

CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

At the Annual Meeting, February 19th, 1883.

Death of Sir Hugh Allan.

Near the close of the year, the Directors were pained to hear of the sudden death in Scotland, of their most able and esteemed President, SIR HUGH ALLAN.

Without dwelling, however, upon this event, so startling from its suddenness, and so sad in its result socially, suffice it to say, the Board adopted a minute expressive of its deep sorrow, and its high estimate of the character and abilities of the late President.

The vacancy created by the death of Sir Hugh Allan, was filled by the appointment of Alderman Proctor, and the Directors elected myself to the office of President and Mr. Andrew Allan to that of Vice-President.

General Statement of Business.

The following statement will show the business done during the past year, and the progress that has been made in the several branches.

Life Branch.

Number of Policies in force Dec, 1881, 691—insuring.....	\$1,088,304
“ “ “ “ Dec, 1882, 863— “	1,380,998
Being an increase of 172 Policies—and of the sum of.....	292,694

Accident Branch.

Number of Policies 1881, 934—insuring.....	\$1,159,400
“ “ “ “ 1882, 1680— “	2,056,725
Showing an increase of 746 Policies and	897,325

Fire Branch.

Policies in force Dec, 1881.....	\$15,711,643
“ “ “ “ Dec, 1882	17,830,908
Increase	\$ 2,119,265

Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Early in the year the Canadian Fire business of the Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Hamilton, was offered to your Directors at a rate which, after careful enquiry, they deemed to be advantageous, and the transfer of the same was made on the 13th May last.

	AMOUNT.	PREMIUM.
Policies then current and transferred....	\$10,995,797 00	\$65,969 00
Net amount in force 31st Dec, 1882....	2,748,949 00	16,492 00

This business has been necessarily treated as a separate branch, but eventually the Policies of the Canada Fire and Marine, as they severally mature and are renewed, will be replaced by those of this Company. It is the opinion of the Directors that a fair profit will result from this purchase, as well as an increase of business in the future.

Revenue and Losses.

The following statement will show the amounts of revenue and loss, in the several branches, during the last and previous year:—

	REVENUE 1881.	1882.	INCREASE.
Fire....	\$138,548 00	\$267,950 00	\$129,402 00
Accident	10,150 00	20,432 00	10,282 00
Life....	34,209 00	49,787 00	15,578 00
			\$155,262 00
	LOSSES 1881.	1882.	INCREASE.
Fire....	\$ 95,787 00	\$128,440 00	\$32,653 00
Accident	625 00	3,656 00	3,031 00
Life....	14,686 00	18,000 00	3,314 00
			\$38,998 00

It will be seen from the foregoing that fair progress has been made in all the departments of the Company's business. This is more marked, perhaps, in the Life and Accident branches, while the important Fire branch has more than held its own.

The statement of *Assets and Liabilities* is so far satisfactory, that while the previous statement showed amount of surplus over all liabilities to be \$90,670, by the present exhibit it is placed at \$100,360, or an increase of \$9,690, after providing an increased liability in re-insurance reserves of \$31,197, equal to an improvement on the year's operations of \$40,887.

Act of Parliament.

It being still held to be desirable that the objects aimed at in the Bill which was before the last Parliament, should be secured, the directors have caused the necessary notice to be given, and a bill in accordance with it will be shortly presented by the Hon. Mr. Abbott, member for Argenteuil.

The review of the years operations, although encouraging as to results, showing increased confidence in your Company on the part of the public, affords also clear indications of the policy which should be pursued in the future, and these are in brief, *prudence in underwriting* and *economy in management*.

The retiring Directors are Messrs. J. B. Rolland, Arthur Prevost, and Charles D. Proctor, who are all eligible for re-election.

HENRY LYMAN,
President.