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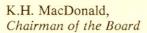
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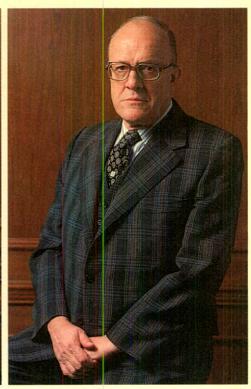
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HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR	1976	1975	Per cent Increase (Decrease)
Gross income	\$ 269,226,000	\$ 243,150,000	10.7
Proportion taken up by —Cost of borrowed money	50.2% 23.1%	47.0% 24.3%	
Earnings applicable to common shares	\$ 31,341,000	\$ 29,462,000	6.4
Dividends paid on common shares	\$ 15,440,000 49.3%	\$ 14,737,000 50.0%	4.8
Earnings per share	\$2.31	\$2.18	
Dividends paid per share	\$1.14	\$1.09	4.6
Per cent return on average common equity	14.99%	15.24%	
AT THE YEAR END			
Total consolidated assets	\$2,409,966,000	\$2,390,847,000	0.8
Total receivables	\$2,301,761,000	\$2,294,945,000	0.3
Main categories: Sales financing—wholesale —retail Consumer loans Residential mortgages Commercial loans and mortgages Leasing	\$ 275,209,000 764,774,000 203,709,000 248,880,000 63,385,000 710,217,000	\$ 286,167,000 771,584,000 216,450,000 202,247,000 63,573,000 724,840,000	(3.8) (0.9) (5.9) 23.1 (0.3) (2.0)
Total debt Short-term debt Other term debt	\$1,545,947,000 621,162,000 924,785,000	\$1,540,203,000 705,864,000 834,339,000	0.4 (12.0) 10.8
Shareholders' equity	\$ 233,761,000	\$ 218,822,000	6.8
Number of common shareholders	11,307 95.9%	11,435 95.8%	(1.1)
Number of common shares outstanding	13,544,033 96.5%	13,541,883 96.3%	0.0
Book value per common share	\$16.03	\$14.84	8.0







J.S. Land, Vice-Chairman of the Board

Earnings applicable to common shares increased for the thirteenth consecutive year reaching \$31.3 million as against \$29.5 million in 1975. On a per share basis, the increase was 13 cents to \$2.31 compared to \$2.18 in the previous year. However, it should be pointed out that an extraordinary item of \$1.3 million, resulting from the sale of your Company's subsidiary in the United Kingdom, represented a gain of 10 cents per share. This subsidiary was sold because its activities do not fit into the overall plans for your Company.

The dividend paid per common share was \$1.14 against \$1.09 in the previous year, and accordingly 1976 was the fortieth consecutive year in which dividends were earned and paid, and in each of the past twenty-one years, the payout exceeded that of the preceding year.

Average funds employed during the year were higher than in 1975 which resulted in an increase of \$26.1 million in gross income, a gain of 10.7% over the previous year. However, the average

rate on borrowed funds was 8.9%, as compared to 8.3% in 1975. As a result of this and increased usage, money costs were up \$21.0 million or 18.4%. General and administrative expenses increased by \$3.1 million, but as a percentage of gross income declined to 23.1% from 24.3% in the previous year.

Since receivables represent 95% of the Company's assets, their sound condition is important to shareholders. In the year 1976, credit losses as a percentage of average receivables were .47%, which relates well to other financial institutions, and is in line with the average loss experience for the past 10 years.

The two insurance subsidiaries, The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada and The Sovereign General Insurance Company, have now successfully combined their operations and each made a meaningful contribution to the Company's earnings.

The financial markets continued to reflect confidence in your Company by the supplying of \$175 million in long-term funds during the year. The parent

company placed secured notes in the amount of U.S. \$50 million with institutional investors in the United States, and secured notes in the amount of \$25 million in Canadian funds through a public offering in the European market. This was followed by the public placement of secured notes in the amount of \$100 million in Canadian funds in the Canadian market.

Your Directors wish to record the following changes made by the Board during 1976.

On April 22, 1976, subsequent to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders,

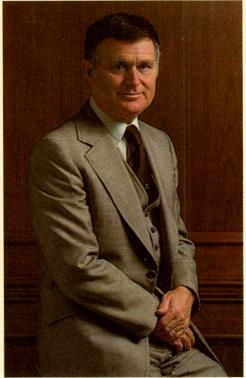
J. S. Land was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board

D. W. Maloney was elected President S. F. Melloy was elected Executive Vice-President.

During the year, because of the Company's announced intention to become a chartered bank, the following Directors who held directorships with other deposit-taking institutions tendered their resignations:



D.W. Maloney, President



S.F. Melloy, Executive Vice-President

Frank M. Covert, Q.C. John S. Dewar Conrad F. Harrington Louis A. Lapointe, Q.C. Charles I. Rathgeb Renault S. St. Laurent, Q.C. James C. Thackray Dennis K. Yorath

They served your Company with distinction, and their individual contributions were deeply appreciated by their colleagues. Their resignations were accepted with regret.

The following were elected to the Board:

Stanley D. Clarke

George L. Crawford, Q.C.

Stanley F. Melloy

L. Edmond Ricard

Struan Robertson

C. Harry Rosier

Adam H. Zimmerman, F.C.A.

The following executive appointments made by the Board of Directors were announced during 1976:

B.F. London, Senior Vice-President L.R. Woodall, Senior Vice-President W.S. Smuk, Vice-President K.E. Woodall, Vice-President

Bill S-30 proposing the conversion of the Company to a chartered bank was left on the order paper of the last Parliament. However, a new Bill, C-1001, is presently before the House of Commons. At the date of this report, it is awaiting second reading. Meanwhile, the Company is continuing its plans for conversion to a chartered bank with the formation of appropriate management structures for the extension of a broader range of financial services.

The results recorded in this Annual Report speak well for the manner in which the men and women of the IAC companies across Canada approached their responsibilities. Your Directors wish to record their appreciation and warm thanks for their efforts.

The current outlook for the Canadian economy is considered to be one of uncertainty, particularly in the area of business capital spending. However, your Directors feel that some continued progress in the fields in which it participates can be expected of your Company. Moreover, the recent decline in the cost of short-term borrowings, if it persists, will be very constructive from an earnings viewpoint. Your Directors are of the opinion that the results for the year 1977 will once again be satisfactory.

On behalf of the Board,

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Chairman

President

February 23, 1977

Chart 1 Sources of Gross Income (before provision for doubtful receivables)

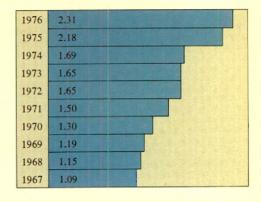
Marketable investments	1%
Commercial loans and mortgages	3%
Casualty insurance premiums	7%
Residential mortgages	12%
Consumer loans	14%
Leasing	17%
Sales financing (consumer & business)	46%

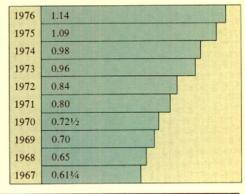
Chart 2 Composition of Gross Income Distribution

Provision for doubtful receivables	4%
Casualty insurance claims incurred	5%
Earnings retained in the business	5%
Dividends paid	6%
Income taxes	10%
General expenses excluding salaries	10%
Salaries and employee benefits	12%
Cost of borrowed money	48%

Chart 3

Earnings per share \$Dividends per share \$





Gross Income

Total gross income, including casualty insurance premiums and investment income, was up \$26.1 million or 10.7%. Average receivables outstanding were higher than in the previous year by 9.6% resulting in gross income from receivables increasing 9.4%.

In recognition of continuing uncertainties in the economy, the provision for doubtful receivables was increased by \$1 million.

Chart 1 Sources of Gross Income (before provision for doubtful receivables)

Continuing change in the overall mix of receivables is altering the relative im-

portance of various activities in terms of gross income produced. Income from commercial loans, leasing and mortgages, on a proportionate basis, is growing faster than that produced by sales financing and consumer loans.

Chart 2 Composition of Gross Income Distribution

The most noteworthy change in the distribution of gross income was the increased proportion allocated to the cost of borrowed money. The average cost of the latter rose from 8.3% in 1975 to 8.9%. Also, the amount used was somewhat larger.

Chart 3 Earnings per share \$ Dividends per share \$

The increase of 13¢ per share in earnings, while less than the increase in the previous year, compared favourably with the average annual increase over the last ten years.

The payout by way of dividends exceeded that of the previous year as has been the case in each of the past twenty-one years. The amount paid out represented 49.3% of available earnings which was very close to the average percentage over the last decade.

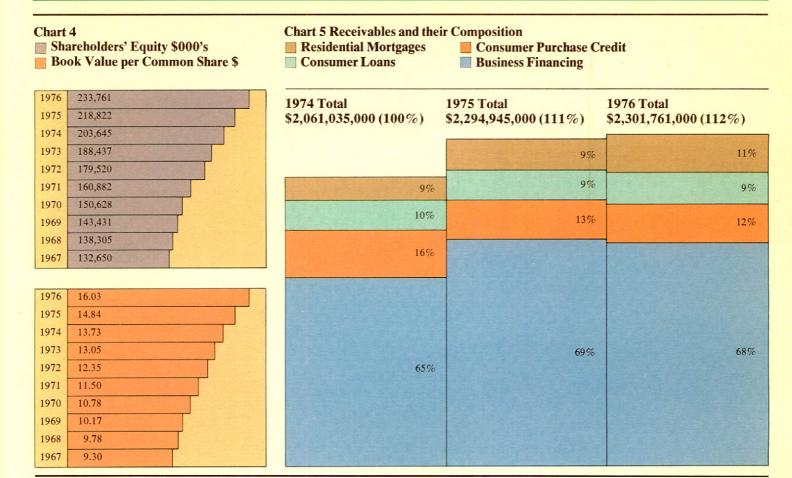


Chart 4 Shareholders' Equity \$000's Book Value per Common Share \$

Due to the redemption of preferred shares under the Preferred Share Purchase Fund, the total of capital stock outstanding declined somewhat, but an increase of over \$16 million in retained earnings resulted in a 7% increase in shareholders' equity. The return on common equity of 14.99% in 1976 was at the second highest level in the last ten years.

Chart 5 Receivables and their Composition

Uncertainties in the economy during 1976, along with unusually high unem-

ployment, limited growth in the overall portfolio of receivables. Demand for residential mortgages, however, continued buoyant. As a consequence, such mortgages now represent 11% of receivables, with consumer purchase credit and business financing accounting for slightly decreased proportions of the total.

Summary

While considerable uncertainty still exists as to the outlook for business in Canada in 1977, your Company remains moderately optimistic. New and improved plans for financing, which have already been introduced, should be

helpful in obtaining a sound market share. The current trend towards lower cost of borrowed funds, if it persists, will be most helpful. It is widely anticipated that the Government will act to stimulate the economy which should be constructive in strengthening demand for a number of your Company's services. It is well positioned to capitalize on opportunities which the year 1977 may offer.





Atlantic Division headquarters are now located in this meticulouslyrestored building at 1684 Barrington Street in downtown Halifax. Division management occupies the third and fourth floors, while integrated main branch operations occupy the first and second floors. The interior view shows one of the building's original walls, incorporating half a dozen kinds of brick and stone materials, some of which were first brought to Halifax as ballast in 19th century sailing ships returning from European

In this age of widespread transformations in many aspects of life, we have grown accustomed to seeing things altered for novelty's sake. Such changes are often more apparent than real; they alter the surface of things, but underneath, they remain much the same.

During 1976, precisely the opposite kind of change took place within the IAC companies. On the surface, the companies in the corporate group have retained their legal and financial identities. But internally there has been a fundamental restructuring that will profoundly alter the way these companies will build their collective future in the years to come.

For management purposes, we have called the process integration. It might also have been called rationalization, reorientation, or reorganization. All of these terms at least partially describe the changes that have been made. They

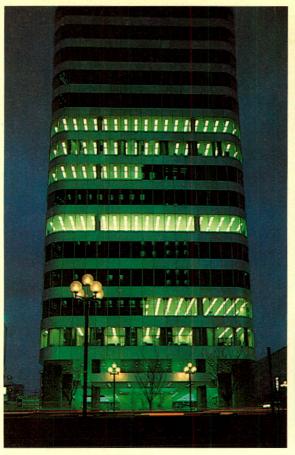
all reflect a single, overall strategy: that of drawing together the separate operational entities within the IAC group to form a single, unified organization working towards a common set of objectives.

This step foreshadows the unified management structure that will be required when the present group of companies converts to banking operations. In addition, the unification process will deliver immediate benefits in terms of greater operating efficiency and a significant expansion of growth opportunities for the Company.

A fully integrated head office and division management structure was put into effect as of October, 1976, and the new organization is now running smoothly. It was created along functional lines in order to bring similar or closely related activities together under unified management direction, regardless of the

legal entities involved. For example, all mortgage business is now administered by a single management group, even though these investments are carried by several subsidiary companies. The same principle has been applied to the consumer service and business financing portfolios, as well as to the business development function and the provision of all services.

Because these new functional structures anticipate the business that will be done in the banking field, they provide a sound framework for the planning and preparation that must be carried out before the bank can commence operations. The designing and installing of new systems and procedures, the training and development of specialists, the improvement and extension of services, and the acquisition and maintenance of a presence in a broader range of markets are all necessary steps towards the





The Vancouver headquarters of the Western Division are now located on the top floor of this ultra-modern, 16-storey building at 1090 West Georgia Street, in the heart of the city's business district. The structure, which was completed last year, is surrounded by a raised plaza which provides access to the ground floor branch offices. The multi-functional branch premises now house consumer service, business financing and mortgage units, and are fully-equipped for conversion to banking operations.

ultimate objective. Activity in all these areas will increase as the new structure continues to make its influence felt.

Of course, these changes have required personnel at all levels to adapt to new responsibilities. To their credit, they have responded well to this challenge, and have been quick to perceive the greater opportunities for personal growth.

As soon as the integration of head office and divisional offices was completed, the same process was launched at the branch level. Because of the large number of offices involved, over 450 separate administrative units in over 260 locations, the branches are being integrated progressively. One of the objectives at this level is to relocate or improve branch premises to meet the higher standards necessary for future expansion of services. The restructured network will function at a higher level of

productivity than formerly, and will be better equipped to market the existing range of services with greater efficiency.

Division headquarters in Halifax and Vancouver have already been relocated in premises which provide quality environments in both cities' financial districts for Division management, as well as appropriate ground floor accommodations for principal branch offices. As the pictures on these pages show, both the buildings selected are of contrasting but equally distinctive characters, and both meet all necessary criteria for the future development of banking operations.

The Halifax building is especially noteworthy; it was erected near the turn of the century, and underwent a complete restoration last year. To preserve the structure's historical integrity, IAC worked closely with the owner/developer in installing interior appointments

in solid oak and brickwork consistent with the original design. The result is a building which has already won awards from Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia for developer Robert Stapells (as developer of the year in Nova Scotia) and for the building itself as the best commercial restoration in Atlantic Canada. Mr. Stapells has also been invited to apply for Heritage Canada's national award for commercial restoration.

Throughout 1977, the integration process will continue, and further improvements will be initiated. The result will be a stronger, more responsive and more versatile organization, well prepared to realize the expansion opportunities of the next decade.

(Continued overleaf)



R.E. Campbell, Senior Vice-President and Senior General Manager



A.P. Bolin, Senior Vice-President — Corporate Development



B.F. London, Senior Vice-President — Consumer Services

The IAC group of companies is now operated by a single integrated management organization, incorporating personnel from the former structures of both IAC and Niagara.

The new organization has four main functional areas, each headed by an officer who reports to Senior General Manager R. E. Campbell. They are A. P. Bolin, Senior Vice-President — Corporate Development, B. F. London, Senior Vice-President — Consumer Services, F. P. Paradis, Senior Vice-President — Business Financing, and L. R. Woodall, Senior Vice-President — Mortgages. Each of these men has overall corporate responsibility for all activities within his functional area throughout the group of companies.

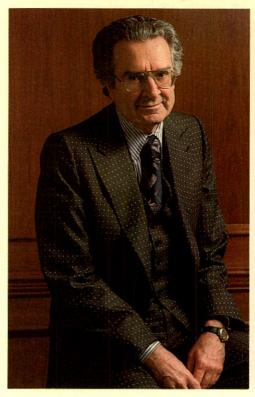
The divisional headquarters in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver have also been restructured along these same lines. Under each Division General Manager, there are Assistant General Managers, responsible for the same functional areas, so that lines of authority within the divisions parallel those of the head office. The result is a management structure which supersedes and erases all former lines of separation within the old structure, right down to branch level.

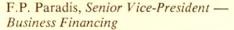
The Capital Funds Division, because of its specialized functions, remains headquartered in Toronto and has a somewhat different branch network. This reflects the fact that this division's market is concentrated in the major

urban centers and its leasing services are more complex in nature than those of the other divisions.

W. R. Livingston, as President of The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada and The Sovereign General Insurance Company, has carried out a similar integration of insurance operations during the past few years. However, since these companies cannot legally form part of the amalgamated operations of the bank when it is created, no attempt is being made to include the Sovereign companies in the continuing corporate unification program.

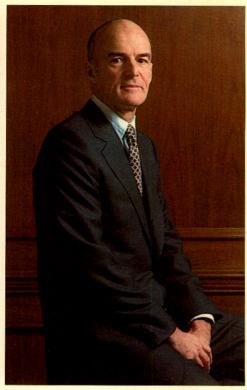
While the new structure is more centralized at the senior levels than the former organization, care has been taken







L.R. Woodall, Senior Vice-President — Mortgages



W.R. Livingston, *President* Sovereign companies

to counterbalance this with greater decentralization of authority over day to day operations, IAC has long recognized the importance of personal service relationships in dealing with its clients and customers, and these relationships can only be maintained by a sensitive and responsive organization. Consequently, appropriate latitude for local decision making has been extended to both division and branch management, to enable them to meet clients' needs promptly and efficiently. Preserving the ability to react quickly to changing requirements reinforces the Company's long standing policy of bringing its services to its clients, rather than obliging them to visit branch offices.

Another significant benefit of the new

structure at the branch level is that it facilitates offering the full range of available services to all customers. Under the old structure, lines of division between operating groups sometimes impeded this process, resulting in marketing inefficiencies. These have now been eliminated so that all branches have maximum opportunity to both enlarge and deepen their penetration of available markets.

The expansion of career opportunities for all employees within the integrated structure has brought with it an expanded need for staff training and development. To meet this requirement, several major new programs have been introduced during the past year, and several more are under intensive development. Every

effort is being made to ensure that all employees, from all parts of the IAC organization, will have equal access to the training necessary to develop their full potential.

Needless to say, the implementation of these programs has placed additional burdens on the Company in terms of operating and administrative expenses. However, all of these expenses have been absorbed on a current basis without adversely affecting the Company's earnings performance. Future financial benefits arising from increased efficiency under the new structure will therefore have a favourable impact.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS for the year ended December 31, 1976

	19° \$00		1975 \$000's	
Gross Income (note 2)		269,226		243,150
Expenditure				
Cost of borrowed money—				
Short-term debt	61,889		50,400	
Other term debt	73,376		63,865	
	135,265		114,265	
Casualty insurance claims incurred	13,032		11,125	
General and administrative	62,231	210,528	59,134	184,524
General and administrative		58,698		58,626
Provision for Income Taxes		20,000		00,020
Current	5,707		6,175	
Deferred	23,434	29,141	23,143	29,318
Deterred	20,101	29,557		29,308
December of the street of the		29,551		27,500
Parent company's portion of increase				
in unassigned surplus of life		851		798
assurance subsidiary (note 1 (a))		031		170
Share of earnings of mortgage insurance company (note 1 (a))		512		344
		30,920		30,450
Earnings before Extraordinary Item		30,920		30,430
Extraordinary Item				
Gain on sale of the United Kingdom subsidiary,		1,347		
net of \$475,000 deferred income taxes				20.450
Earnings for the Year		32,267		30,450

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

	1976	1975
	\$000's	\$000's
Earnings for the year	32,267	30,450
Dividends on preferred shares	926	988
Earnings Applicable to Common Shares	31,341	29,46
Dividends on common shares at \$1.14 per share (1975—\$1.09)	15,440	14,73
Earnings retained in the business	15,901	14,72
Gain on preferred shares purchased for cancellation	302	11-
Increase in retained earnings for the year	16,203	14,83
Retained earnings at beginning of year	149,907	135,06
Retained earnings at end of year (note 4)	166,110	149,90
	1976	197
	(4)	(4)
	(\$)	(\$
Calculated on daily average of common shares outstanding—13,543,285; 1975—13,513,111 (note 5)		
	$\frac{2.21}{2.31}$	2.1 2.1

ASSETS	1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
Cash	57,774	64,95
Receivables		
Sales financing—wholesale	275,209	286,16
—retail	764,774	771,58
Dealer loans	16,452	17,02
Inventory financing	12,461	9,68
Consumer loans	203,709	216,45
Residential mortgages	248,880	202,24
Commercial loans and mortgages	63,385	63,57
Leasing	710,217	724,84
Other	6,674	3,38
	2,301,761	2,294,94
Allowance for doubtful receivables	24,057	23,64
Allowance for additional receivables	2,277,704	2,271,30
Marketable Securities—at cost plus accrued interest		_,_,,,,,,
(quoted value 1976—\$19,953,000; 1975—\$15,983,000) (note 7)	20,959	17,95
Commercial Paper Receivable (note 7)	16,325	2,91
Investments in Non-Consolidated Subsidiary	10,020	
and other Companies		
Life assurance subsidiary (note 1 (a))	8,615	7,76
Mortgage insurance company (note 1 (a))	6,402	4,49
Other companies—at cost	1,564	1,60
Other companies—at cost	16,581	13,86
Other Assets and Defermed Changes		13,00
Other Assets and Deferred Charges Cash committed for preferred stock retirement		43
Income taxes recoverable	248	19
Leasehold improvements and prepaid expenses	2,691	3,05
Unamortized debt discount and expense	13,365	11,71
Premises and equipment—at cost, less accumulated	13,303	11,71
depreciation of \$6,234,000 (1975—\$5,859,000)	4,319	4,46
depreciation of \$0,234,000 (1973—\$3,639,000)	20,623	19,85
	2,409,966	2,390,84
	2,409,900	2,390,84

cecured Demand Bank Loans ecured Short-Term Notes ecured Term Notes (Schedule A and notes 1 (d) and 9) Debentures (Schedule B and note 9)	1976 \$000's 17,500 603,662 761,993	1975 \$000's 28,122 677,742
ecured Short-Term Notes	603,662	677,742
Pecured Term Notes (Schedule A and notes 1 (d) and 9)		
Debentures (Schedule B and note 9)	761,993	
Debentures (Schedule B and note 9)		670,183
	122,176	126,897
ubordinated Debentures (Schedule C and notes 9 and 12)	35,158	35,355
Jnsecured Term Notes (notes 1 (d) and 8)	5,458	1,904
Paralles	1,545,947	1,540,203
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	85,307	70.00
Income taxes	1,885	79,004 3,333
Dealer credit balances	14,810	16,613
Beater credit balances	102,002	98,954
Jnearned Income (note 10)	375,588	406,005
Unrealized Foreign Exchange Gain (note 1 (d))	3,624	1,728
Deferred Income Taxes (note 11)	149,044	125,135
	2,176,205	2,172,025

Preferred shares

Retained Earnings (note 4)

16,623

51,028

67,651

166,110

233,761

2,409,966

17,918

50,997

68,915

149,907

218,822

2,390,847

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION for the year ended December 31, 1976 1976 1975 \$000's \$000's Sources of Funds Operations— 30,920 30,450 **2,263** 1,322

Amortization of debt discount and expense	2,263	1,322
Amortization and depreciation of fixed assets	1,751	1,708
Provision for deferred income taxes	23,434	23,143
Contribution to earnings of unconsolidated		
subsidiary and mortgage insurance company	(1,363)	(1,142)
	57,005	55,481
Borrowings—		
Short-term debt—issues, less redemptions	(86,093)	79,377
Other term debt—		
Proceeds from new borrowings	238,442	117,293
Redemptions	149,914	68,063
Redemptions	88,528	49,230
	2,435	$\frac{128,607}{128,607}$
		120,007
Funds received on sale of a subsidiary	10,447	_
Less: Cost of assets sold	(8,625)	
	1,822	
	61,262	184,088
Uses of Funds		
Increase (decrease) in operating assets—		
Receivables—		
Sales financing, dealer loans and inventory financing	(15,559)	(31,311)
Consumer loans	(12,741)	(167)
Residential mortgages	46,633	26,628
Commercial loans and mortgages	(188)	13,094
Leasing	(14,623)	226,139
Louising	3,522	234,383
Less: Increase in allowance for doubtful receivables	417	2,984
Increase (decrease) in unearned income	(30,417)	91,238
increase (decrease) in uncarned income	33,522	140,161
I was a lately associated and commercial popul	16,419	1,069
Investment in marketable securities and commercial paper	49,941	141,230
	49,941	141,230
Capital stock—	002	363
Preferred shares—cost of redemptions	993	(815)
Common shares—proceeds of issues	(31)	
	962	(452)
Investment in mortgage insurance and other companies	1,356	134
Dividends paid on preferred and common shares	16,366	15,725
Other—	(4.44.5)	0.050
Net decrease (increase) in payables	(4,415)	8,259
Net increase (decrease) in other assets including		
other receivables	4,235	651
	18,504	24,317
	68,445	165,547
Increase (decrease) in cash	(7,183)	18,541
	61,262	184,088

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended December 31, 1976

1. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Principles of consolidation

The statements consolidate the accounts of the company and its subsidiaries with the exception of those of The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada. The accounting practices of this subsidiary are in accordance with the requirements of the insurance laws of Canada and therefore consolidation of its accounts is considered to be inappropriate. The investment in its shares is stated at cost plus the parent company's portion of increase in unassigned surplus of the subsidiary since acquisition.

The company's 40% investment in shares of The Sovereign Mortgage Insurance Company has been accounted for on the equity method. (b) Recognition of revenue Precomputed charges on sales financing retail receivables for terms for less than forty-eight months and on consumer loan receivables are taken into income using the sum-of-the-digits method on an account by account basis. Because this method does not maintain the original yield over longer terms, on sales financing retail contracts written for terms in excess of forty-eight months, unearned income is taken into earnings on the actuarial yield basis.

Discount on residential mortgages purchased is brought into income over the remaining term of the mortgage using the actuarial yield method.

Leasing transactions are reported in

accordance with the financing method of accounting. The excess of aggregate rentals over the cost of the leased asset is recorded as unearned income at the time of the transaction. Income is taken up over the term of the lease pro rata to the declining balance of the investment. Gains arising from residual values of leased assets are reflected in earnings only when realized. Contractual disposal proceeds negotiated at the inception of the lease are included in unearned income and taken up as described above.

Casualty insurance premiums written, less an amount representing estimated acquisition expenses, are deferred and then taken into income evenly over the term of the related policies.

(c) Allowance for doubtful receivables For IAC sales financing, dealer loans, commercial loans and leasing, such allowance is established by evaluating individual accounts. For consumer loans, sales financing by Niagara Finance Company Limited and residential mortgage receivables such allowance is set up as a percentage of total receivables. In all companies, after collection possibilities have been exhausted, any balance remaining on an account is written off. (d) Translation of foreign currencies Unhedged assets and liabilities are translated to Canadian funds at current exchange rates. Fully hedged borrowings are recorded at exchange rates established

under forward exchange contracts.
Exchange gains and losses on current assets and liabilities are considered to be realized and are reflected in the statement of earnings for the current fiscal year. Net unrealized exchange gains resulting from the difference between the current exchange rate and the exchange rate at the date the proceeds of unhedged term borrowings were received are deferred and carried in "Unrealized Foreign Exchange Gains" in the balance sheet.

(e) Amortization of debt discount and expense

Debt discount and expense is amortized over the term of the related debt instrument. If the debt is prepayable or exchangeable at the holder's option, the amortization is calculated to the first optional maturity date. When a debt obligation is redeemed prior to maturity, the related unamortized charges are written off in the month of redemption. (f) Methods of depreciation

Buildings are depreciated on a straight-lir

Buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the rate of 2.5% per annum. All other physical assets are depreciated at the maximum rates allowed by the regulations of the Canadian Income Tax Act for claiming capital cost allowance.

Leasehold improvements are amortized in accordance with the regulations of the same Act over the term of the respective leases.

2. Gross Income	1976	1975	Increase (decrease)	
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	%
Sales financing	131,066	127,612	3,454	2.7
Consumer loans	39,242	41,358	(2,116)	(5.1)
Residential mortgages	33,451	27,312	6,139	22.5
Commercial loans and mortgages	8,004	6,134	1,870	30.5
Leasing	47,779	34,846	12,933	37.1
	259,542	237,262	22,280	9.4
Provision for doubtful receivables	11,617	10,628	989	9.3
	247,925	226,634	21,291	9.4
Casualty insurance premiums	19,311	14,977	4,334	28.9
Marketable securities and commercial paper	1,990	1,539	451	29.3
	269,226	243,150	26,076	10.7

Remuneration of Directors and Officers	1976	1975
Aggregate remuneration of the IAC Limited	\$	\$
directors as directors of:		
IAC Limited	88,452	78,285
Niagara Finance Company Limited	18,150	15,400
The Sovereign General Insurance Company	9,500	8,400
The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada	12,400	9,950
	128,502	112,035
Number of directors of IAC Limited	25	18
Aggregate remuneration of the IAC Limited	\$	\$
officers as officers of IAC Limited	1,513,671	1,542,500
Aggregate remuneration of the IAC Limited		
officers as directors of:		
Niagara Finance Company Limited	10,050	10,050
The Sovereign General Insurance Company	3,000	4,500
The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada	2,600	5,200
	15,650	19,750
Number of IAC Limited officers	26	24
Number of IAC Limited officers who were also directors	1	3

4. Retained Earnings — Statutory Appropriation

As at December 31, 1976 an amount of \$8,377,000, equal to the par value of

preferred shares purchased for cancellation, had been set aside in the accounts out of retained earnings (1975 — \$7,082,000).

5. Fully Diluted Common Stock Earnings per Share

Assuming that all conversion rights outstanding at December 31, 1976 had actually been exercised at the beginning of the year, fully diluted earnings per common share for the year ended December 31, 1976 would have been:

(1) Before extraordinary	Ą	Ф
item	2.10	2.07
(2) After extraordinary		
item	2.20	2.07

1976

1975

The calculation assumes that earnings applicable to common shares were increased:

(a) by \$21,500 representing the elimination of interest, net of income taxes, attributable to the 7% convertible subordinated debentures, and (b) by \$1,163,500 representing the elimination of interest, net of income taxes, attributable to the 91/2 % convertible subordinated debentures.

6. Maturities of Gross Receivables and Payables			(i	n millions	of dollar	rs)		
•	1	2	3	4	5	6-10	Over 10	
	year	years	years	years	years	years	years	Total
Receivables								
Sales financing —								
Wholesale	275.2		_	_	_	_	-	275.2
Retail	381.9	230.9	103.4	25.7	10.7	12.1	0.1	764.8
Dealer loans	5.0	3.5	2.4	1.3	2.7	1.3	0.2	16.4
Inventory financing	12.5	_	_	_	_	_	_	12.5
Consumer loans	92.8	68.2	33.3	8.2	1.2	_	_	203.7
Residential mortgages	7.6	9.5	11.8	13.6	11.4	53.2	141.8	248.9
Commercial loans and mortgages	20.4	12.1	9.6	6.8	10.3	3.0	1.2	63.4
Leasing	103.6	99.8	84.9	67.2	55.8	193.7	105.2	710.2
Other receivables	6.7	_	_	_	_	_	_	6.7
	905.7	424.0	245.4	122.8	92.1	263.3	248.5	2,301.8
Payables								
Debt*	715.4	67.9	35.8	79.7	53.3	430.0	163.9	1,546.0
Other	93.5	5.3	2.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	_	102.0
	808.9	73.2	38.1	80.2	53.5	430.2	163.9	1,648.0
Excess of Receivables (Payables)	96.8	350.8	207.3	42.6	38.6	(166.9)	84.6	653.8

*Allocation not adjusted for sinking fund, mandatory redemption and purchase fund requirements. (See note 9).

7. Marketable Securities and Commercial Paper Receivable

Marketable securities include those held by the casualty insurance subsidiary, at cost plus accrued income, amounting to \$17,206,000 (1975—\$14,196,000) (quoted value 1976—\$16,200,000; 1975—\$12,228,000).

Commercial paper receivable includes that which is held by the casualty insurance subsidiary at cost plus accrued interest amounting to \$6,315,000 (1975—\$2,914,000).

B. Unsecured Term Notes Unsecured notes comprise: Parent company—			976 000's	1975 \$000's
8% term note for U.S. \$3,879,000 (1975-semi-annual instalments until 1986	—nil) repayable in equal	3	,913	_
Niagara Finance Company Limited— 6% term note for U.S. \$1,533,000 (1975—	-U.S. \$1,874,000) repayable	1	,545	1,904
in equal semi-annual instalments until	1981		,458	1,90
. Sinking Fund, Mandatory Redemption	Certain issues have purchase fund	(In millions of dollars)		
and Purchase Fund Requirements The sinking fund and mandatory	requirements which are non-cumulative and under which the IAC companies are	Years ending December 31		
edemption requirements for the years	required to redeem only debt instruments	1977		\$18.
nding December 31, 1977 to 1981 are	offered to them subject to limitations as	1978		\$15.
s follows: \$000's	to price and aggregate annual amounts.	1979		\$14.
977 2,665	It is not possible to predict the amounts	1980		\$11.
978 5,639	that will be offered by holders. The	1981		\$10.
979 5,650	maximum purchase fund requirements	1982-1986		\$30.
980 5,650 981 6,255	for the years ending December 31, are as follows:	after 1986		\$29.
10. Unearned Income		1976		1975
Unearned income comprises:		\$000		\$000's
	es financing-retail receivables			116,37
	sumer loans			37,43
	nortgages			4,15
	eivables			242,38 5,66
Unearned casualty insurance premiums				
		375,58	= =	406,00
11. Deferred Income Taxes				
Deferred income taxes arise from timing differences relating to the treatment for				
ncome tax purposes of income and		1976		1975
expenses associated with the following:		\$000		\$000
				76
Unamortized debt discount and expense		7	18	1,13
			34	19
Premises and equipment				
Premises and equipment		1,0 :		67
Premises and equipment			20	122,36 125,13

12. Common Shares

Common shares are reserved for issue as follows:

(a) Conversion right exercisable until October 31, 1977 at 70 shares (equivalent to \$14.285 per share) for each \$1,000 of principal of the 1967 7% convertible subordinated debentures

42,000

subordinated debentures
(b) Conversion right exercisable until
July 14, 1979 at 50 shares (equivalent to
\$20 per share) and thereafter, until July
14, 1984 at 46 shares (equivalent to
\$21.74 per share) for each \$1,000 of
principal of the 1974 9½ % convertible
subordinated debentures

 $\frac{1,194,950}{1,236,950}$

13. Commitments Under Leases

The companies have leases on office premises used for their business, requiring rental payments as follows:

Years	Approximate annual rental
1977	2,729,000
1978	2,396,000
1979	2,002,000
1980	1,237,000
1981	709,000
The aggregate rentals for 1	982 and

The aggregate rentals for 1982 an thereafter amount to \$3,998,000.

14. Contingent Liabilities

IAC and some of its subsidiaries are parties to certain litigation incidental to the kind of business conducted. In the opinion of management, the ultimate liability, if any, will not materially affect the companies' consolidated financial position or results of operations.

15. Conversion to a Chartered Bank

The directors and shareholders of the company have approved the conversion of the company into a chartered bank. A private member's bill, currently before Parliament, must be passed before conversion can commence.

16. Anti-Inflation Act

The company and its subsidiaries are subject to the provisions of the Federal Anti-Inflation Legislation restraining prices, profit margins, compensation and dividends.

It has been publicly stated that the Anti-Inflation Board will deal reasonably with companies holding large proportions of their assets and liabilities in long-term contracts entered into in earlier years. In the opinion of management it can be demonstrated that any "excess revenues" during the control period to date derived from transactions originated before the inauguration of the Anti-Inflation controls on October 14, 1975.

	Year of		Rate		1976	1975
	issue	Series	%	Maturity date	\$000's	\$000's
Payable in Canadian funds—				1		
Parent company	1959	"T"	53/4	April 1, 1979	6,000	6,000
	1959	"V"	61/2	December 1, 1979		5,000
	1960	"W"	6	August 15, 1980		7,500
	1961	"X"	53/4	November 15, 1981		8,500
	1962	"Y"	5.40	July 2, 1982		10,000
	1964	"28"	53/4	September 15, 1984		15,00
	1965	"31"	53/4	March 1, 1985		12,500
	1965	"33"	6	December 1, 1985	5,000	5,00
	1966	"34"	61/2	February 1, 1986	6,000	6,00
	1969	"37"*	81/4	May 1, 1979	200	20
	1969	"37"*	83/4	May 1, 1989		1,20
	1972	"39"*	83/4	September 1, 1991	28,625	30,36
	1976	_	91/2	May 15, 1981		50,50
	1976	*	101/4	July 30, 1983		
	1770		10/4	July 30, 1903	230,525	107,26
Ni C	1064	((1))	F3/	A1 15 1004		
Niagara Finance Company Limited	1964	"1"	53/4	April 15, 1984		10,00
	1964	"2"	53/4	May 1, 1985	10,000	10,00
	1965	"3"	53/4	May 1, 1985	10,000	10,00
	1966	"4"	71/2	December 1, 1986		5,00
	1968	"5"	81/4	May 1, 1988		7,50
					42,500	42,50
Niagara Realty of Canada Limited	1970	"A"*	93/4	December 15, 1990		4,71
	1971	"B"*	77/8	December 15, 1986	18,516	19,15
	1972	"C"*	81/4	August 15, 1982	13,465	13,54
	1973	"D"*	77/8	May 15, 1988	18,801	19,33
	1974	"E"*	9	March 1, 1994	23,460	23,99
	1974	"F"*	101/4	June 18, 1981	9,834	9,83
	1974	"F"**	103/8	December 18, 1984	13,494	13,64
					102,180	104,21
D 11: 110 (1 () 1 ())					Par value	
Payable in U.S. funds (note 1 (d))—	1057	"	E1/		U.S. \$000's	16.10
Parent company	1957	"S"	51/2	February 15, 1977	15,870 15,870	16,12
	1962	"Z"	51/4	October 1, 1982	10,000 10,088	10,15
	1963	"27"	51/4	April 1, 1988	10,000 10,088	10,15
	1964	"29"	5	October 1, 1984	10,000 10,088	10,15
	1965	"30"	5	February 15, 1985	15,000 15,132	15,23
	1965	"32"	51/2	October 1, 1987	20,000 20,176	20,31
	1966	"35" "26"*	53/4	February 1, 1986	12,825 12,938	13,02
	1968	"36"* "20"*	73/4	October 15, 1986	11,300 11,398	12,24
	1969	"38"* "40"*	91/2	June 1, 1990	13,050 13,165	13,25
	1974	"40"*	91/4	May 15, 1994	43,000 43,378	43,68
	1976	"41"#	91/2	March 15, 1983	50,000 50,440	16105
					211,045 212,761	164,35
Niagara Finance Company Limited	1975	"6"**	101/2	September 1, 1990	28,500 28,745	30,47

Holders of "37" notes due in 1979 have an option to exchange these notes at maturity for either $8\frac{1}{2}$ % 1984 notes or $8\frac{3}{4}$ % 1989 notes.

Holders of "38" notes have the right to prepayment on June 1, 1980 or 1985.

Holders of "A" notes have the right to prepayment on December 15, 1980 or 1985.

Holders of "B" notes have the right to prepayment on December 15, 1978. Holders of "D" notes have the right to prepayment on May 15, 1980.

Holders of "E" notes have the right to prepayment on March 1, 1980.

The parent company has guaranteed secured notes of Niagara Realty of Canada Limited as to principal, interest

and redemption premiums, if any.

*These notes have purchase fund provisions (note 9).

**These notes have a sinking fund provision (note 9).

#These notes have mandatory redemption provision (note 9).

Yea	r of mat	urity		1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
Notes issued at rates of interest varying from 6.875% to 10.25% Payable in Canadian funds—					
Parent company	1976			_	62,73
t drent company	1977			50,508	53,00
	1978			43,505	12,50
	1979			290	29
	1980			2,515	2,51
				96,818	131,05
Niagara Finance Company Limited	1976				11,31
	1977			880	88
	1978			172	17
	1979			15	1
	1980			20	2
				1,087	12,40
			Par value U.S. \$000's		
Payable in U.S. funds (note 1 (d))—					
Parent company			-		6,83
			5,800	5,816	3,83
	1978		1,800	1,815	27,22
	1979		1,800	1,815	1,82
			1,800	1,815	1,82 1,82
			1,800 20,000	1,815 20,178	20,31
			10,000	10,088	10,15
	1903		43,000	43,342	73,85
	4000				
Niagara Finance Company Limited			1,000 1,000	1,009 1,009	1,01 1,01
			1,000	1,009	1,01
			1,000	1,008	1,01
	1903		4,000	4,035	4,06
			4,000	761,993	670.18
The following secured notes payable in U.S. funds have been converted to Canadian funds at exchange rates established under forward exchange					
contracts:					
Parent company					
"S" notes			15,870		
	ements .		750		
			5,800		
"6" notes sinking fund requireme All other notes payable in U.S. funds	nts		1,500		

DETAILS OF DEBENTURES as at December 31, 1976

Schedule B

	Year of issue	Rate %	Maturity date	Amount authorized and issued \$000's	Outstanding 1976 \$000's	Outstanding 1975 \$000's
Payable in Canadian funds—						
Parent company	1957	53/4 **	January 15, 1977.	12,000	5,324	5,700
	1957	6 **	September 1, 1977	5,000	3,050	3,123
	1958	51/2 **	February 1, 1978.	6,000	3,127	3,251
	1959	6 **	June 15, 1979	10,000	6,686	7,101
	1960	63/4 **	February 1, 1980.	10,000	7,000	7,344
	1961	53/4 **	July 2, 1981	10,000	7,558	7,805
	1962	53/4 **	February 15, 1982	10,000	7,102	7,272
	1965	61/2 *	December 15, 1983	10,000	6,654	6,925
	1966	71/2 *	December 15, 1986	10,000	6,689	6,775
	1970	91/2#	October 15, 1992.	15,000	11,793	12,999
	1975	93/4##	March 25, 1995	30,000	29,785	29,785
					94,768	98,080
Niagara Finance Company Limited	1972	8 ###	April 17, 1977	1.5000	11,978	_
	1972	8 ###	April 17, 1977 April 17, 1992	15,000	430	13,817
	1974	111/2####	October 15, 1994.	15,000	15,000	15,000
					27,408	28,817
					122,176	126,897

^{*}Sinking fund debentures (note 9).

thereafter. Holders have the right to prepayment on March 25, 1983 (note 9).

###These debentures have purchase fund provisions and the holders have the right to prepayment on April 17, 1977. The option for prepayment expired on October 17, 1976 and holders of \$11,978,000 elected to exercise their right (note 9). ####These debentures have purchase fund provisions and the holders have the right to prepayment on October 15, 1979, 1984 and 1989 (note 9).

DETAILS OF SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES as at December 31, 1976

Schedule C

	Year of issue	Rate %	Maturity date	Amount authorized and issued \$000's	Outstanding 1976 \$000's	Outstanding 1975 \$000's
Payable in Canadian funds—						
Parent company	1966	63/4 *	August 15, 1984.	15,000	10,659	10,825
	1967	7 **#	November 1, 1985	10,000	600	630
	1974	91/2 ** ##	July 15, 1994	24,000	23,899	23,900
					35,158	35,355

^{*}Sinking fund debentures (note 9).

provisions until October 31, 1977 and sinking fund provisions thereafter (note 9).

##These debentures have purchase fund provisions (note 9).

^{**}These debentures have purchase fund provisions (note 9).

[#]These debentures have purchase fund provisions until October 15, 1982 and sinking fund provisions thereafter. Holders have the right to prepayment on October 15, 1982 (note 9).

^{##}These debentures have purchase fund provisions until March 25, 1983 and sinking fund provisions

^{**}Convertible debentures (note 12).

[#]These debentures have purchase fund

DETAILS OF CAPITAL STOCK

as at December 31, 1976

Schedule D

6	197	5
Amount \$000's	Shares	Amount \$000's
10,000	100,000	10,000
6,182	52,736	5,274
3,818	47,264	4,726
15,000	600,000	15,000
2,195	72,333	1,808
12,805	527,667	13,192
	327,007	
16,623		17,918
	20,000,000	
50,997	13,487,698	50,182
30	13,790	197
1		_
		618
31		815
51,028	13,541,883	50,997
	31 51,028	

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of IAC Limited and subsidiaries as at December 31, 1976 and the consolidated statements of earnings, retained earnings and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards,

and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of the companies as at December 31, 1976 and the results of their operations and the changes in their

financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Coopers + Lybroud

Toronto, February 11, 1977

Coopers & Lybrand
Chartered Accountants

Accounting Policies

Accounting policies relating to principles of consolidation, recognition of revenue, allowance for doubtful receivables, translation of foreign currencies, amortization of debt discount and expenses and methods of depreciation are presented in note 1 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements, page 15. The accounting practices of the non-consolidated wholly owned life insurance subsidiary are in accordance with the requirements of the insurance laws of Canada.

Branch Start-Up Expenses

Start-up expenses of new branches are charged to current earnings as and when incurred.

Delinquencies

Delinquent accounts are those on which the lesser of \$25 or half of an instalment is past due one month or more.

Renewed accounts are analysed on the

basis of the current payment schedule and extended accounts on the basis of the extended schedule. "Renewal" is a new contract entered into before the expiry of the old for the purpose of reducing the amount of the instalments originally agreed to by the customer. An "extension" means the postponement of all or a part of a current instalment.

The prerequisites for granting renewals or extensions are strictly determined and renewed or extended accounts are carefully controlled. Partial payments, no matter how recent, will not remove an account from delinquent status. The Supplement to this Annual Report contains detailed information.

Intercompany Borrowing

IAC, the parent company, does not borrow from subsidiaries. Subsidiaries are not permitted to invest in IAC securities either by way of debt instruments or of preferred or common stock.

Pension Funds

IAC has a contributory pension plan (based on retirement at age 62) covering all permanent employees aged 27 and over with more than one year of service, except those of the life assurance company. The pension plan is based on the highest average remuneration received over a period of five consecutive years prior to retirement to equal a "final earnings" plan. The company's contribution for 1976 amounted to \$1,267,000 (1975: \$1,217,000). In addition the company contributed \$350,000 (1975: \$315,000) to various government pension plans.

The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada has its own pension plan based on retirement at age 65 for employees in service at December 31, 1970 and at age 62 for staff engaged thereafter.

TEN YEAR OPERATING AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY*

	1976	1975	1974
Assets and Liabilities (\$000's)			
Total assets	2,409,966	2,390,847	2,139,457
Total receivables	2,301,761	2,294,945	2,061,035
Details:			
Sales financing—wholesale	275,209	286,167	287,228
—retail	764,774	771,584	798,840
Consumer loans	203,709	216,450	216,617
Residential mortgages	248,880	202,247	175,619
Commercial loans and mortgages	63,385	63,573	50,479
Leasing	710,217	724,840	498,701
Other receivables	35,587	30,084	33,551
Total debt	1,545,947	1,540,203	1,407,572
Total equity	233,761	218,822	203,645
Debt to equity ratio: times	6.61	7.04	6.91
Operating Highlights (\$000's) (% of gross income)			
Gross income	269,226	243,150	221,750
Cost of borrowed money	135,265 50.2		115,847 52.2
General expenses	62,231 23.1		51,359 23.1
Earnings	32,267 12.0		23,336 10.5
Preferred dividends	926 .4	The state of the s	996 .4
	31,341 11.6		22,340 10.1
Earnings applicable to common shares Average cost of borrowed money %	8.9	8.3	9.0
Common Stock Facts Earnings per share outstanding—daily average	\$2.31	\$2.18	\$1.69
Per cent return on average equity	15.0	15.2	12.6
	\$1.14	\$1.09	\$.98
Dividends paid per share	\$2.31	\$2.31	\$1.86
Income and other taxes per share	11,307	11,435	11,853
Number of shareholders	11,307	11,433	11,055
—year end	13,544,033	13,541,883	13,487,698
—daily average	13,543,285	13,513,111	13,204,861
—owned in Canada—year end %	96.5	96.3	96.3
Book value per share	\$16.03	\$14.84	\$13.73

^{*}The above summary excludes data for The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada. Figures prior to 1969 reflect the two-for-one subdivision of common shares in May 1969.

1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
1,852,885 1,775,134	1,523,353 1,451,213	1,298,134 1,202,435	1,232,688 1,138,981	1,188,228 1,111,494	1,090,326 1,014,893	972,744 893,876
1,775,154	1,451,215	1,202,433	1,130,701	1,111,454	1,014,093	893,870
235,392	215,289	177,130	137,116	138,770	157,468	113,968
725,232	606,912	516,973	533,823	566,407	510,800	458,482
197,479	173,487	159,102	155,565	152,675	149,025	148,525
127,589	94,148	75,992	62,631	52,044	42,000	36,535
33,669	31,346	39,501	56,107	66,829	80,527	90,677
427,499 28,274	307,813 22,218	212,812 20,925	173,089 20,650	113,567 21,202	53,705	23,622
1,203,673	974,080	850,844	841,506	843,284	21,368 795,448	22,067 720,252
188,437	179,520	160,882	150,628	143,431	138,305	132,650
6.39	5.43	5.29	5.59	5.88	5.75	5.43
171,547 73,280 42.7 46,083 26.9 22,494 13.1 1,019 .6 21,475 12.5 7.2	147,635 55,919 37.9 43,214 29.3 21,994 14.9 1,034 .7 20,960 14.2 6.6	138,502 52,838 38.1 40,740 29.4 19,415 14.0 1,064 .8 18,351 13.2 6.7	143,244 60,693 42.4 40,938 28.6 16,862 11.8 1,079 .8 15,783 11.0 7.4	136,327 56,030 41.1 40,161 29.5 15,484 11.4 1,118 .8 14,366 10.5 7.1	122,510 48,958 40.0 36,761 30.0 14,936 12.2 1,146 .9 13,790 11.3 6.7	109,131 41,577 38.1 34,715 31.8 14,205 13.0 1,167 1.1 13,038 11.9 6.2
\$1.65 13.0	\$1.65 13.8	\$1.50 13.5	\$1.30 12.5	\$1.19 12.1	\$1.15 12.1	\$1.09 12.1
\$.96	\$.84	\$.80	\$.721/2	\$.70	\$.65	\$.611
\$1.82	\$1.69	\$1.66	\$1.53	\$1.45	\$1.33	\$1.11
12,510	12,672	12,802	13,502	13,904	14,081	13,675
3,006,293	12,988,399	12,306,118	12,131,720	12,060,587	11,977,828	11,948,622
2,995,747	12,694,400	12,207,770	12,085,813	11,922,218	11,954,178	11,917,132
95.7	96.2	95.2	94.7	94.1	94.1	93.1
\$13.05	\$12.35	\$11.50	\$10.78	\$10.17	\$9.78	\$9.30

Niagara Finance Company Limited is your Company's largest subsidiary. It provides personal cash loans and is also engaged in the leasing of commercial and industrial equipment to major business corporations.

Its operations in 1976 were adversely affected by uncertain economic conditions and unusually high levels of unemployment. As a consequence of this fact and the sale of a small subsidiary in the United Kingdom, total receivables declined by 2.4%.

The overseas subsidiary was sold as it did not fit in with future plans. Its disposal resulted in an extraordinary gain of \$1.3 million.

Net write-offs represented 1.98% of related average receivables compared to 1.75% the previous year. Other delinquency ratios improved. All ratios compared favourably to industry averages. However, in recognition of continued uncertainties in the economy, the allowance for doubtful consumer receivables was increased out of income

to 3.00% of such receivables as compared to 2.75% in 1975.

Earnings for the year, including the extraordinary gain referred to above, were 8.6% higher than in the previous year.

As the result of the recent introduction of new and improved financing plans and the reorganization of various operating structures, it is anticipated that modest progress will be made in 1977.

	in 1977.			
1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
6,364 310.2	5,858 317.8			5,499 198.1
			1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
			42,121	44,579
			5,406 11,667 17,073 15,179	5,687 10,760 16,447 16,579
			32,252 9,869	33,026 11,553
			580 4,272 4,852	1,378 4,317 5,695
			5,017	5,858
			6,364	5,858
			1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
			6,364	5,858
			$ \begin{array}{r} 1,750 \\ 1,750 \\ \hline 3,500 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1,750 \\ 1,750 \\ \hline 3,500 \end{array} $
			2,864 16,261	2,358 13,903
	1976 6,364 310.2	e 1976 1975 6,364 5,858 310.2 317.8	1976 1975 1974 6,364 5,858 5,508	1976 1975 1974 1973 6,364 5,858 5,508 5,333 310.2 317.8 310.3 273.9 1976 \$000's 42,121 5,406 11,667 17,073 15,179 32,252 9,869 580 4,272 4,852 5,017 1,347 6,364 1976 \$000's 6,364 1,750 1,750 3,500 2,864

BALANCE SHEET		
as at December 31, 1976		
ASSETS	1976	1975
	\$000's	\$000's
Cash	2,781	3,312
Receivables Small loans (note 4)	33,537	41,484
Other loans	170,172	174,966
Sales financing—retail	22,291	25,375
Leasing	83,544	75,129
Sundry	703	848
Allowance for doubtful receivables	310,247 5,711	317,802 5,512
This wante for doubtful receivables	304,536	312,290
Other Assets and Deferred Charges	204,220	312,270
Leasehold improvements and prepaid expenses	364	762
Unamortized debt discount and expense	1,335	1,217
Office equipment and automobiles—at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$1,323,000 (1975—\$1,275,000)	002	1 100
depreciation of \$1,323,000 (1973—\$1,273,000)	993 2,692	$\frac{1,182}{3,161}$
	310,009	318,763
	===	310,703
LIABILITIES		-
Secured Demand Bank Loans	10,400	15,622
Secured Short-Term Notes	36,334	25,926
Debentures (note 6)	76,367 27,408	89,438 28,817
Unsecured Notes (note 7)	22,745	29,904
	173,254	189,707
Payables	0.205	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Income taxes payable	9,385	4,612
income taxes payable	$\frac{208}{9,593}$	$\frac{305}{4,917}$
Unearned Income (note 8)	62,199	66,973
Unrealized Foreign Exchange Gain	756	570
Deferred Income Taxes (note 9)	20,082	15,335
	265,884	277,502
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital Stock		
Authorized—150,000 5¼ % non-cumulative, participating Class A shares with a par value of \$100 each, redeemable at par		
150,000 common shares without nominal or par value		
Issued and fully paid—125,000 Class A shares	12,500	12,500
125,000 common shares	12,500	12,500
Potoined Founings	25,000	25,000
Retained Earnings	19,125	16,261
	$\frac{44,125}{310,009}$	$\frac{41,261}{318,763}$
	====	310,703
Signed on behalf of the Board B.F. London, Director J.S. Land, Director		

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

for the year ended December 31, 1976

	1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
Sources of Funds		
Operations—		
Earnings before extraordinary item	5,017	5,858
Amortization of debt discount and expense	210	217
Amortization and depreciation of fixed assets	463	514
Provision for deferred income taxes	4,272	4,317
	9,962	10,906
Decrease (increase) in operating assets— Receivables—		
Small loans	7,947	6,589
Other loans	4,794	(6,423)
Sales financing—retail	3,084	2,560
Leasing	(8,415)	(9,830)
Dental State of the Control of the C	7,410	(7,104
Increase in allowance for doubtful receivables	199	423
Increase (decrease) in unearned income	(4,774)	2,518
increase (decrease) in alleanned income	2,835	(4,163
Funds received on sale of subsidiary	10,447	(1,72.00
Less: Cost of assets sold	8,625	
Less: Cost of assets sold	1,822	Tanana and
		(2.702)
Net increase (decrease) in payables	4,650	(2,783
Net decrease (increase) in other assets including sundry receivables	253	(210
	4,903	(2,993
	19,522	3,750
Uses of Funds		
Borrowings—	(2.400)	20.011
Short-term debt	(3,100)	29,314
Other term debt—Proceeds		(34,925)
—Redemptions	19,653	6,893
	16,553	1,282
Dividends	3,500	3,500
	20,053	4,782
Decrease in cash	531	1,032
Decision in the same control of the same contr	19,522	3,750

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended December 31, 1976

1. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Statement of earnings

The earnings statement includes the operations of Niagara Financial Services Limited for the five months ended August 25, 1976. (See note 12)

(b) Recognition of revenue

Precomputed charges on 'other' loans and on sales financing retail receivables are taken into income using the sum-of-the-digits method on an account by account basis.

Leasing transactions are reported in accordance with the financing method of accounting. The excess of aggregate rentals over the cost of the leased asset is recorded as unearned income at the time of the transaction. Income is taken up over the term of the lease pro rata to the declining balance of the investment. Gains arising

from residual values of the leased assets are reflected in earnings only when realized. Contractual disposal proceeds negotiated at the inception of the lease are included in unearned income and taken up as described above.

(c) Allowance for doubtful receivables
For loans and sales finance receivables such allowance is set up as a percentage of the total of these receivables. After collection possibilities have been exhausted, any balance remaining on an account is written off.
(d) Translation of foreign currencies
Unhedged assets and liabilities are translated to Canadian funds at current exchange rates. Fully hedged borrowings are recorded at exchange rates established under forward exchange contracts.
Exchange gains and losses on translation

of current assets and liabilities are considered to be realized and are reflected in the statement of earnings for the current fiscal year. Net unrealized exchange gains resulting from the difference between the current exchange rate and the exchange rate at the date the proceeds of unhedged term borrowings were received, are deferred and carried in "Unrealized Foreign Exchange Gain" in the balance sheet.

(e) Amortization of debt discount and expense

Debt discount and expense is amortized over the term of the related debt instrument. If the debt is prepayable at the holder's option the amortization is calculated to the first optional maturity date. When a debt obligation is redeemed prior to maturity, the related unamortized

charges are written off in the month of redemption. (f) Methods of depreciation Physical assets are depreciated at the	maximum rates allowed of the Canadian Income claiming capital cost allo Leasehold improveme	Tax Act	for	in accordance with the same Acterm of the respective leases.		t over the	
2. Gross Income					1976	1975	
Income from receivables Less: Provision for doubtful receivable					\$000's 47,444 5,323 42,121	\$000's 49,321 4,742 44,579	
3. Expenditure General and administrative expenses are shown net of a \$5,233,000 (1975—\$3,966,000) recovery of expenses from affiliated companies, the affairs of which	A loss on translation of foreign currencies of \$735,000 (1975—\$831,000) is as defined in included in general and administrative of Ontario a			The aggregate director as defined in The Busi of Ontario amounted (1975—\$241,000).	s and senior ness Corpora	officers	
4. Small Loans Small loans are those made for not more	than \$1,500 which are regulated under the Small Loans Act and upon which interest is accrued but not p			is accrued but not pre	computed.		
5. Secured Term Notes					1976	1975	
Payable in Canadian funds—	Year of issue 1964 1964 1965 1966 1968	Series 1 2 3 4 5	Rate % 53/4 53/4 53/4 71/2 81/4	Maturity date April 15, 1984 May 1, 1985 May 1, 1985 December 1, 1986 May 1, 1988	\$000's 10,000 10,000 10,000 5,000 7,500	\$000's 10,000 10,000 5,000 7,500	
Payable in U.S. funds (note 1(d))— Series 6 notes have a sinking fund provision. Notes issued at rates of interest varying	1975	6	10½	September 1, 1990	42,500 28,745 71,245	42,500 30,474 72,974	
from 7½% to 9¾% Payable in Canadian funds—	1977 1978 1979		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		880 172 15 20 1,087	11,314 880 172 15 20 12,401	
Payable in U.S. funds (note 1(d))— All secured notes payable in U.S. funds have been converted to Canadian funds at current exchange rates except for \$1.5 million of Series '6' notes (being the sinking fund requirement due September 1, 1977) which has been converted at the rate established under a forward exchange contract.	1983 1984			1,000 1,000	1,009 1,009 1,009 1,008 4,035 76,367	1,016 1,016 1,016 1,015 4,063 89,438	
6. Debentures The holders of Series "B" debentures have the right to prepayment on	have the right to prepay October 15, 1979, 1984 Series "B" and "C" debe	and 1989		e fund provisions.			
April 17, 1977. The option for prepayment expired October 17, 1976 and holders of \$11,978,000 elected to exercise their right. The holders of Series "C" debentures	Year of issue Series 1972 "B" 1972 "B" 1974 "C"	Rate % 8 8 11½	April 1	ty date 7, 1977 7, 1992 r 15, 1994	1976 \$000's 11,978 430 15,000 27,408	1975 \$000's 	
7. Unsecured Notes — Unsecured notes com Parent company — Demand note					1976 \$000's 1,200	1975 \$000's 3,000	
to the parent company and maturing 6 term note for U.S. \$1,533,000 (1975 —	October 15, 1977	·····			20,000	25,000	
in equal semi-annual instalments until	1981				$\frac{1,545}{22,745}$	$\frac{1,904}{29,904}$	

Unearned service charges relating to sa	her' loansles financing — retail receivableseivables	3,483	1975 \$000's 37,435 3,948 25,590 66,973
9. Deferred Income Taxes Deferred income taxes arise from timing differences relating to the treatment for income tax purposes of income and expenses associated with the following:	Unamortized debt discount and expense. Leasing receivables		1975 \$000's 133 15,202 15,335
10. Sinking Fund and Purchase Fund Requirements The sinking fund requirements for the	Series "B" and "C" debentures have purchase fund requirements which are non-cumulative and under which the	by holders. The maximum purchas requirements for the years ending December 31, 1977 and thereafter	

five years ending December 31, 1977 to 1981 are as follows:

\$000's 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1,508 1,513 1,513 1,513 2,118 company is required to redeem only debt instruments offered to it subject to limitations as to price and aggregate annual amounts. It is not possible to predict the amounts that will be offered

are as follows: \$000's Year ending December 31,

1982- after 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1986 1986 734 613 488 13 13 65 56

11. Anti-Inflation Act

The company is subject to the provisions of

the Federal Anti-Inflation legislation restraining prices, profit margins and compensation.

12. Extraordinary Item

On April 1, 1976 the company's net assets in the United Kingdom were sold at their book value of \$8,625,346 (£4,563,675) to Niagara Financial Services Limited, a newly incorporated

wholly-owned subsidiary in the United Kingdom, in consideration of 2,499,998 ordinary shares of £1 each and a promissory note of that company for £2,063,677 due March 31, 1981 and bearing interest at 81/2 % per annum.

On August 25, 1976, the company sold all of its shares of the subsidiary. In addition, the subsidiary repaid the promissory note for £2,063,677. The sale resulted in a net gain of \$1,347,000 after deducting income taxes attributable thereto of \$475,000.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the balance sheet of Niagara Finance Company Limited as at December 31, 1976 and the statements of earnings, retained earnings and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted

auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the company as at December

January 31, 1977

31, 1976 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

> Coopers & Lybrand Chartered Accountants

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NIAGARA REALTY OF CANADA LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY

These subsidiaries provide first and second mortgage loans, primarily on residential property. In addition, existing mortgages are purchased on both an individual and portfolio basis.

Good growth was maintained during the year. Mortgage loans outstanding, which have tripled during the last five years, increased by \$46.6 million or 23.1% to \$248.9 million. Increased income produced by the higher asset base, despite some increase in expenditure, resulted in earnings of \$4.0 million, 19.4% higher than in 1975.

Statistics relating to delinquency and losses attest to the sound condition of the portfolio. In 1976 net losses were 0.10% of average receivables.

It is anticipated that results in 1977 will continue to be favourable.

Selected Niagara Realty Statistics:	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Earnings (\$ thousands)	4,046	3,388	2,202		1,671
Mortgage receivables (\$ millions)	248.9 10,590	202.2 8,962	175.6 7,963		94.1 5,269
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS for the year ended December 31, 1976					
				1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
Gross Income (note 2)				32,892	26,984
Cost of borrowed money—Short-term debt				8,711 9,416	4,621 10,205
General and administrative (note 3)				18,127	14,826
General and administrative (note 3)				6,806 24,933	20,188
Provision for Income Taxes				7,959	6,796
				4,175	
Current					4,258
Deferred				(262) 3,913	(850
				(262)	(850
Deferred				(262) 3,913	(850 3,408 3,388
Earnings CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS				(262) 3,913 4,046 1976	(850 3,408 3,388 1975
Earnings CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS for the year ended December 31, 1976				(262) 3,913 4,046 1976 \$000's	(850 3,408 3,388 1975 \$000's
Earnings CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS for the year ended December 31, 1976 Earnings for the Year Dividends				1976 \$000's 4,046 2,400	1975 \$000's 3,388 2,000
Earnings CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS for the year ended December 31, 1976 Earnings for the Year				(262) 3,913 4,046 1976 \$000's 4,046	1975 \$000's 3,388

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET as at December 31, 1976		
ASSETS	1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
Cash	4,652 4,613	7,158 3,885
Residential mortgages Sundry	$\frac{248,880}{225}$ $\frac{249,105}{249,105}$	$202,247$ $\frac{111}{202,358}$
Allowance for doubtful receivables	$\frac{1,868}{247,237}$	$\frac{1,517}{200,841}$
Prepaid expenses	18 1,355	14 1,738
depreciation of \$28,000 (1975—\$41,000)	$ \begin{array}{r} 21 \\ \hline 1,394 \\ \hline 257,896 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 26 \\ 1,778 \\ \hline 213,662 \end{array} $
LIABILITIES		
Demand Note Payable—parent company Secured Term Notes (note 4)	128,675 102,180	83,030 104,215
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Income taxes	3,557 1,423 4,980	$ \begin{array}{r} 3,133 \\ 2,728 \\ \hline 5,861 \end{array} $
Deferred Income Deferred Income Taxes (note 5)	$ \begin{array}{r} 4,257 \\ \hline 441 \\ \hline 240,533 \end{array} $	$\frac{4,136}{703}$ $\frac{703}{197,945}$
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	-	
Capital Stock Authorized— 2,000,000 8% non-cumulative, redeemable preferred shares of \$5 par value 2,000,000 common shares of \$5 par value Issued and fully paid— 2,000,000 common shares	10,000	10,000
Retained Earnings	$ \begin{array}{r} 7,363 \\ \hline 17,363 \\ \hline 257,896 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ 5,717 \\ \hline 15,717 \\ \hline 213,662 \\ \end{array}$
Signed on behalf of the Board B. F. London, Director J. S. Land, Director		

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION for the year ended December 31, 1976

	1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
Sources of Funds		
Operations—		
Earnings	4,046	3,388
Amortization of debt discount and expense	383	412
Depreciation	9	10
Provision for deferred income taxes	(262)	(850)
	4,176	2,960
Borrowings—		
Demand note payable—parent company	45,645	34,117
Secured term notes	(2,035)	(8,590)
	43,610	25,527
	47,786	28,487
Uses of Funds	===	===
Increases in operating assets		
Residential mortgages	46,633	26,628
Less: Increase in allowance for doubtful receivables	351	199
Increase in deferred income	121	758
	46,161	25,671
Dividends	2,400	2,000
Net decrease (increase) in payables	881	(2,180)
Net increase (decrease) in other assets including sundry receivables	122	(387)
	49,564	25,104
Increase (decrease) in cash	(2,506)	2,751
Increase in cash committed for unclosed loans	728	632
	47,786	28,487
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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended December 31, 1976

1. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Principles of consolidation
The financial statements include the
accounts of the company and its subsidiary,
Niagara Realty Limited.

(b) Allowance for doubtful receivables For residential mortgages such allowance is set up as a percentage of total residential mortgage receivables. (c) Amortization of debt discount and expense

Debt discount and expense is amortized over the term of the related debt instrument. If the debt is prepayable at the holder's option, the amortization is calculated to the first optional maturity date. When a debt obligation is redeemed prior to maturity, the related unamortized charges are written off in the month of redemption.

(d) Depreciation

Physical assets are depreciated at the maximum rates allowed by the regulations of the Canadian Income Tax Act for claiming capital cost allowance.

(e) Deferred income

Deferred income arises from mortgages purchased at a discount and is taken into income over the remaining term of the mortgage on the actuarial yield method.

2. Gross Inco	ome			1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
				33,451	27,312
Earned incor	me on mortgages .	ragaivablas		559	328
Less: Prov	ision for doubtrui	receivables		32,892	26,984
3. General a	nd Administrative	Expenses		1976	1975
General and Depreciat	administrative ext	enses include: ment and automo	biles	\$ 9,000	\$10,000
Remunera	ation of directors a	of directors as dir	rectors	NIL	NIL
Numbe	r of directors	or directors as an		7	7
Aggreg	ate remuneration of	of officers as officer	rs	\$30,000	\$27,000
Numbe	r of officers			8	9
Numbe	r of officers who ar	e also directors		3	4
4. Secured T	Series	Rate %	Maturity date	1976 \$000's	1975 \$000's
of issue	46 A 33	93/4 *	December 15, 1990	4,610	4,710
1970	"A" "B"	77/8 **	December 15, 1986	18,516	19,150
1971	"C"	81/4	August 15, 1982	13,465	13,54
1972 1973	"D"	77/8 ***	May 15, 1988	18,801	19,33
1973	"E"	9 ****	March 1, 1994	23,460	23,99-
1974	"F"	101/4	June 18, 1981	9,834	9,83
1974	"F"	103/8	December 18, 1984	13,494	13,649
				102,180	104,21.
*Holder	s have the right to	prepayment Se	eries "A", "B", "C", "D", and "E"		
on December 15, 1980 and 1985. notes and series "F" notes maturing		otes and series "F" notes maturing			
	,	in	1981, have purchase fund		
**Holder:	s have the right to	prepayment pr	rovisions.		
on Dec	ember 15, 1978.				
	s have the right to		eries "F" notes maturing in 1984 ave a sinking fund provision.		

IAC Limited has guaranteed all Series notes as to principal, interest and

redemption premiums, if any.

on May 15, 1980.

on March 1, 1980.

****Holders have the right to prepayment

5. Deferred Income Taxes Deferred income taxes arise from timing differences relating to the treatment for income tax purposes of income or expenses associated with the following balance sheet items:	Residential mortgages	
6. Sinking Fund and Purchase Fund Requirements The sinking fund requirements for the five years ending December 31, 1977 to 1981 are as follows: \$\frac{\$000\'s}{1977} 744 \\ 1978 750 \\ 1980 750 \\ 1981 750	Certain issues have purchase fund requirements which are non-cumulative and under which the company is required to redeem only debt instruments offered to it subject to limitations as to price and aggregate annual amounts. It is not possible to predict the amounts that will be offered by holders. The maximum purchase fund requirements for the years ending December 31, 1977 and thereafter are as follows:	Years ending December 31 \$000 1977 3,22 1978 2,86 1979 2,29 1980 1,27 1981 31
7. Anti-Inflation Act The company and its subsidiary are subject to the provisions of the Federal Anti-Inflation Legislation restraining prices, profit margins and compensation. It has been publicly stated that the Anti-Inflation	Board will deal reasonably with companies holding large proportions of their assets and liabilities in long-term contracts entered into in earlier years. In the opinion of management, it can be demonstrated that any "excess revenue" during the control	period to date derived from transactions originated before the inauguration of the Anti-Inflation controls on October 14, 1975.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of Niagara Realty of Canada Limited and subsidiary as at December 31, 1976 and the consolidated statements of earnings, retained earnings, and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with

generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these consolidated statements present fairly the financial position of the companies as at December 31, 1976 and the results of

January 31, 1977

their operations and the changes in their financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

> Coopers & Lybrand Chartered Accountants

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THE SOVEREIGN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

The encouraging progress achieved in 1975 was maintained in 1976. Premium writings increased to \$22.6 million (1975: \$15.4 million). During the year appropriate rate adjustments were made in most lines.

Claim loss ratios decreased from 74.3% of earned premiums in 1975 to 67.5%, with significant improvement occurring in automobile and commercial property experience.

The increase in general expense of 43.1% was largely related to the increase of 46.9% in premiums written.

The combination of a modest underwriting gain and income from investments resulted in earnings, after provision for income taxes, of \$893,000 as compared to \$460,000 the previous year.

Well positioned to respond vigorously and creatively to the needs of present and future policyholders throughout Canada, your Company confidently looks forward to the future.

Selected Sovereign General Insurance Company Statistics: (Thousands of Canadian Dollars)	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Premiums earned	19,311	14,978	12,050	10,949	9,750
Claims incurred	13,032	11,125	9,016	8,278	6,739
Expenses	6,236	4,358	3,944	3,244	3,288
Underwriting gain (loss)	43	(505)	(910)	(573)	(277
Investment and other income	1,574	1,080	1,053	933	725
Income taxes	724	115	86	62	28
Earnings	893	460	57	298	421

		1976		1975	1976	1975
		(\$)		(\$)	(%)	(%)
Premiums						
Net premiums written		22,589,375		15,378,542		
Less: Reinsurance premiums		436,704		246,268		
Net premiums retained		22,152,671		15,132,274		
Change in unearned premium reserve		(2,841,768)		(154,285)		
Premiums Earned		19,310,903		14,977,989	100.00	100.0
Expenses	12 200 (00		10 475 004			
Claims incurred	12,289,608	12 022 117	10,475,984	11 125 445	67.40	74.0
Staff adjusting expenses	742,509	13,032,117	649,461	11,125,445	67.49	74.2
Commissions	2,640,181	6,278,786	1 476 162	3,852,544	32.51	25.7
General and administrative	2,945,254		1,476,163 2,474,102			
Taxes and licences	650,429	6,235,864	407,684	4,357,949	32.29	29.1
Underwriting Gain (loss)	050,427	42,922	407,004	$\frac{4,557,949}{(505,405)}$	0.22	(3.3
Other Income		72,722		(303,403)		(3.3
Income from investments	1,572,278		1,125,682			
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	1,806	1,574,084	(46,120)	1,079,562		
Cam (1033) on sale of investments	1,000	1,617,006	(40,120)	574,157		
Income Taxes (note 2)		1,017,000		374,137		
Current	380,844		214,085			
Deferred	343,214	724,058	53,526	267,611		
Earnings Before Extraordinary Item		892,948		306,546		
Extraordinary Item		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		000,010_		
Reduction of income taxes on						
application of prior year's loss		_		153,000		
E <mark>arnings</mark>		892,948		459,546		
STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARN	IINGS					
for the year ended December 31, 1976	VIIVOS					
				19		1975
				(9	5)	(\$)
Net Earnings for the Year				801	2,948	459,54
Retained Earnings—Beginning of Year				072	,,,,,,	サンフ、ンサ

BALANCE SHEET as at December 31, 1976		
ASSETS	1976 (\$)	1975 (\$)
Cash	737,596	335,587
Short-term investments—at cost, plus accrued income	6,315,532 7,053,128	2,913,537 3,249,124
Reinsurer's deposit in respect of outstanding claims (contra)	11,673	12,281
Accounts receivable	2,236,612	2,062,572
Income taxes recoverable	218,293	7.046
Prepaid expenses	20,186	7,246
Securities—at cost, plus accrued income (quoted value 1976—\$16,200,516; 1975—\$12,227,679)	17,205,731	14,196,182
Mortgages—at cost, plus accrued income	191,266	_
Office equipment and automobiles—at cost, less accumulated	164 574	153,253
depreciation of \$346,473 (1975—\$327,925)	164,574 120,017	139,556
Leasehold improvements—at cost, less amounts written on	27,221,480	19,820,214
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,014,215	310,619
Accrued premium taxes	299,241	159,718
Income taxes payable	8,290,609	93,085 5,716,700
Reinsurer's advance (contra)	11,673	12,281
	9,615,738	6,292,403
Unearned premium reserve	8,506,029	5,664,260
Deferred income taxes	$\frac{1,018,920}{19,140,687}$	675,706
	15,140,007	12,032,307
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital stock		
Authorized—10,000 shares of \$100 each	E92 000	583,000
Issued and fully paid—5,830 shares Premium on shares issued	583,000 327,300	327,300
Contributed surplus	750,000	750,000
Retained earnings	6,420,493	5,527,545
	8,080,793	7,187,845
	27,221,480	19,820,214

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended December 31, 1976

1. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Premiums written, less an amount representing estimated acquisition expenses, are deferred and then taken into income evenly over the term of the related policies.

(b) Commissions and other acquisition expenses are charged against income as incurred.

(c) Individual loss estimates are provided on each claim reported. In addition,

provisions are made for unforeseen deterioration in reported claims and for claims incurred but not reported based on past experience and business in force.

(d) Interest is recorded as income on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded as income on the ex-dividend date. Gains and losses realized on the disposal of investments are recognized on the date of disposal.

(e) Furniture and automobiles are depreciated at the maximum rates allowed by the regulations of the Canadian Income Tax Act for claiming capital cost allowance. Leasehold improvements are amortized in accordance with the regulations of the same Act over the term of the respective leases.

2. Income Taxes

Depreciation and amortization of approximately \$163,000 in excess of amounts claimed for income tax purposes has been recorded in the accounts in 1976 and prior years. This excess is available to reduce taxable income in future years.

3. Anti-Inflation Act

The company is subject to the provisions of the Federal Anti-Inflation legislation.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the balance sheet of The Sovereign General Insurance Company as at December 31, 1976 and the statements of earnings and retained earnings for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial

position of the company as at December 31, 1976 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

January 24, 1977

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THE SOVEREIGN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

New ordinary insurance and annuities issued in 1976 totalled \$109,100,000, up 10.5% over the previous year, and this represented the highest level of sales in the Company's history. The annual premium value of new insurance and annuity sales was \$1,335,000.

Revenue, consisting of premium and investment earnings including interest, dividends, and rents, amounted to \$18,480,000 (1975: \$17,002,000). Premium income increased by 7.1% and investment earnings by 11.8%.

In 1976 payments to policyholders and beneficiaries, including the amount set aside to increase actuarial reserves,

totalled \$12,308,000 (1975: \$11,732,000). Policyholder dividends amounted to \$909,000 (1975: \$904,000).

Operating revenue, after provision for all policyholder payments and other expenditures, increased to \$740,000 (1975: \$664,000). The combined total of capital, surplus, and reserve accounts was \$12,312,000, equal to 13.9% of assets, which provides a substantial margin of protection for all policyholders.

Copies of the Annual Report of The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada are available from the Secretary of Sovereign or IAC.

Selected Sovereign Life Statistics: (Millions of Canadian Dollars)	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1962*
Insurance in force:	581.0	520.0	462.6	411.2	375.8	216.2
Ordinary Group	463.3	448.7	482.1	483.8	471.7	2.6
Total	1,044.3	968.7	944.7	895.0	847.5	218.8
New Business written:	400.4	00.5	04.4	(5.0	60.2	12.0
Ordinary	109.1	98.7	84.4	67.2	60.2	13.8
Group (net change)	14.6	(33.4)	(1.7)	12.1	70.4	0.7
Policy reserves	61.3	58.1	55.2	50.5	48.3	37.2
Total assets	88.4	84.0	78.4	72.6	68.4	46.1
Net interest earned: Per cent	7.91	7.49	7.28	6.86	6.58	5.21

^{*}Year of acquisition by IAC

STATEMENT OF REVENUE		
for the year ended December 31, 1976		
	1976	1975
	(\$)	(\$)
Revenue	(+)	(4)
	11.050.400	11 167 106
Premiums and annuity considerations	11,958,480	11,167,490
of \$356,537 (1975—\$326,563)	6,521,506	5,834,800
42 40 5,607 (1270 40 20,500)	18,479,986	17,002,290
Policyholder Distribution and Expenditures	10,479,900	17,002,290
Amounts paid to or set aside for policyholders and beneficiaries—		
Death and ordinary disability claims	2,745,993	2,653,095
Group disability claims	1,445,431	1,535,662
Matured endowments	837,438	769,332
Annuity benefits	284,265	261,653
Surrender values	1,644,820	1,550,128
Increase in reserves for insurance and annuity contracts	3,219,920	2,906,945
Interest credited to funds on deposit and pension fund	604,712	540,752
Division of the control of the contr	10,782,579	10,217,567
Dividends to participating policyholders (including change in provision)	909,331	903,815
Policyholders' investment taxes	115,000	116,000
Group experience rating refunds (including change in provision)	500,768	494,767
Onewating Expanses	12,307,678	11,732,149
Operating Expenses	4,869,655	3,883,658
Onewating Personne Pefers I	17,177,333	15,615,807
Operating Revenue Before Income Taxes	1,302,653	1,386,483
Provision for Income Taxes	604,000	737,000
Operating Revenue Gain on disposal of securities, less income taxes	698,653	649,483
Excess of Poyonus for the Veer	41,597	14,693
Excess of Revenue for the Year	740,250	664,176
STATEMENT OF UNASSIGNED SURPLUS		
for the year ended December 31, 1976		
- 100 year orded December 51, 1976	1076	
	1976	1975
	(\$)	(\$)
Unassigned Surplus—Beginning of Year	8,764,818	8,750,642
Excess of revenue for year	740,250	664,176
	9,505,068	9,414,818
Allocation to contingency reserve	_	650,000
Unassigned Surplus—End of Year (note 2)	9,505,068	8,764,818

as at December 31, 1976	1076	1075
ASSETS	1976 (\$)	1975 (\$)
Cash	554,555	610,748
Short-term investments	600,000	600,000
Bonds and debentures, at amortized cost or less (note 1)	26,907,924	25,753,258
Common and preferred stocks, at cost or less (note 1)	4,661,907	4,408,889
First mortgages on real estate	48,071,401	45,462,72
Loans on policies, secured by cash values	5,226,809	4,868,48
Real estate—Purchased for income, at cost, less amounts	027 200	050.22
written off—\$197,163 (1975—\$174,129)	927,290	950,32
Premiums in course of collection	249,567 1,001,654	304,13 905,83
Investment income due and accrued	220,524	158,25
Other assets	88,421,631	84,022,64
	88,421,031	04,022,040
LIABILITIES		
Reserves for insurance and annuity contracts	61,326,668	58,106,74
Policyholders' funds on deposit	6,408,290	6,191,04
claims of \$366,000 (1975—\$366,000)	785,285	730,27
Mortgagors' tax prepayments	974,828	893,46
Premium and income taxes accrued	864,080	1,155,41
Other liabilities and accruals	390,453	350,80
Provision for dividends to policyholders	1,988,500	2,087,90
Provision for experience rating refunds	510,000	493,00
Staff and agents' pension and insurance funds	2,861,284	2,441,99
	76,109,388	72,450,64
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS		
Capital stock Authorized—10,000 shares of \$100 each		
Issued—8,406 shares of \$100 each of which 27 shares are		
fully paid and 8,379 shares are \$25 paid	212,175	212,17
Investment reserve	1,000,000	1,000,00
Contingency reserve	1,500,000	1,500,00
Shareholders' surplus	95,000	95,00
Unassigned surplus (note 2)	9,505,068	8,764,81
	12,312,243	11,571,99
	88,421,631	84,022,64

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended December 31, 1976

1. Valuation of Bonds, Debentures and Preferred and Common Stocks	1976	1975
Value stated in the balance sheet	\$ 31,569,831	\$ 30,162,147
Estimated market value	28,721,767	25,412,855
as prescribed by the insurance laws of Canada	29,508,110	27,670,703

2. Unassigned Surplus

The shareholders' portion of unassigned surplus amounts to \$6,052,293 (1975—\$5,202,130) of which \$850,163 (1975—\$798,307) represents the shareholders' share of the operating revenue for the year.

3. Anti-Inflation Act and Regulations

The company is subject to restraint of prices and compensation under the terms of the Anti-Inflation Act and Regulations of October 14, 1975.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE POLICYHOLDERS AND SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the balance sheet of The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada as at December 31, 1976 and the statements of revenue and unassigned surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included verification of the cash and investments in bonds and stocks by certificates from

the depositories, and such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. The reserves and other liabilities under the various assurance and annuity contracts are stated at amounts certified by the company's actuary.

In our opinion, based upon our examination and upon the certificate of the company's actuary, these financial

statements present fairly the financial position of the company as at December 31, 1976 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with accounting practices appropriate to the insurance laws of Canada applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

January 25, 1977

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Chemical Bank
Citibank, NA
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