

### LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY TAKES OVER BIG FIRM

The Sun Life Assurance company is now doing business in 50 states and has taken over the business in a number of others. Its business in the United States during 1927 was nearly fifty per cent in excess of that of 1926. This bears relation to the general increase of new business of the company, which last year ran to twenty-three per cent.

"Progressiveness and strength" were the features of the report which President Macaulay submitted to his shareholders and policyholders at the annual meeting held recently. The total amount of insurance now approaches the billion and a half figure, an increase of \$231,500,000, while the total net income for the year exceeded \$106,000,000—five times what it was ten years ago.

Surplus earned during the year amounted to \$38,500,000. Following its policy, the company has deducted \$5,000,000 from the market value of its securities as a further provision against possible future fluctuations, the total amount set aside for this purpose now standing at \$10,000,000.

The account to provide for unforeseen contingencies has been increased by \$1,000,000 and now amounts to \$12,500,000. The sum of \$1,000,000 has been written off the company's properties. An additional reserve of \$500,000 has been set aside in anticipation of the greater longevity of annuitants—the total provision under this head now being \$2,000,000.

Another \$50,000 has been set aside to provide for claims with respect to total disability cases not yet reported. \$11,000,000 has been paid or allotted as profits to policyholders during the year, and over \$1,000,000 has been contingently allotted to deferred dividend policies issued prior to 1911, and to five year distribution policies, to provide for profits accrued, but not yet payable.

After making these liberal deductions and allocations, over \$11,000,000 has been added to the undivided surplus, which is now over \$40,000,000.

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The McKeanes, who are available to Oregon from more than one standpoint. It is a great scenic resource. It is one of the greatest trout streams in the state. In its rapids are thousands of horsepower of hydro-electric energy. As a source of water supply it is a great asset.

Last year the state game commission took 27,500,000 spring Chinook eggs at its stations on the McKeanes. This was two-thirds of the

## THE "CANARY" MURDER CASE

By S. S. VAN DINE AUTHOR OF THE BENSON MURDER CASE

The Story Thus Far  
"Mr. Mannix was with me from half-past ten until two in the morning," Alys La Fosse tells Vance. Vance had traced a picture found in the apartment of the murdered Margaret Odell to Alys. He is trying to prove to Markham that Skeel did not commit the murder despite the fact that Skeel's fingerprints were found in the apartment. Vance believes the murder was committed. Markham ridicules the theory, but Vance is unshaken. He believes the murder was committed by one of the following four: Mannix, Cleaver, Dr. Lindquist or Spotswood. He is trying to get more information from Alys La Fosse.

CHAPTER XXVIII  
"I'm sure it will be a success," Vance spoke with disarming friendliness. "Were you home alone all Monday evening?"

"Hardly." The idea seemed to amuse her. "I went to the 'Scandals'—but I came home early. I know Louey—Mr. Mannix—was coming."

"I trust he appreciated your sacrifice," Vance, I believe, was disappointed by this unexpected alibi of Mannix's. It was, indeed, no final, the further investigation was certainly going on. After a momentary pause, he changed the subject.

"Tell me; what do you know about a Mr. Charles Cleaver? He was a friend of Miss Odell's."

"Oh, Pop's all right." The girl was plainly relieved by this turn in the conversation. "A good scout. He was certainly gone on Margy. Even after she threw him over for Mr. Spotswood, he was faithful, as you might say—always running after her, sending her flowers and presents."

"Some men are like that. Poor old Pop! He even phoned me Monday night to call up Margy for him and try to arrange a party—three days if I'd done it, she wouldn't be dead now. . . . It's a funny world, isn't it?"

"Oh, no end funny," Vance smoked calmly for a minute; I could not help admiring his self-control. "What time did Mr. Cleaver or phone you Monday night—do you recall it?"

"Not a bit of it," Vance assured her. "Work comes before pleasure—especially work as important as yours. . . . And now, there is one other man I want to ask you about and then I won't bother you any more.—What was the situation between Miss Odell and Doctor Lindquist?"

Miss La Fosse became genuinely perturbed. "I was afraid you were going to ask me about him." There was apprehension in her eyes. "I don't know just what to say. He was wildly in love with Margy; and she led him on, too. But she was sorry for it afterward, because he got jealous—like a crazy person."

"He used to posture the life out of her. And once—do you know!—he threatened to shoot her and then shot himself. I told Margy to look out for him. But she didn't seem to be afraid. Anyway I think she was taking awful chances. . . . Oh! Do you think it could have been—do you really think—"

"And wasn't there anyone else?" Vance interrupted, "who might have felt the same way?—any one Miss Odell had reason to fear?"

"No," Miss La Fosse shook her head. "Margy didn't know many men intimately. She didn't change often, if you know what I mean. There wasn't anybody else outside of those you mentioned, except, of course, Mr. Spotswood. He cut Pop out—several months ago. She went to dinner with him Monday night too. I wanted her to go to the 'Scandals' with me—that's how I know."

Vance rose and held out his hand. "You've been very kind. And you have nothing whatever to fear. No one shall ever know of our little visit this morning."

"Who do you think killed Margy?" There was genuine emotion in the girl's voice. "Louey says it was probably some burglar who wanted her jewels."

"I'm too wise to sow discord in this happy ménage by even questioning Mr. Mannix's opinion," said Vance half banteringly. "No one knows who's guilty; but the police agree with Mr. Mannix."

"For a moment the girl's doubts returned, and she gave Vance a searching look.

"Why are you so interested? You didn't know Margy, did you? She never mentioned you."

Vance laughed. "My dear child! I only wish I knew why I am so devoted concerned in this affair. 'Pon my word, I can't give you even the sketchiest explanation. . . . No, I never mentioned Odell. But it may be possible for a proportionate valley city to enterprising project for power development—so, such a way as to safeguard the interests of others in this mountain stream. A hearing would bring out information upon this point.

The fishing industry is constantly being menaced by new power and irrigation projects. Already a large part of the spawning area of the Columbia river salmon has been cut off by such projects. The fisheries bring in millions in revenue to the state each year and there is so much at stake that it is not alone this community which should be fighting to prevent any further injury to a great natural resource. It is a matter of great importance to the whole state.

doctor was making threats and flourishing pistols, eh? Bad, bad. I don't like it. With those ears of his, he wouldn't hesitate to pull the trigger. Paranoia—that's it. Delusions of persecution. Probably thought the girl and Pop—or maybe the girl and Spotswood—were plotting his misery and laughing at him.

"You can't tell about those chaps. They're deep and they're dangerous. The canny Alys had him sized up—warned the Canary against him. . . . Taken by and large, it's a devilish tangle. Anyway, I feel rather backed. We're moving—oh, undoubtedly we're moving—though in what direction I can't even guess. It's beastly annoying."

Markham was waiting for us at the Bankers' club. He greeted Vance irritably. "What have you got to tell me that's so damned important?"

"Now, don't get ratty," Vance was beaming. "How's your lodestar, Skeel behaving?"

"So far he's done everything that's pure and refined except join the Christian Endeavor Society."

"Sunday's coming. Give him time. . . . So you're not happy, Markham, dear?"

"Was I dragged away from another engagement to report on my state of mind?"

"No need. Your state of mind's execrable. . . . Cheerio! I've brought you something to think about."

"Damn it! I've got too much to think about now."

"Here, have some brischoe," Vance gave the order for lunch without consulting either of us. "And now for my revelations. Pop

Cleaver wasn't in Bonton last Monday night. He was very much in the midst of our modern Gomorrah, trying to arrange a midnight party."

"Wonderful!" snorted Markham. "I love in the font of your wisdom. His alter ego, I take it, was on the road to Hopalong. The super-natural leaves me cold."

"You may be as panoptic as you choose. Cleaver was in New York at midnight, craving excitement."

(To be continued)

New Choir to Give Concert on Mar. 18  
The newly organized choir of the Unitarian church sang its first anthem Sunday and is laying plans for a concert to be given Sunday evening, March 18 at 7:30 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Dolores Paulsen is director.

Work of the builders is nearly completed, the auditorium remodeled being in shape for regular services Sunday.

Sunday evening Ben Whitesmith, senior at the University of Oregon, spoke on "Social and Financial Aspects of Early Christianity."

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### FROG WALLED UP 31 YEARS; LIVES

EASTLAND, Texas, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Big Van Winkle of the Toad family, the horned frog that was walled up in the cornerstone of the Eastland county court house for nearly 31 years, sans food, water and air, was still alive this morning.

More than 10,000 persons from all parts of the country yesterday viewed the frog which is on display in the window of a local drug store. Aside from being slightly emaciated in a front leg, the frog was in normal condition. When the cornerstone was broken open Saturday, the frog appeared to be dead, except there were slight signs of its breathing. Its mouth was sealed by a film and its eyes were closed. Today the frog appeared normal, although it has not been seen to take nourishment. It is a typical west Texas specimen, about the size of the palm of a human hand.

The frog will be kept in confinement, as long as it lives, county officials said.

### School Annual Contracts Let

Contracts for the school annual have been named, according to Victor Kaufman, manager, and are as follows: Kennell-Ellis, photography, Hicks-Chaten company of Portland, engraving, and Koke-Chapman, printing.

The ticket sale opened at the regular assembly, February 10. Talks were given urging the students to support the annual and to help make

it a success. The sale of at least 400 tickets will be necessary to make the undertaking over, according to Victor Kaufman.

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### Acid Stomach

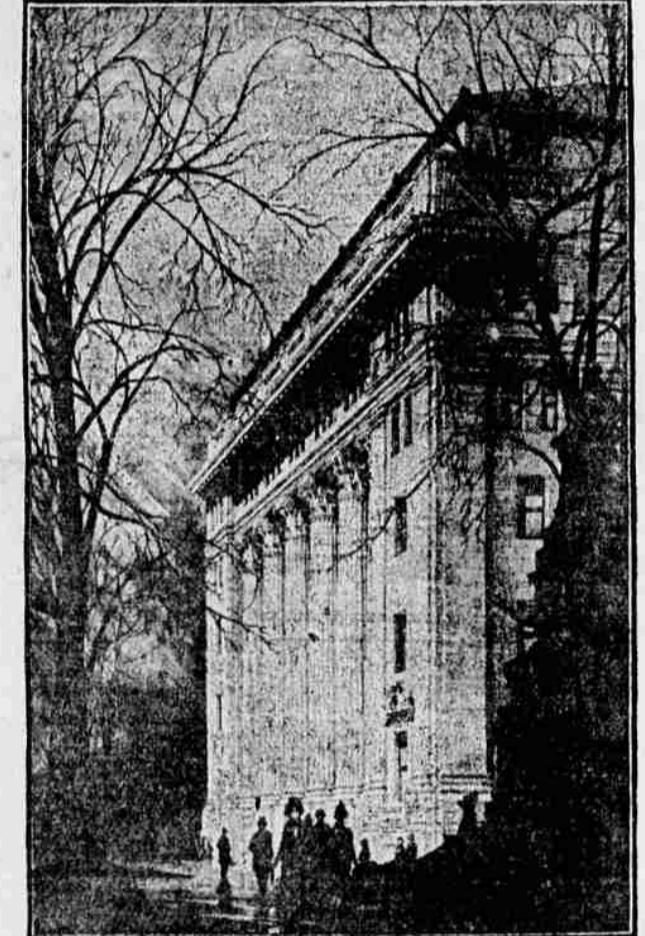
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## SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA A TOWER OF STRENGTH

1927 \$	
Insurance in Force (net)	1,487,990,000
An Increase of \$231,500,000	
New Insurance Paid For	328,408,000
An Increase of \$62,518,000	
Total Income	102,774,000
An Increase of \$23,801,000	
Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries	42,224,000
Total Payments Since Organization	300,040,000
Assets at December 31, 1927	401,305,000
An Increase of \$56,054,000	
Total Liabilities	343,525,000
(including Paid-up Capital)	
Surplus and Contingency Funds	57,780,000
An Increase of \$12,769,000	
Rate of Interest Earned on mean invested assets (net)	6.47%



To secure the absolute protection of its policyholders in the United States the company actually maintains on deposit with United States Trustees approved securities in excess of its net liability to American policyholders.

Policies written and payable in United States currency.

Dividends to Policyholders increased for eighth successive year.

### TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN UNITED STATES SECURITIES EXCEED \$168,000,000

#### EXTRACTS FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT

Substantial advances have been made in all departments during the year. . . .

The total net income for the year exceeded one hundred million dollars. . . .

The strength and resources of the Company have been further enhanced. . . .

The high earning power of the Company's investments has been again demonstrated. The net rate of interest earned on the mean invested assets, after fully providing for investment expenses, was 6.47 per cent. This gratifying result has been made possible by dividend increases, bonuses and stock privileges accruing on many of the Company's holdings.

The wisdom of the investment policy which has been consistently followed in past years, in favouring long term bonds and the stocks of outstanding and very carefully selected corporations, has been once more emphasized. The appraisal of our securities shows that the excess of market values over cost increased during the year by \$19,235,889.99. In addition, a net profit of \$5,028,033.20 accrued from

the redemption or sale of securities which had risen to high premiums.

The quality of the investments listed in the assets is testified by the fact that our bonds and preferred stocks not one dollar, due either as interest or dividend, is in arrear for even one day, while the dividends accruing to common stocks are greatly in excess of the dividends payable on the same stocks at the time of purchase.

The surplus earned during the year amounted to \$38,511,029.67, from which the following appropriations have been made:

\$5,000,000 has been deducted from the market value of our securities as a further provision against possible future fluctuations, increasing the amount so set aside to \$10,000,000.

\$1,500,000 has been added to the account to provide for unforeseen contingencies, which now stands at \$12,500,000.

\$1,000,000 has been written off of the Company's Head Office building and other properties.

\$500,000 has been set aside to provide for the greater longevity of annuitants, bringing the total provision under this heading to \$2,000,000.

\$50,000 has been set aside to provide for claims in respect of total disability as yet unreported.

\$11,090,056.61 has been paid or allotted as profits to policyholders during the year. In addition, \$6,205,573.00 has been contingently allotted to deferred dividend policies issued prior to 1911, and to five year distribution policies, to provide for profits accrued but not yet payable.

After making these deductions and allocations, \$11,269,330.89 has been added to the undivided surplus, bringing the total over all liabilities, contingency account and capital stock to \$45,280,896.14.

Your Directors are gratified to announce, for the eighth successive year, a substantial increase in the scale of profits to be distributed to participating policyholders during the ensuing year.

## SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA C. V. SMITH, District Manager

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