

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on 30th Sept., 1904. . . . .	\$ 37,077-18
Net profits for the year, after deducting expenses of management, reservation for interest accrued on deposits, exchange, and provision for bad and doubtful debts. . . . .	399,274-51
	<b>\$436,351.69</b>

Appropriated as follows:	
10th Dividend at rate of 10 per cent. per annum, 1st April, 1905. . . . .	\$150,000.00
10th Dividend at rate of 10 per cent. per annum, 2nd October, 1905. . . . .	150,000.00
Business Taxes. . . . .	10,449.86
Expenditure on Bank Premises at Branches . . . . .	55,483.90
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund. . . . .	10,000.00
Special Bonus to Officers. . . . .	29,000.00
	404,933.76
Leaving at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th September, 1905 . . . . .	<b>\$ 31,417.93</b>

The President then said:

"Gentlemen.—You have heard read the statement for the year, which, I am sure, is gratifying. It establishes the Bank now as on, what you might say, a new footing, paying 10 per cent. dividend. Further, I have no doubt, the bonus to the officers is equally gratifying.

"It affords your Directors great pleasure to place before you this report, the result of another satisfactory year.

"You will observe our statement that the Bank is in a strong position. Reserves of cash and quick assets are ample. Deposits are increasing steadily, and our business shows satisfactory growth.

"This is the fiftieth year of the Bank's existence. It is interesting to note some of the great changes that have taken place in this interval.

"In 1855 Canada's population was 2,650,000; now it is nearing 6,000,000.

"In 1855 there were 19 banks, with but a small number of branches; now there are 36 banks, with about 1,150 branches.

"The capital of the banks was then \$15,000,000 it is now \$86,000,000.

"Deposit were \$11,000,000; now deposits in banks, Government savings banks, and loaning companies, amount to about \$650,000,000.

"In 1855 the capital of the Molsons Bank paid up was \$308,375; to-day it has a paid-up capital of \$3,000,000 and a \$3,000,000 reserve.

"It has never omitted paying a dividend, and for the whole period of fifty years, dividends averaging 8 per cent. per annum have been paid.

"It is gratifying to feel that the Molsons Bank has steadily progressed with the country, doing its share in providing additional capital where required, and establishing branches where business warranted it; these now number 48, the first of which was opened in London, Ontario, in 1870.

"It is pleasing to be here to-day, some of us descendants of the founders of the Bank, whose records speak for their great business capacity and energy. We endeavour that the Bank shall continue in the careful and prudent policy laid down by the fathers of the institution, and carried on under the able management of the late General Manager, Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, and that the future may contribute the same satisfactory returns as in the past.

"The outlook seems promising, the great prosperity of our western country, the extension of the three great railways now required to bring our pro-

ducts to markets, the increasing tide of immigration, mainly of a satisfactory class, reasonably assure us under providence years ahead of continued prosperity.

"Your directors have great pleasure in placing before you such a statement as we have to-day. We have repeatedly been approached, as possibly a progressive bank, and asked if we would not make the dividend a quarterly one. For some time we deemed it unwise to entertain the idea; but now we have our Reserve Fund equal to the capital, and are doing everything we can for the advantage of the shareholders, we would suggest to the meeting to-day, if it is your pleasure, that we are willing to undertake to pay a quarterly dividend. It is very gratifying to feel ourselves in a position to do so.

"In reference to the founders and outdoers of the Bank, I desire to mention Mr. James Elliot, our general manager, who enjoys the distinction of having entered the Bank as a junior under its first president, Mr. William Molson, and through assiduous hard work and good judgment, attained the position which he now occupies. We appreciate his untiring devotion, and look forward to his guidance and assistance for years to come.

"The whole staff of the Bank has cause to-day to feel proud of the result of their work in connection with the Bank. The directors desire to express to them their appreciation of their services and are pleased to be able to show this in a tangible way, by the bonus which has been given.

"I beg to move the adoption of the annual report." This was seconded by Mr. S. H. Ewing, Vice-President.

The motion for the adoption of the report was then unanimously carried, and the President named Messrs. George Durnford and R. W. Shepherd to act as scrutineers for the election of directors.

**THANKS ARE TENDERED.**

Mr. R. W. Shepherd then moved:—"That the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their efficient services during the past year."

This was seconded by Mr. Edward Fiske, and unanimously concurred in.

The Vice-President acknowledged the compliment, saying:—"I thank you very much, on behalf of myself and my fellow-directors, for the motion just carried; it is very kind of you to do so. Being