

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank was held in the board-room of the bank at Sherbrooke at two o'clock on Wednesday, December 5th, and in addition to the directors there were present: F. M. Sherman, Newport, Vt.; F. D. Spaulding, Burlington; Edwin Howe, Hatley; S. A. Baldwin, Norton Mills; D. Williams, St. Johnsbury; Chas. Ward, Derby Line; Col. H. R. Fraser, Dr. F. J. Austin, Captain Bennetts, of Sherbrooke, and others. The President took the chair, and the General Manager acted as Secretary. Col. H. R. Fraser and Mr. F. D. Spaulding were appointed scrutineers of votes.

The directors' annual report was read as follows:—

In submitting the accompanying balance sheet and profit and loss statement your directors have pleasure in informing the shareholders that the gross profits for the year under review have been satisfactory, but, unfortunately, the bank has been called upon to bear exceptional losses in Montreal and St. Hyacinthe, which have been fully provided for and written off from the year's profits; the usual dividends have been declared and a substantial sum carried forward.

You will observe by reference to the accompanying sheet that \$2,000 has been transferred to the officers' guarantee fund; \$260,000 premium on new stock, transferred to the reserve fund, and the balance, \$75,749.46, now stands at the credit of profit and loss for future appropriation. Your directors, therefore, have every reason to believe that the result will be considered on the whole satisfactory.

Business throughout the country has been satisfactory in nearly all lines, with the farming community especially so the dairy product being rather in excess of last year and bringing better prices.

It is gratifying to note the great increase in immigration, a large proportion being of the better class with sufficient means to enable them to make a good start in the country it is to be regretted that more of them do not find homes in the older provinces—those that have done so are doing well.

The wrecking of the Ontario Bank is one of the unfortunate incidents of the year. That the failure of such a large institution did not cause any disturbance in financial circles, and that its creditors were not seriously inconvenienced is a matter of congratulation. It has, however, again raised the question of Government or independent inspection, and the matter is now under consideration by the Bankers' Association and the Finance Department of the Government. Your board would favor any well-devised system which will safeguard the interest of the shareholders and the public.

The bank as well as the community at large has met with a serious loss during the year in the death of your vice-president, Major Israel Wood, one of the original shareholders and a director for twenty years, and also director Henry Braithwaite Brown, both men of ability and good judgment, with the best interest of the bank always paramount.

In consequence of a fire having rendered the property purchased by the bank in Montreal untenable without heavy expenses, it was decided to proceed with the erection of our new office building without delay. The old building has been demolished and plans are being prepared so as to be ready to go on with the work the coming spring.

Several new offices have been established during the year showing good results.

The usual careful and thorough inspection of the various branches has been made.

The whole respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM FARWELL, President.

Statement of Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ending November 15th, 1906.

Balance at credit of profit and loss brought forward from November 15th, 1905	\$24,566 18
Profit of head office and branches, after deducting charges of management, interest due depositors, and ample provision for all losses	279,610 24
Premium paid on new issue of capital stock	259,674 00
	\$563,850 42

Appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of 2 per cent., paid April 2nd, 1906	54,351 43
Dividend of 2 per cent., paid July 2nd, 1906	55,914 42
Dividend of 2 per cent., paid October 1st, 1906	57,835 11
Dividend of 2 per cent., payable 2nd January, 1907	58,000 00

Transferred to reserve fund	200,000 00
Transferred to officers' guarantee fund	2,000 00
	488,100 96
Balance carried forward	\$75,749 46

JOHN MACKINNON,
General Manager.

General Statement, 15th November, 1906.

Liabilities.

To the Public:	
Notes of the bank in circulation	\$2,582,015 00
Deposits payable on demand	2,701,643 00
Deposits payable after notice	9,987,066 67
Balances due to other banks in Canada	55,765 15
Balance due to other banks in United Kingdom	17,668 70
	\$15,344,158 56
To the Shareholders:	
Capital paid up	2,032,790 00
Reserve fund	1,800,000 00
Reserved on account of rebate on bills discounted, unmatured	\$35,000 00
Dividend No. 96, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable 2nd January next	58,000 00
Dividends unclaimed	3,992 10
Balance profit carried forward	75,749 46
	172,741 56
	\$20,309,690 12

Assets.

Gold and silver coin on hand	\$154,331 07
Dominion notes on hand	1,109,153 00
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of bank note circulation	106,090 00
Notes of and cheques on other banks	592,963 54
Due from other banks in Canada	818,832 37
Due from other banks in the United Kingdom	5,057 72
Due from other banks in foreign countries	813,557 87
Dominion and Provincial Government securities	167,073 42
Canadian municipal debentures and foreign public securities	471,400 00
Other bonds, debentures, and stocks	149,266 20
Call loans on bonds and stocks	2,182,958 33
Total assets immediately available	\$6,570,683 52
Current loans, discounts and advances to the public	13,046,340 03
Loans overdue, (estimated loss provided for)	71,882 67
Real estate (other than bank premises)	54,532 19
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank	62,737 90
Bank premises and furniture, including safes and vaults at head office and branches	486,300 69
Other assets	17,213 12
	13,739,006 60
	\$20,309,690 12

J. MACKINNON, General Manager.

The president reviewed the report, and made a few remarks on the business of the country generally. Vice-President Miner, Director Flumerfelt, the General Manager, and Messrs. Sherman and Mansur followed with brief addresses, after which the report was adopted.

Feeling reference was made to the loss sustained by the bank during the year in the deaths of the late vice-president, Major Israel Wood, and Director Brown.

The Directors.

The ballot resulted in the election of the following directors:—Wm. Farwell, S. H. C. Miner, N. W. Thomas, G. Stevens, C. H. Kathan, J. S. Mitchell, A. C. Flumerfelt, Frank Grundy, Shirley Ogilvie (Montreal), C. A. Robertson (Winnipeg), the last two gentlemen being elected to fill the vacancies occasioned through the deaths of Major Wood and Mr. H. B. Brown.

At a meeting of the new board Mr. Wm. Farwell was re-elected president, and Mr. S. H. C. Miner, vice-president.

STOCK EX

The prices of mining stocks this week as many rumors of lawsuits, and the illuminative who "know," have all should before long stocks are concerned tainly scared investors and it is only natural prominent on the market. The two Canadian mention on the Canadian this week are C.P.R. wildly in London on quoted at 205½. The advance in the price

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This sensational by the Wassermans reported to have said Pacific held their stock receive dividends and equivalent to one the present shares of Hudson's Bay 1 week, and to-day's £119.

Saturday.—Business Toronto Exchange, feature, selling at 18 C.P.R. was wanted stock. Nipissing so from 15¾ to 14 bid, the Montreal Exchange Iron reacted ing at 68 bid and 6 and 26¾ asked.

Monday.—There rights, the stock so 3¼ to 4, closing at C.P.R. was dull with was lower at 104 t minion selling at 2 and Toronto at 22 brisk, but the tone marked changes in bid, and Dominion was easy at 68½ t closed at 13¾. to 13.50, and on the

Tuesday.—Toronto was 4½ higher in sales at 139 to 139½ preferred at 69½ t sales. The feature, sharp advance in boards. Some 632 prices were irregular minion Iron comm at 24½. Montreal preferred at 92¼ to irregularity in price

Wednesday.—The Toronto market City was very w Electric remained was strong with s Imperial selling at and Sovereign at business was quiet price, and sales w There was some 106¾, but weaken Twin City, on a pared with 108 ye asked. Money wa called for, and mi

Thursday.—T R. was 3¼ lower