

## OLD TIMES, OLD FRIENDS, OLD LOVE.

BY EUGENE FIELD.

There are no days like the good old days,  
The days when we were young and gay;  
When human and divine were of mind;  
And love and drowses were truthful;  
Before a cow for solid gold;  
Before man's ruling passion,  
And before each dame and maid became  
Slave to the tyrant, fashion!

There are no girls like the good old girls;  
Against them all stand stately men;  
As tall and smart and clean of heart  
As the Lord knew how to make 'em!  
They were rich in spirit and common sense,  
And fully supported it;

They could bake and brew, and had taught  
They sewed, too!

And they made the likeliest courtin'!

There are no boys like the good old boys,  
When the girls was sweet to the brown bare  
Whoo-hoo!

They shamed the taunting heather;  
The power sung to the summer dawn  
Or the eve in the dark cover;  
Or the day, till the whippoor will  
Drowsed the night song over.

There are no girls like the good old girls;  
The love that mother gave us!  
We're old, men, yet we pine again  
For the precious graces—old save us!  
So we dream and dream of the good old times,  
And our hearts grow tender, tender;

And those old days bring soothin' gleams  
Afar away off yonder!

## THE MERCHANTS BANK.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Mr. George Hague Presents an Exhaustive Report of the Financial and Commercial Situation of the Dominion.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada was held in the Board room of that institution Wednesday afternoon, when there were present: Messrs. Andrew Allan, president; Robert Anderson, Vice-president; Hector Mackenzie, Jonathan Hodgson, James P. Dawes, F. S. Lyman, John Crawford, W. Burke, J. H. R. MacLean, W. B. Francis, A. H. Lunn, J. Y. Chisholm, Robt. Benny, J. S. Moretti, L. H. Montague (St. Johns), James G. Morrison, David Lewis, John Cassis, Timothy H. Dunn (Quebec), Sir Joseph Hickson, J. T. Molson, E. F. King, John McConnel, Jas. Williamson, C. S. Conrad, J. P. Claghorn, Richard White, A. Leblanc, Jas. B. Allan, and others.

The proceedings were opened by the President, Mr. Andrew Allan, taking the chair and requesting Mr. John Gault to act as secretary. After the secretary had read the advertoriment calling the meeting, the President submitted the financial annual report of the Directors:

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors of the Merchants Bank of Canada beg to report to the Stockholders and the rest of the business of the Bank.

The reports of the year after pay account of interest on loans, and dividends, appropriations for bad debts and capital deficit, may be found in the Annual Report of the Directors, dated June 17, 1891.

Signed, 28

It has been disposed of as follows:

Interest and Dividends \$49,000.00

Appropriations for Bad Debts \$7,500.00

Capital Deficit \$4,500.00

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