was last sent you, you virtually make me speak of the County of Huntingdon. Now, there is no such County in this part of the Province, or indeed in Ontario, so far as I know. The Township is Huntingdon, but the County is Hastings. Your correspondent is jealous for a reputation of accuracy.

We now pass east from Tweed along the G. T. R. to the intersection of the road which runs from Kingston to Renfrew. Here is the Station of Sharbot. The traveller, who comes there for the first time sees, at least in the summer, abundance of water and rocks galore, but very little else so far as natural advantages are concerned. There is a lake, there are islands of all sizes on which are summer residences and there are fish in the lake. There is some lumbering done, for there is a saw-mill on the shore of the lake. When the face of the country is scanned there is no promise of where potatoes or grain can be grown and you are in despair of where pasture can be got for a goat. There are fertile spots nevertheless.

Our Church was the first to begin operations at Sharbot we had the first Church building in the place. As our adherents were few and the population was floating, we have had a keen fight of afflictions to keep that Church. More than one of our beloved sister denominations at different times were confident of getting possession of our little building and ousting us out of the place, baggage and all, but we have it still, we do not often surrender a place when we get a footing in it, we believe in the doctrine of perseverance. There are now two other Churches on the hill as well as ours, a Methodist and a Roman Catholic. The Anglicans, so far, are indebted to us for Church accommodation.

Sharbot is a sort of headquarters of a large mission field. It is not the centre of the field however, it is at one end of the extensive diocese. The mission district extends at least thirty miles towards Kingston and there are at present two preaching stations besides Sharbot. Years ago there were two students in the field and there was territory enough for each. In such a region however extent of territory is no guarantee for extent of population. For a few years past there has been an earnest desire both on the part of the people and on the part of the Presbytery to have an ordained missionary, and at length that has been secured. There was one in the field during most of last year but some months ago he accepted a call to another charge, since then a young man, who was licensed last summer, was appointed to the field, and last week he was ordained by the Presbytery.

Rev. G. E. Dyde, the young man referred to is a Kingston boy, a brother of Professor Dyde and a nephew of the venerable Dr. Wardrop of Guelph. On the evening of the 11th Jan. the Presbytery of Kingston met by appointment in the Church at Sharbot to ordain Mr Dyde. A full meeting of the Presbytery comprises a membership of 77, but they were not all there on the occasion. There were three men there, good men and true, and so there was a quorum. Two of them were from the city of Kingston, one who for a decade or more was the pastor of the young men who are now to be set apart to the sacred work, the third is pastor of a charge not far from Sharbot and he will be Mr. Dyde's nearest neighbor on that side. As an ordination was a very great novelty at Sharbot, all classes and denominations were out in force. The little church was crowded to the door by a deeply interested congregation. Some had driven as much as a dozen miles to be present.

When the hour of service came the Rev. James Bunte preached the sermon, which

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Income	Assets	Business Done
Dec. 31, 1907	\$1,087,777	\$2,000,000
Dec. 31, 1906	1,025,000	1,900,000
Dec. 31, 1905	1,000,000	1,800,000

Geo. Goodfriend, President. J. E. J. Smith, Gen. Manager.

was able earnest and appropriate to the occasion. The Rev. S. Houston, who had been appointed to preside, explained the nature of ordination, showing that our practice is in accord with apostolic usage and after putting the questions prescribed asked Mr. McGillivray, Mr. Dyde's former pastor, to offer the ordination prayer, during which the young man was set apart to the ministry by the laying on of hands. Then the Moderator gave the charge which throughout was the outcome of a large experience in ministerial work and was touchingly sympathetic in its tone. After that Mr. McGillivray addressed the people asking them to be attentive to the services, to be considerate, to be prayerful, to be helpful. The whole service was most appropriate and impressive.

The service of last Tuesday evening will not soon be forgotten by those who were present.

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