

Twenty odd years afterwards, the same route was traversed by Chief Factor Anderson's expedition, which was sent under the auspices of the Hudson's Bay company in 1855, doubtless with a fond hope of rescuing at least some survivors of the lamented Sir John Franklin's party, alas! not to be realized, and Fort Reliance was restored by Mr. Anderson's party, chiefly to serve as a base of supply of provisions in case his expedition should have to winter there. You will I trust be pleased to permit me this digression on a subject to the generation of Nor'-westers, now well nigh passed away; it was one of engrossing interest, and which I may be permitted to say is worthy to rank with the bravest stories treasured in the history of our people.

If the attractions and possibilities of this great region were better known to the wealthy pleasure seeking sportsmen and tourists of the old country and the United States, I feel sure that very many of them would come and spend a month or more of the summer season in it, which for its picturesque scenery, invigorating climate and sport producing capabilities, is not excelled in any part of the American continent; and I believe the time is not far distant when many of the wealthy pleasure seekers of the old country and America, who spend millions on European travel, will make it an annual resort. There is no doubt a great future in store for that part of the country, with its enormous mineral deposits and great supply of the finest fishes the world can produce and so forth. I cannot offer to give you an accurate idea of its grandeur—it would require a student of nature to adequately describe it.

APPENDIX.

Sir George Back in his evidence taken before the select committee of the Hudson's Bay company in 1857, stated that he experienced 70 degrees below zero, (102 degrees of frost) in January, 1825, at Fort Reliance, Great Slave Lake. Fort Reliance is in 62, 46, north latitude.

I observed but very few birds in the region of the northeast portion of the Great Slave Lake, such as the Golden Eagle (*Aquila Chrysaetos*), the Great Northern Diver (*Uria lomber*), Cowheen or Old Squaw (*Clangula hyemalis*), Green Winged Teal (*Anas Carolinensis*), Ring-Necked Duck (*Aythia collaris*), Canada Grouse or Spruce Partridge (*Dendragapus Canadensis*), Rock Ptarmigan (*Lagopus rupestris*), and three or four species of gulls. I had five (5) samples of copper ore taken from points on the northwest shore of Great Slave Lake, assayed by Professor Kenrick, of St. John's college, which gave the following results, viz:

Sample No. 1 gave 11.3 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
Sample No. 2 gave 15.2 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
Sample No. 3 gave 21.0 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
Sample No. 4 gave 16.5 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
Sample No. 5 gave 27.6 per cent. copper, silver a trace.
Assay of Galena taken from a point near Fort Resolution, G.S.L., gave 60 oz of silver to the ton.

Chicago to Liverpool.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 11.—The steamer Northwestern, of the Northwestern Steamship line, bound from Chicago to Liverpool with a cargo of farm implements, passed here and into Galoup rapids to-day. A large quantity of coal was loaded on to the forward deck, throwing the tops of wheel bucket out of the water in order to prevent the possibility of striking bottom. She was drawing about thirteen feet of water. This is the first steamer of this line to make the trip and three others are following. A Canadian official is on board to take observations and report as to the availability of a clear fourteen foot channel to the sea as claimed by that government. The St. Lawrence rapids were safely run to Cornwall from which point she will take the canal to Montreal.

NO WONDER SHE WORRIED.

Nipp—My wife worried all last week for fear I should die.
Tuck—Were you sick?
Nipp—No; but my life assurance policy ran out, and it was several days before I got it renewed.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting -- Highly Satisfactory Results.

The twenty-ninth annual report, presented at the annual meeting, held at the Head Office of the Association on April 29, 1901, was entirely satisfactory. The following is a synopsis of the report:—

The directors are well pleased to be able to present a report which cannot fail to prove satisfactory to both shareholders and policyholders. A good volume of new business was secured, with an actual decrease in the ratio of expenses to income, and substantial progress made generally. The ratio of expenses to income is the lowest in the history of the company.

The new applications for the year amounted to \$3,301,804, accepted and issued for the year to \$3,078,839; the total insurance in force at the close of the year, \$32,332,908.

The claims arising from death were well within the expectation, calling for a total sum of \$290,833, under 175 policies, on 144 lives.

In addition to the amount paid to the representatives of deceased policyholders during the past year, the association paid to living policyholders the large sum of \$250,714.50 under endowment policies. This is much the largest sum paid for endowments in any one year of the association's history.

The valuation of the policy and annuity obligations of the company was made by the Insurance Department at Ottawa. It calls for a total liability of \$7,044,336. The higher liability called for by the company's own standard of valuation, namely the Institute of Actuaries' H. M. table, and 4½ per cent. on business to December 31, 1895, 3½ per cent. for the business of 1896 to 1899 inclusive, and 3 per cent. for the business of 1900, is \$7,146,311, the liability assumed in the balance sheet.

The financial statements fully set forth the position of the Company at the close of the year, and do not call for special remark. The audit, as usual, was made monthly during the year, and the report of the Auditors is subjoined to the financial statements.

Resolutions were passed thanking the officers and members of the agency and office staffs, the solicitors and medical examiners for their faithful services during the year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.	Disbursements.
Premiums \$1,063,748.59	To policyholders—
Interests and rents (net) . . . 329,121.84	Death claims . . . \$278,072.88
	Endowments . . . 250,714.50
	Annuities . . . 17,470.73
	Surrendered policies. 66,542.00
	Cash profits . . . 85,123.92
	Expenses, salaries, commis- sions, etc. 238,543.58
	Dividends to stockholders . . . 15,000.00
	Balance 437,402.82
	\$703,924.03
\$1,392,870.43	\$1,392,870.43

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Mortgages and real estate . . . \$4,891,340.44	Reserve on policies and annu- ities, association's standard \$7,146,311.00
Bonds and debentures . . . 1,817,230.40	(Reserve, Gov't standard, \$7, 044,536).
Loans on policies and stocks . . 911,087.35	Death and endowment claims. . 54,620.82
Cash in bank and sundries . . . 89,340.14	Declared profits 78,276.42
Outstanding and deferred pre- miums 230,105.57	Capital stock paid up . . . 100,000.00
Interest and rents due and ac- crued 121,780.99	Sundry items 20,002.40
	Cash surplus above all liabil- ities, association's standard. . 400,771.25
	(Cash surplus, Gov't standard, \$505,546.25).
\$7,709,083.89	\$7,709,083.89

The report was unanimously adopted, and the following Board of Directors elected:—Hon. Sir W. P. Howland, W. H. Beatty, Esq., W. D. Matthews, Esq., Hon. Jas. Young, S. Nordheimer, Esq., W. H. Gibbs, Esq., A. McLean Howard, Esq., Walter S. Lee, Esq., A. L. Gooderham, Esq., George Mitchell, Esq., Fred'k Wyld, Esq., J. K. MacDonald, Esq. At a subsequent meeting of the Board Sir W. P. Howland was re-elected President, and Messrs. W. H. Beatty and W. D. Matthews Vice-Presidents. A full report of the proceedings is in the press, and will be available shortly for distribution.

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