

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE <br>  

FOR THE YHAR 1864

(0) The Board of Directors beg leave now to submit the Tenth Annual Heport of the Society's progress, together with the usual duly audired Financial Statements, and various statistical memoranda, which tugether will be fuund to embrace a full and very satisfactury uxtibit of the transactions of the past year, and of the present state of the Institution.

- As more especially bearing directly on the interests of this Association, the Directors regret to notice that, for the third successive year, the country has suffered from a deficient harbest, due in a great measure to the extraordinary drought of last summer, and to the ravages of the midge; amounting in many of the older and heretofore most productive agricultural districts to an almost entire failure in wheat, the main staple, and to a lesser degree in other grains and root erops. I he repeated recurrence of these unfortunate reverses, together with low prices for wheat and lumber, and the falling off of immigration, more particularly of the better class, has resulted in a material depreciation in the value of farm property, rendering sales difficult, and has very much curtailed the average ability of borrowers to meet their engagements. It is to be feared that a modification of the system of farming hitberto pursued and more than one average crop will be required to restore the agricultural interest of the country to even an approximation to its wonted state of prosperity.

Notwithstanding these adserse circumstances, injuriously affecting a large proportion of the members to whom advances have been made, the repayments from mortgagors esceed the inipurtant figures of the previous year, whioh together with the augmented reeeipts from other sources, have hitherto enabted the Board to supply all desirable applications for loans as they arose. The advances during the year numbered 652 , amounting to the sum of $\$ 117,400$ The average income from members has increased from $\$ 26,700$ to $\$ 31,350$ per month.

The subseribed capital has been extended from $\$ 818,550$ to $\$ 960,950$, of which the sum of $\$ 445,450$ is paid up in full and capitalized as permanent stock; $\$ 900$ is matured and since capitalized; and $\$ 514,600$ is still accumulating On the latter the sum of $\$ 351,20946$ has been paid, making the total puid up capital $\$ 800,55946$.

A very considerable enlargenent has taken place in the Savings Bank Branch of the Society's business, which shews an increase of forty per cent on the amount of the previous year, and the number of depositors has inereased from 610 to 714 .

As in the preceding year, two balfyearly dividends on the permanent stock, amounting to $11 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. were declafed for the past year-a rate which, taking into consideration the reductions made in the terms to borrowers Within the last few years, and the maintenance of a prudent reserve, must be considered eminently satisfactory. A mall inerease has been made to the Permanent Stock Reserve Fund, in addition to contributions from newly capifalized shares. The Contingent Fund has been likewise enlarged, not, however, more than is warranted by the ancertainties to which securities in default are liable.
80 The attention of the Board having been called to the unsatisfactory state of the Rules with reference to the Reserve Fund derived from the profits on permanent stock, a special meeting of the shareholders was called on requisition, as provided by statute, at which was submitted a rule which equitably accomplishes the desired object, and establishes that prospectively important fund on a satisfactory footing. The opportunity afforded by this special meeting, was made use of also fur proposing several minor amendments suggested by experience and mere immediately beneficial to borrowers, which, together with the Resetve Rule, received the approval of the requisite number of members, and are now in operation.

The large accessions to the Society's Funds, in all the branches of its business, in a year certainly not distinguished by general monetary ease and prosperity, affords the most gratifying and unquestionable evidence of the confidence and favor which the past careful management of the Society's affairs has secured for it among all classes of investors; and the Directors feel satisfied that the accounts herewith presented, with the substantial guarantees for future safety and remunerative profit therein shewn, will fully sustain the preëminent position which it has been, apd will contiuue to be, the highest object of its conductors to establish.


In an Institution which has risen so rapidly as this has to a condition of importance and prosperity, the Director ${ }^{8}$ consider that every member will naturally inquire into the causes which havo led to it, and when doing so will find prominent amongst them the advantage it has derived from the grent services of Mr. J. Herbert Mason, its very energetic and able Secretary.

All which is respectfully submitted.
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JOSEPH D. RIDOUT,
J. HERBERT MASON, Secictary and Treasurcr.
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t Of the Fenns and Errects of the Canada Permanent Building and Savings' Society, for the year ending 31st December. 1864 CASH ACCOUNT FOR TIE YEAR 1864.

J. HERBERT MASON, Secretary and TYeasurer.

We, the undersigned Auditors, having made a careful cxamination the Books of the Society, for the year ending 31st December, 1864, hereby cerlify to their correctness; and also to tho continued efficiency of the management of the Sociely's business by the Secretary and Treasurer and his Assistants.
W. B. PHIPPS, HENRY PELLA'TT. \} Auditors.
Tononto, 7th February, 1865.
At the Annual General Meeting, held on the 8th February, 1865, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Report:

Resolved, -That this Meeting, deairous of expressing in some commemorative manner their high appreciation of the official qualifications and Institutional fidelity of the Society's Seoretary, Mr. J. Harbert Mason, do appropriate the sum of One Hundred Pounds for the purchase of a suitable Testimonial, to be selected and presented to him by the Board of Directors, with such inscription thereon, or address therewith, as they may deem agreeable to the proposed object.

SUMMARY OF ACCUMULATING UNADVANCED SHARES-DECEMBER 318T, 1864.


## PROFESSIONS AND DESIGNATIONS OF INVESTING SHAREHOLDERS.




