ONTARIO LOAN AND DEBENTURE COMPANY.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company was held at their office in London on Wednesday, the 9th February, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

The following shareholders were present, viz.: Messrs. John McClary, A. S. Emery, William Bowman, William McDonough, W. A. Gunn, Frederick Barned, Albion Parfitt, A. O. Jeffery, J. C. Richter, Edgar Jeffery, A. M. Smart, J. M. McWhinney, and George F. Jewell, F.C.A., auditor. The president, Mr. John McClary, was in the chair, the manager, Mr. William F. Bullen, acting as secretary.

The twenty-seventh annual report, as follows, was then taken as read:

REPORT.

The directors have much pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the annual report and balance sheet for the past year, duly audited.

The profits for the year, after deducting all charges, amount to $97,310, out of which two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of 6½ per cent. per annum, have been paid, leaving $19,310 over. Of this sum $10,000 has been added to the reserve fund, making it $480,000, or 40 per cent. of the paid-up capital, and the balance, $9,310, remains at the credit of revenue account. In arriving at the earnings your directors believe they have made more than ample provision for any possible depreciation in values of the securities.

The sum of $451,737 has been loaned, and $872,737, principal and interest, has been repaid during the year. Owing to the bountiful harvest, together with good prices for almost every product of the farm, borrowers during the latter part of the season met their payments with commendable promptness.

Your directors are continuing their policy of paying off all maturing debentures that cannot be renewed at such rates as will leave a fair margin of profit to the company.

We are pleased to say that the company's financial agents, Messrs. Mylne & Cook, C.A., of Edinburgh, continue to look carefully after the company's interests in Scotland.

The accounts of the company are, as usual, audited monthly by thoroughly competent auditors, appointed by the shareholders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MCCLARY,
President.

London, Ont., 19th January, 1898.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Interest on sterling debentures....	$59,897 71
Interest on currency debentures ..	8,721 59
Interest on deposits	20,476 90
Expenses connected with sterling debentures..................	5,647 66
Commission and expenses in connection with loans	2,951 43
Expenses of management	16,252 58
Income tax paid	1,771 43
Dividend No. 67, paid July 2nd, 1897..........................	39,000 00
Dividend No. 68, due January 2nd, 1898..........................	39,000 00
Carried to reserve fund	10,000 00
Balance carried forward..........	9,310 67
	$213,029 97
Balance from last year	2,346 43
Interest earned on mortgages, etc.	210,683 54
	$213,029 97

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Assets.

1. Mortgages on real estate	$3,279,511 21	
2. Loans on debentures	30,440 22	
3. Loans on this company's stock	53,794 74	
4. Real estate foreclosed and own'd	33,033 82	
Real estate brought to sale and unsold	113,427 79	
5. Office premises (freehold)	72,000 00	
6. Cash with Bank of Scotland	99 54	
7. Cash with banks in Canada......	381,288 17	
		$3,963,595 49

Liabilities.

Liabilities to the public--		
Sterling debentures	$1,446,769 85	
Accrued interest on same	13,520 65	
Currency debentures	213,688 00	
Accrued interest on same........	2,888 04	
Deposits	558,418 28	
		2,235,284 82
Surplus		$1,728,310 67
Liabilities to the shareholders—		
Capital stock paid up	$1,200,000 00	
Dividend No. 68 (since paid)....	39,000 00	
Reserve fund	470,000 00	
Carried to ditto..	10,000 00	
Balance at credit of revenue account..........	9,310 67	
		$1,728,310 67

WILLIAM F. BULLEN,
Manager.

To the Shareholders of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Co.:

We hereby certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company for the year 1897, comprising a monthly cash audit and the verification of the postings and balances in all the company's books, and we find the whole correct and in accordance with the above statement. We have also examined the securities, and find them in order.

GEO. F. JEWELL, F.C.A.,
A. M. SMART,
Auditors.

London, Ontario, January 19th, 1898.

Before moving the adoption of the report the President said :—

Gentlemen,—It devolves on me to move the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet for the past year, which has been in your hands for some time, and which I feel sure you will think highly satisfactory,

I may say that the company has made substantial progress in placing $10,000 to the reserve fund, and adding nearly $7,000 to the credit of the revenue account. These additions have been made to the company's capital after writing down any doubtful securities, besides making still further provision for any unexpected losses that may arise.

The substantial character of the assets are indicated by the repayment of $872,736 on account of principal and interest by the borrowers during the year.

All products of the farm, together with farm stock, are bringing much better prices, and the demand for farming lands is increasing.

The united policy of your board has been to confine our business to high grade securities This has restricted the business to narrower limits and reduced earnings, but we are in hopes that the legitimate business of loaning money on real estate will increase in volume and security in common with the improvement in trade generally now apparent in all parts of the country.

We must recognize the fact, apparent to all, that there is excessive competition for the most desirable loans in all parts of the country, at reduced rates of interest, which we are endeavoring to meet as far as possible by a corresponding reduction in the rate of interest paid on our borrowed capital.

I am pleased to say that the manager and other officers of the company have discharged their several duties to the satisfaction of the board.

I will now move the adoption of the report.

The motion adopting the report was seconded by the vice president, and carried unanimously, and the retiring directors, Messrs. John McClary, A. S. Emery, Wm. Bowman, William McDonough, and W. A. Gunn, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Messrs. George F. Jewell, F.C.A., and A. M. Smart were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. John McClary was re-elected president, and Mr. A. S. Emery vice-president.

WILLIAM F. BULLEN,
Manager.

DOMINION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society was held at the society's offices, London, Ont., on Tuesday, the 8th day of February, 1898, at 11 a.m.

The president, Mr. Robert Reid, in the chair, and the manager, N. Mills, Esq., acting as secretary.

The following shareholders were present: Rev. J. H. Starr, Toronto; T. H. Purdom, D. Campbell, M. J. Kent, John Ferguson, Dr. Bettridge (Strathroy); W. Cadham, Col. R. Lewis, Francis Love, Samuel Wright, J. T. Moses, Dr. Sinclair, Alexander Purdom, Joshua Jackson, Col. F. B. Leys, E. Jones Parke, Q.C., Thomas Caldwell, Richard Thompson, Miss Boyd, J. K. McDermid, A. B. Campbell and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The secretary read the report for the year 1897, which was adopted on motion of the president, seconded by Mr. John Ferguson.

REPORT.

The directors beg leave to submit the twenty-fifth annual report of the affairs of the society.

The transactions of the past year have been satisfactory. The shareholders are to be congratulated upon the suitable and very handsome offices now occupied by the society in the Temple building: they possess every facility for transacting the society's business, and since removal to their present offices the deposits in the Savings Bank have materially increased. The amount on deposit on the 31st day of December, 1896, was $623,292.06, and on the 31st day of December, 1897, it was $752,-992.09, being an increase of $129,700.03.

In other respects there has been very little variation. The net earnings amounted to the sum of $53,207.18, out of which two half-yearly dividends at the rate of five per cent. per annum, amounting to the sum of $46,724.01 were paid, and the balance, or sum of $6,483.17, carried to the contingent account.

The amount loaned during the year amounted to the sum of $320,699.36, selected from loans applied for amounting to the sum of $558,557.54.

The manager and other officers have performed their duties efficiently, and everything that care and watchfulness can accomplish has been secured.

The books of the society have been duly audited by Messrs. J. K. McDermid and John Lochead, with the result which appears by their certificate attached to the statement. The directors much regretted the serious illness during the year of Mr. C. R. Somerville, who has for several years past proved to be a very efficient auditor, and are now much pleased that he has almost completely recovered.

All the directors retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT REID, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To two permanent stock dividends—		
30th June, 1897......	$23,355 00	
30th June, 1897	$23,355 00	
		$ 46,710 00
To two Accumulating Stock Dividends—		
30th June, 1897	$6 91	
31st December, 1897.......	7 10	
		14 01
Interest paid Savings Bank depositors.....		27,655 89
General expense account, including salaries, directors' and auditors' fees, advertising, printing, etc.		8,984 94
Commission account		1,510 66
Sterling debenture coupons		14,847 12
Sterling Debentures (interest ac-		