

**REPORT**  
 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
 OF THE  
**Canada Life Assurance Company,**  
 TO THE

ADJOURNED MEETING OF PROPRIETORS, HELD AT HAMILTON,  
 ON 25TH OCTOBER, 1859.

In submitting the Twelfth Annual Report and the usual Statements of Accounts for the past year, which are appended, the Directors feel that before entering upon the ordinary business details, allusion must be made to the loss the Company has sustained by the death, in March last, of the President, Hugh C. Baker, Esq. To the great ability and untiring zeal of that gentleman, does the Company, in a large degree, owe its eminent success and its present high position. From being one of its earliest founders, he continued to watch its successful development, and to promote its interests, till the time of his death; and the Directors desire to take this opportunity of recording their high sense of his zealous services on behalf of the Company, his eminent and varied talents, and his great private worth.

To supply the vacancy in the management caused by the death of Mr. Baker, the Board have much pleasure in stating that they have secured the services of Mr. A. G. Ramsay, late Secretary of the Scottish Amicable Assurance Society of Glasgow—a gentleman in every way qualified by talent, character and long experience with the business of Life Assurance, to fill the important office of Manager of this Company; and they trust that under his able and efficient superintendence, the business of the Company will be materially promoted and extended.

The past year has again been one of severe commercial depression in this country, and has proved another of the most trying to which Canada has been exposed. Nevertheless, during the twelve months comprising the Company's financial year, ending 30th April last, 203 proposals for assurance of no less than \$422,527.96 have been made to the Company. Of these, 178 new policies have been issued, amounting to \$364,227.96, producing in annual new premiums \$11,530.47. Proposals of assurance for \$58,300 were declined; and while the Directors regret that such a course was necessary, they draw attention to the fact as evincing the prudent and careful manner in which the office is conducted, and as an indication of the system pursued in transacting business of a first class character, not being tempted by any desire for an undue extension of the institution to issue policies upon inferior lives. While saying this, it is proper to add that each proposal receives a careful consideration, and a decision is arrived at based upon a liberal and enlightened yet prudent view of its merits.

The sum of assurances subsisting at 30th April was \$3,105,401.11, under 1617 policies upon 1400 lives, yielding an annual premium income of \$80,891.13. There remain in force 5 Annuity Bonds, securing \$935.64.

During the year, 15 claims under 18 policies have occurred, amounting, after deduction of re-assurance, to \$34,838.67. This sum, although greater than that of the previous year, is still under what is provided for by the tables of mortality. The amount thus provided for being \$38,594.84. Up to the 30th April last, there remained \$20,854.72, of claims unpaid, these generally awaiting maturity or proof of death. Since the date named, \$7,000 of this amount has been claimed and paid.

After deduction of the above sum of \$34,838.67, there stands unrequired of the total expected risk since the Company's commencement, at the credit of the Special Reserve Fund \$59,968.55.

Policies on the "With Profits" scales, have now at their credit as the result of their premiums and accumulations of interest, after deduction of half credit premiums, proportion of expenses, and claims applicable to them, \$276,464.45

The sum required to be set aside for future claims is \$124,121.02

For unpaid claims and profits is..... 20,648.98

And the proportion of the Special Reserve Fund  
 above referred to is..... 51,797.65

196,477.65

Leaving a difference of ..... \$ 79,986.80

being the accumulated profit in this branch of the business. The Directors feel warranted in again granting a Bonus, which taken in cash is equivalent to about 15 per cent on the gross premiums of the policies on the "With Profits" classes opened during the fourth to the eleventh years; and to those opened during the earlier years of the Company, an increase of per centage of nearly one fourth, or about 18½ per cent on the gross premiums. Notices of the precise amount accruing to each policy will be issued as soon as practicable.

A Bonus of \$4.60 per share is recommended to be payable on 1st proximo to the shareholders in addition to interest at the rate of 10 per cent upon their stock. As has been usual in the cases of shares not fully paid up, the Bonus and interest will be added to the amount at which they now stand, and these will then bring such shares up to \$34 each.

During the year, 220 shares, and since 30th April last 177 shares have had their full price of \$50 completed upon them.

The Investments of the Company continue to receive that careful attention which they require, and it may be mentioned that by the prudent and experienced discrimination exercised in the selection of the securities held by the Company, they are ample for the amount which they represent, and will continue to yield a liberal return upon the sum invested.

The Savings' Bank managed by the Company still proves of important benefit to the classes for which it was more especially intended. The number of accounts open at 30th April was 838.

According to the rules of the Company the five gentlemen who at present appear at the top of the list of Directors, retire from the Board. Their names are, M. O'REILLY, Esq., W. H. PARK, Esq., and E. C. THOMAS, Esq., Hamilton; JAMES HAMILTON, Esq., M.D. Dundas; and JOHN YOUNG, Esq., Hamilton; and they are all eligible for re-election.

In June last, the Directors elected John Ferrie, Esq., as a Director to fill the vacancy created by the death of Hugh C. Baker, Esq., and he is also eligible for re-election for 3 years, being the remainder of the term for which the late Mr. Baker was elected.

JOHN YOUNG, *President.*

A. G. RAMSAY, *Manager.*

THOS. M. SIMONS, *Secretary.*

HAMILTON, 22nd Oct., 1859.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1859.**

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance as at 30th April, 1858...	\$551,592.46	Expense account, as per Statement	\$24,521.68
Premiums on 178 new Policies taken up and renewals	84,846.95	Vote for Board	1,600.00
Annuities	349.28	10 per ct. written off office furniture	489.90
\$23 each on 220 new shares made equal to old	5,060.00	Re-assurance	513.21
Received in deposit and for accumulation, &c.	151,963.03	Claims paid	36,244.19
Interest on Investments	49,577.75	Annuities (three)	526.14
Entrance Fees	25.00	Deposits withdrawn	135,752.68
Policy Fees, Fines, Extra Risks...	417.56	Interest paid on Deposits	7,439.59
		Profits of Mutual Branch paid	
		As Reversionary Bonus	1,180.11
		In diminution of Premium	596.18
		In Cash	2,330.32
		Premiums on Policies discontinued—written off	4,449.65
		Entrance Fees & Interest refunded	28.40
		Cancelled or purchased Policies	1,995.05
		Dividend of 11th year on 1,350 shrs.	12,323.47
			\$230,040.57
		Leaving a balance of \$613,791.46 which is distributed as under:	
		Premiums due April 30, since paid	19,603.64
		Cash in Bank	16,800.86
		Cash in Agents' hands	1,971.62
		Investments (par value \$506,237.56)	457,358.02
		Interest on same to April 30, 1859	2,411.77
		Real Estate—property and Offices	75,261.18
		Half-yearly and quarterly instalments of Premiums on Policies, payable within nine months	25,370.45
		Deferred Half Payments on Half Credit Policies	10,604.76
		Office Furniture	4,409.16
			\$843,832.03
	\$843,832.03		\$843,832.03

*Countersigned  
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**GENERAL ABSTRACT**  
Of the Estimated Liabilities and Assets of the Canada Life Assurance Company, on 30th April, 1859.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To 12½ per cent. paid on 1570 Shares of Capital Stock of \$698,000.....	\$78,500.00	By Cash at Bankers.....	\$16,800.86
To 8½ per cent. paid on 990 Shares of Capital Stock of \$372,000.....	31,620.00	By Cash in Agents hands.....	1,971.62
To Dividend declared for 12th year.....	110,120.00	By Premiums outstanding at 30th April, 1859, and since paid.....	19,603.64
To Balance of money lodged for accumulation, &c., with interest to 30th April, 1859.....	14,813.80	By Mortgages on Real Estate, par value.....	\$357,597.18
To Balance of money at credit of 833 Depositors in the Hamilton Deposit and Savings' Bank, with interest to 30th April, 1859.....	23,595.73	By Municipal Corporation Debentures, par value, 113,356.00	113,356.00
To claims matured, awaiting proof.....	150,076.57	By Road Company Debentures.....	3,192.00
To claims payable by instalments.....	14,936.02	By Stock in Hamilton Gas Light Co.,.....	3,040.00
To Cash Profits declared on Policies, but unpaid.....	1,254.72	By Bills Receivable.....	7,618.16
To present value of Policies held as cancelled, but which may be revived within twelve months.....	16,190.74	By Terminable Annuity, secured in Real Estate, the present value.....	327.49
To present value of capital sums assured for life, under 1683 Policies, including vested additions, \$3,052,516.89.....	418.40	By Liability of Trustees of Hamilton and Gore District Savings' Bank, secured on Real Estate, 21,106.73	21,106.73
To present value of capital sums assured under 33 Policies, for a limited period, including vested additions, \$52,839.08.....	7,551.76	By Interest to 30th April, 1859, on preceding securities.....	2,411.77
To present value of three Life Annuities, \$528.14, and one Deferred Annuity, \$400.....	813,959.75	By Real Estate and Leasehold Property, the Company's Offices, &c.....	508,649.33
To present value of one Bond, Annuity and Assurance combined, \$9.50 and \$45.14.....	11,042.88	By half-yearly and quarterly Premiums secured on Policies, and payable within 9 months.....	75,261.18
To Balance in favor of the Company.....	9,409.47	By Deferred half payments on Half-Credit Policies.....	25,370.45
Of which the sum of \$357,412.17* is excluded from the valuation for profit, as representing the fund from which the future expenses, profit, and other contingencies will be met.....	18.20	By Office Furniture.....	10,604.76
	1,157,197.34		4,409.16
	429,885.66		662,671.00
	\$1,587,083.00		\$1,587,083.00

JOHN YOUNG, *President.*  
A. G. RAMSAY, *Manager.*  
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\* This sum includes \$29,988.19, being the present value of Profits estimated in the above valuation, but which in former abstracts was deducted.  
*The Canada Life Assurance Company,*  
Hamilton, 20th October, 1859.

*Countersigned*  
*John Young*

*John Young, Pres.*  
*A. G. Ramsay, Manager*