Seventy Years No Bar to the Acquisition of Interesting Families.

Cases of children being born to men verging on the three-score years and ten, which are declared by the Psalmist to constitute the span of human life, are by no means so rare as might be imagined.

The present Earl of Leicester, one of the only peers of the realm who witnessed Queen Victoria's coronation wa seventy-one years of age at the time of the birth of his youngest daughter, whose eldest sister, aged forty-nine, is already a grandmother. The famous French Field Marshal Pelissier, Duke of Malakoff, was sixty-eight when he married, and his only daughter, recently divorced from the Polish Count Zamoiska, was born a year later. His fellow Field Marshals, Canrobert and Bazaine, likewise married when they were in the neighborhood of seventy, and each left several children.

The father of Queen Isabella of Spain old King Ferdinand, was sixty-eight at the time of her birth, and sixty-nine when her sister, the late Duchess de Montpensier, made her appearance in the world. Ancient history furnishes many more such instances, among the most notable being, perhaps, those of Cato, King David and last, but not least, Father Abraham. whose eldest sister, aged forty-nine, is

STATEMENT AND BALANCE timent. SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 31ST, 1898.

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And laad made a thorough and most searching investigation into the affairs of the company, with a view to its admission to do business in their respective States, and that these expects were extremely well satisfied with the soundness of the company, and expressed themselves as gratified with every aspect of its affairs.

The Hon. Mr. Allan, in seconding the adeption of the report, called special attention to the excellent character of the investments of the Company, of these over \$7 per cent. are in the first mortgage securities, nearly 20 per cent. in debentures, nearly 14 per ceat. in stocks and bonds, loans and policies about 6 1-2 per cent., the balance consisting of cash in banks, interest accrued, etc.

He also called special attention to the fact that although the assets had increased very largely, the outseanding and accrued interest had been very materially decreased, which is a proof of the excellent character of the investments of the Company, and the prompiness with which the interest thereon has been paid.

James Thorburn, M.D. medical director, presented a full and interesting report of the mortality experience of the company's business.

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The conjulting actuary reported that the had made an independent examination of the affairs of the company as at December 31st, 1898, having examined the books, accounts and balance sheet, also a detailed copy of the sum and the prompiness with which the result of such examination, also with the through system of the work of every department throughout the office. He commended the company for closing its books promptly at the end of the year, as had been its custom from organization, and stated that not-withstanding the large amount paid the policy-holders during the vear, anyther substantial gain had been made in the net surplus, now amount.

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The directors' report presented at the meeting, showed continued and marked proofs of the great progress and solid prosperity of the Company in every branch of its business.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BALANCE.

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best managed companies on this continent.

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was unanimously re-elected president and the Honourable G. W. Allan and Sir Frank Smith, vice-presidents.

2. The new business for the year exceeded that of any previous year.

3. Another marked feature of this company is the relatively large amount of its net surplus to diabilities, when contrasted with that of its leading competitors. The president showed that this ratio was one of the best tests by which to judge of the relative tests the test of the test of

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PHOSPHATES AS A SOURCE OF FERTILITY.

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These researches have shown me, in the first place, that instead of the phosphates present in it being all in the form of the phosphate of lime, they are largely composed of phosphate of magnesia, which as far as wheat is concerned, and in smaller degree all other creates as well is of far greater imcerned, and in smaller degree all other cereals as well, is of far greater importance than phosphate of lime, the ashes of the grain showing between four and five times as much of former as they do of the latter.

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elements of wheat food must of neces-sity be sounder practice than using a phosphatic manure which has only lime for a base, and I would impress upon them the importance that proba-bly may result from this knowledge of the real nature of Thomas-Phosphate.

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