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### ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1903  
of the condition and affairs of the U. S.  
Branch of the Sun Ins. Office of London orga-  
nized under the laws of the Kingdom of Great  
Britain made to the Commissioner of Insur-  
ance of the state of North Dakota, in  
pursuance of the laws of said state.  
U. S. Manager, J. J. Gulle.  
Principal Office 54 Pine St., New York  
Attorney for service in the state of North  
Dakota.  
Name: Commissioner of Insurance.  
Location: Bismarck.  
Organized or Incorporated A. D. 1710.  
Commenced business in U. S. August 1, 1882.

**Assets.**

Value of Real Estate owned by the Company	\$ 261,000 00
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	57,000 00
United States Stocks and Bonds	378,800 00
Railroad Bonds and Stocks	1,027,550 85
State, City, County and other Bonds	10,700 00
Cash on hand and in bank	279,649 07
Interest due and accrued	26,025 90
Premiums in course of collection and transmission	274,550 33
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,911,882 15</b>

**Liabilities.**

Gross claims for losses adjusted and unpaid	\$ 30,548 54
Gross claims for losses upon which no action has been taken	141,112 00
Losses resisted by the company	17,572 10
<b>Total gross amount of claims for losses</b>	<b>\$ 219,232 64</b>
Deduct re-insurance and salvage claims thereon	7,406 28
Net amount of unpaid losses	211,826 36
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	1,728,451 83
All other liabilities	12,166 21
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,951,751 39</b>

**Receipts.**

Premiums received during the year in cash	\$ 2,022,548 61
Interest and dividends received during the year	80,875 09
Reins received during the year	10,745 05
Amount received from all other sources	2,218 75
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$ 2,116,407 44</b>

**Disbursements.**

Losses paid during the year	\$ 1,007,983 41
Remitted Head Office	175,010 83
Paid for commissions	543,433 30
Paid for salaries, fees and other charges	112,817 53
Paid for taxes	53,771 33
Amount of other disbursements	128,171 99
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 2,021,190 31</b>

**North Dakota Business.**

Total risks taken during the year	\$ 217,721 00
Total premiums received during the year	2,988 41
Total losses incurred during the year	3,737 99
Total amount of losses paid during the year	5,982 99

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,  
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.  
I, Ferd Leutz, commissioner of insurance of the state of North Dakota do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the original statement now on file in this office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, this 2nd day of May, A. D. 1904.

(SEAL) Commissioner of Insurance.  
W. C. GILBREATH,  
Deputy.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,  
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.  
COMPANIES CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.  
Whereas, The Sun Insurance Office of London, England, incorporation organized under the laws of Great Britain has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 1903, conformable to the requirements of the laws of this state, regulating the business of insurance, and  
Whereas, The said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the insurance laws aforesaid.

Now therefore, I, Ferd Leutz, commissioner of insurance of the state of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered, through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this state according to laws thereof until the 31st day of December, A. D. 1904.

(SEAL) Commissioner of Insurance.  
W. C. GILBREATH,  
Deputy.

### Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
Land Office at Fargo, N. Dak., June 27, '04.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, Clerk District Court, at Cooperstown, N. D., on August 6, 1904, viz: LAEG, ISRAELSON.  
H. E. No. 23409 for the NW 1/4 of sec. 12, in Twp. 147, N. of range 20, E. of Range 104.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Gilbert Olson, Andrew Anderson, John N. Johnson and Martin Olson, of Cooperstown, N. D.  
C. C. SCHUYLER,  
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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George Palmner, T. M. Flick, Fred Wilke, of Cooperstown, N. D.; Walter Richardson, of Hannaford, N. D.  
C. C. SCHUYLER,  
Register.

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H. E. No. 23409 for the SW 1/4 of sec. 12, in Twp. 147, N. of range 20, E. of Range 104.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: M. L. Ruggles, M. Peterson, Wilmet Houghton, Will H. Carlson, of Cooperstown, N. D.  
C. C. SCHUYLER,  
Register.

### Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Mary Colby, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Thura L. LeValley, Executrix of the last will of Mary Colby, late of the city of Moorhead in the county of Clay and state of Minnesota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said Executrix at the office of W. J. & LeValley in the town of Maye, in Barnes county, North Dakota. Dated Cooperstown, June 30th, A. D. 1904.  
THURA L. LAVALLEY,  
Executrix.

### ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT.

For the year ending December 31, 1903, of the condition and affairs of the Merchants State Mutual Ins. Co. of Fargo, N. D. organized under the laws of the state of North Dakota, made to the Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said state.  
President, E. Lincoln.  
Vice-President, F. H. Wilder.  
Secretary, E. A. Tyler.  
Principal office at Fargo, N. D.  
Attorney for service in the state of North Dakota:  
Name, Commissioner of Insurance.  
Location, Bismarck, N. D.  
Organized or incorporated Nov. 6, 1902.  
Commenced business November 6, 1902.

**Balance Sheet.**

Amount of net or invested assets December 31st of previous year	\$ 4,177 73
<b>Income During Year 1903.</b>	
Gross amount due and unpaid at close of previous year as shown by last report	4,083 43
Gross amount received during the year from business written in 1903 including notes and cash	66,850 10
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,033 53</b>

Deduct gross amount of premium in course of collection at this date	9,664 42
Entire premiums collected during year	61,369 11
Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement and return premiums	2,006 29
<b>Net amount actually received for premiums</b>	<b>59,362 82</b>
Interest on Real Estate Mortgage Loans	8 55
From all other sources, viz: (Guarantee Profit and Loss account) commissions	569 29
Net footings	64,118 66

**Disbursements During The Year.**

Gross amount paid for losses (including \$200 occurring in previous year)	6,954 22
Deduct from reinsurance in other companies, \$1,061.75	1,061 75
<b>Net amount paid during the year for losses</b>	<b>5,892 47</b>
Cash premiums returned during year on terminated policies	2 70
Paid policyholders note of dividends, \$101.48	3,061 48
Total paid policyholders during the year, not including amount paid for losses	3,064 18
Commissions or brokerage to agents	790 75
Salaries, fees and charges, officers, \$3372.38; clerks, \$718.41; other employes, \$359.09	7,512 23
Ins. department fees and Agents Licenses \$62.00	62 00
Rents for Company's use of own building	253 00
Advertising, printing, and stationery, \$1515.50	1,515 50
Legal expenses, \$115.25	115 25
Furniture and fixtures, \$345.28	345 28
miscellaneous, \$152.12	152 12
<b>Total disbursements during the year</b>	<b>36,333 44</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,785 24</b>

### Non-Invested Assets.

Furniture and fixtures	445 29
<b>Total Non-Invested Assets</b>	<b>\$ 36,230 33</b>

### Ledger Assets.

Mortgage loans on real estate (scheduled)	\$ 4,000 00
First lien, \$400.00	4,000 00
Deposited in bank, \$10,576.38	10,576 38
88, Fargo Nat. Bank	10,576 38
Bills received, \$23,320.30	23,320 30
Agents debit balance	23,654 15
\$1,308 25	38,230 53

### North Dakota Business.

Total risks taken during the year	\$ 2,438,801 00
Total premiums received during the year	61,369 11
Total losses incurred during the year	14,361 41
Dividends 90 days	5,750 00
<b>Total amount of losses paid during the year</b>	<b>6,954 22</b>

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.  
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