

HIGH WATER MARK!

We use a figure of speech taken from the ocean to entitle our announcement of the year's results, but with the reservation that there is a significant difference to be noted between the movement of the tide and that of THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA. The tide advances only to retreat again, but the Company's progress has been continuous and permanent, and it is the determination of those who direct its affairs that in this regard the future shall be only the fair fulfilment of the past.

Below we print a summary of the results of the year's business in advance of the Annual Report in which fuller details will be presented. The figures speak so strongly for themselves that it seems superfluous to enlarge upon them, but we would like to call special attention to three items, viz: The New Applications received; The Life Assurances in force, and the Cash Profits paid Policyholders; the first two illustrating the confidence reposed in the Company by the assuring public, and the third, the way in which the Company repays that confidence.

SUMMARY of the RESULTS for 1897.

New Life Applications received during 1897.....	\$16,292,754 92
Increase over 1896.....	5,182,462 73
Cash Income for year ending 31st December, 1897.....	2,238,894 74
Increase over 1896.....	352,636 74
Assets at 31st December, 1897.....	7,322,371 44
Increase over 1896.....	934,226 78
Reserve for Security of Policyholders (according to Hm. Four per cent. Table).....	6,856,752 98
Increase over 1896.....	924,552 50
Surplus over all Liabilities, except Capital (according to Hm. Four per cent. Table).....	314,220 13
Surplus over all Liabilities and Capital Stock (according to Hm. Four and one-half per cent. Table), being the Dominion Government Standard.....	583,271 98
Claims Paid during 1897.....	463,674 37
Life Assurances in Force.....	44,983,796 79
Increase over 1896.....	6,786,905 87
Cash Profits paid Policyholders.....	217,377 74