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| per cent, for six months, ending 31st December.....                     | \$240,000 00       |
| Dividend No. 22, of 1 per cent, for six months, ending 30th June.....   | 240,000 00         |
| Transferred to Reserve for rebate of interest on current discounts..... | 10,000 00          |
| Reserved for accrued interest on deposit receipts.....                  | 30,383 60          |
|   | <b>\$26,383 60</b> |

Leaving a balance to credit of profit and loss account of..... \$82,567 75

It will be observed that notwithstanding the continued depression the Directors have been able to pay out of the twelve months' profits the usual dividend of eight per cent, provide for the bad and doubtful debts legitimately belonging to the year, and transfer \$15,000.00 to the credit of profit and loss account.

It having been apparent for some time past that certain obligations held by the bank, which it was hoped would ultimately prove recoverable, had been rendered more than doubtful by the trying and protracted ordeal through which nearly every branch of business has been passing, the Directors determined to deal with them at once. It is possible that a portion of these obligations may yet be collected, but to continue to include them in the available assets after their character has been definitely ascertained could not be justified on any principle of sound banking, and as they are the final outcome of business transacted during a former period of general and undue expansion, when the Rest was largely increased, the Directors decided to provide for them out of that fund, from which the sum of \$500,000 has therefore been withdrawn, and applied as follows:—

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| Appropriated for bad and doubtful debts.....     | \$350,000 |
| Placed at credit of Contingent Fund Account..... | 150,000   |

**\$500,000**

The Rest or Reserve Fund now amounts to \$1,400,000, equivalent to 23½ per cent. on the capital.

The policy of contraction observed by all prudent business men has largely diminished the volume of commercial transactions, while excessive competition in banking and the necessity for extremely cautious management, have materially affected the earnings. There are, however, indications of improvement, and the position of the Bank fully warrants the Directors in stating, that when business becomes sufficiently healthy and active to afford safe and profitable employment for money, every reasonable expectation of the shareholders will be realized.

WM. McMASTER,  
President.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT AS AT 29TH JUNE, 1878.

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| <b>LIABILITIES.</b>                                       |                        |
| Notes of the Bank in Circulation.....                     | \$ 1,573,902 00        |
| Deposits not bearing interest.....                        | 1,373,105 95           |
| Deposits bearing interest.....                            | 6,689,416 09           |
| Due to other Banks in Canada.....                         | 132,856 45             |
| Due to other Banks or Agencies in the United Kingdom..... | 194,809 20             |
|   | <b>\$ 9,964,089 69</b> |
| Capital paid up.....                                      | \$ 6,000,000 00        |
| Rest.....   | 1,400,000 00           |
| Contingent Fund.....                                      | 150,000 00             |
| Reserve for Rebate of Interest on Current Discounts.....  | 115,604 00             |
| Reserve for Interest on Deposit Receipts.....             | 30,383 60              |

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| Dividends unpaid.....   | 1,332 77               |
| Dividend No. 22, payable 2nd July.....                                    | 240,000 00             |
| Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward to next half year..... | 82,567 75              |
|   | <b>8,025,888 12</b>    |
|   | <b>\$17,989,977 81</b> |

#### ASSETS.

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| Specie.....   | \$ 796,456 14 |
| Dominion Notes.....   | 921,850 75    |
| Notes of and cheques on other banks.....  | 402,139 60    |
| Balances due from other banks in Canada.....  | 715,895 45    |
| Balances due from Agencies of the Bank, or from other Banks or Agencies in foreign countries..... | 1,231,308 67  |
| Government debentures or stock.....   | 493,178 35    |

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| Immediately available.....   | \$4,560,823 05         |
| Loans to Provincial Government.....  | 36,605 60              |
| Loans, discounts, or advances, for which shares of the capital stock of any other banks are held as collateral securities.....   | 377,685 47             |
| Loans, discounts, or advances, for which the bonds or debentures of municipal or other corporations, or Dominion, Provincial, British, or foreign public securities are held as collateral securities..... | 383,939 80             |
| Loans discounts, or advances on current account to corporations.....   | 586,390 24             |
| Notes and bills discounted and current.....  | 11,440,304 53          |
| Notes and bills discounted, overdue, and not specially secured.....  | 92,172 54              |
| Overdue debts, secured by mortgage or other deed on real estate, or by deposits of or lien on stock, or by other securities.....   | 156,870 94             |
| Real estate, the property of the Bank (other than the Bank premises), and mortgages on real estate sold by the Bank.....   | 108,040 13             |
| Bank premises and furniture.....   | 237,258 99             |
| Other assets, not included under the foregoing heads.....  | 9,885 52               |
|  | <b>\$17,989,977 81</b> |

W. N. ANDERSON,  
General Manager.

Canadian Bank of Commerce,  
Toronto, 29th June, 1878.

The following resolutions were then put and carried unanimously:—

Moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, "That the report of the Directors now read be adopted, and printed for the information of the shareholders."

Moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, "That By-law No. 2 be struck out and the following substituted:—

"The Common Seal shall remain in the Bank under the control of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, or in their absence of such Director as the Board of Directors shall for the time being appoint: and the affixing of the seal to any instrument shall be preceded by an authorization to that effect of not fewer than three of the Directors, and shall be accompanied by the official signature of the President, or Vice-President, or of the Director so appointed in their absence, and all such authorizations shall be reported at the next following meeting of the Board, and recorded in the minutes of their proceedings."

Moved by Samuel Platt, Esq., of Toronto, seconded by W. G. Cassels, Esq., of the same place, "That the thanks of the meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President, and other Directors for their careful attention to the interests of the Bank during the past year."

Moved by F. Maclellan, Esq., of Hamilton, seconded by Samuel Risley, Esq., of Toronto, "That the thanks of the meeting be also tendered to the General Manager and other officials of the bank for the satisfactory discharge of their respective duties during the past year."

Moved by J. J. Arnton, Esq., of Montreal, seconded by John Y. Reid, Esq., of Toronto, "That the ballot-box be now opened and remain open until two o'clock this day, for the receipt of ballot tickets for the election of Directors, the poll to be closed, however, whenever five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered."

The Scrutineers presented the following report:—

"CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE,

"Toronto, July 9th, 1878.

"W. N. ANDERSON, Esq., General Manager.

"Sir,—We the undersigned Scrutineers, appointed at the general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, held this day, hereby declare the following gentlemen duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:

Hon. Wm. McMaster, Hon. Adam Hope, Noah Barribart, Esq., Wm. Elliot, Esq., George Taylor, Esq., James Michie, Esq., T. S. Stayner, Esq., A. R. McMaster, Esq., J. J. Arnton, Esq., James Browne, Henry Pellatt, R. H. Temple, Scrutineers."

At a meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors held subsequently, the Hon. Wm. McMaster was re-elected President, and the Hon. Adam Hope, Vice-President, by an unanimous vote.

W. N. ANDERSON,  
General Manager.

Toronto, 9th July, 1878.

#### CANADA AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

As per announcement a meeting was held at the office of the Company last Tuesday, Mr. W. G. Fish in the chair, and Mr. Campbell acting as Secretary. Mr. Fish in opening the meeting said the matter especially requiring the immediate attention of the meeting was the course to be pursued in reference to outstanding risks. Under the Act if not re-insured or otherwise arranged within 6 months of going into insolvency, say on the 10th Nov. next, the law required them to pay back proportionately to time the unearned premium. Thus a 3 years' risk that had been taken say 18 months ago, and on which the policy holder had paid \$10.00, would call for a return of \$5.00, whereas taking off commissions, &c, the Company possibly never received over \$6 or \$7 of the amount. This he thought would require between \$80,000 or 90,000 whereas they could, he believed, re-insure all the risks for about \$50,000 and escape the risk between this and 10th November.

Mr. P. S. Ross presented the following balance sheet showing the position of the Company on the 16th July:—