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## THE LATE R. H. BETHUNE

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SINCE our last number went to press we have with deepest regrets to record the death of Robert Henry Bethune, General Manager of the Dominion Bank.

To those who were intimately associated with Mr. Bethune in the higher walks of life, in business, in society, or in those rational amusements and outdoor sports which he intertwined with his round of duty to the institution which he raised to the highest pinnacle of success in Canada, nothing need be said to remind them of his high sense of honor, his charitable disposition, his unselfishness, his unswerving friendship, his intimate knowledge of human character, his indifference to what is commonly called popularity, and his thorough business tact and capacity. These virtues and qualifications were recognized and appreciated by all who knew him. As a practical advocate of innocent and healthful recreation, he gave proof that success in business is not hindered by a fair admixture of rational amusements with great responsibilities. His example has assisted materially in raising the physical as well as the moral culture of those who came within his influence, and is, moreover, worthy of imitation by others occupying similar positions of responsibility. In addition to being an enthusiastic golfer, Mr. Bethune was a keen curler, an all round cricketer, a fine whist player, a good sportsman, and whilst gratifying these tastes, was able by close attention to his duties to build up for the bank of which he was the first chief executive officer a reserve of profits unprecedented in the history of Canadian banking.

Mr. Bethune's success as a banker was not confined to the period of his connection with the Dominion Bank. In 1866, after having had experience in various branches of the Bank of Montreal, including the New York agency, and while Manager of the St. Catharines branch, he was selected by the late James Stevenson, who had early in that year accepted the position of Cashier of the Quebec Bank; to fill the position of Inspector of