

.....The HOME CIRCLE

GIANT'S COFFIN UNEARTHED.

Workmen frequently come upon curious things in their street excavations, but it is not every day they disturb the last resting-place of a famous giant.

Their picks and shovels grated against the leaden coffin of Patrick Cotter O'Brien, whose immense stature of eight feet three inches made his name a household word a century ago.

There is no mistaking the identity of the coffin for the plate thereon bore the following quaint inscription:

PATRICK COTTER O'BRIEN,

Whose name was Cotter, But he called himself O'Brien, Whose stature was 8 ft. 4 in. He died on Sept. 8th, 1806. Aged 46.

Patrick, it appears, was as gigantic in graces as inches. A native of Kinsale, Ireland, local history records that his manners were amiable and unassuming and the inflexible integrity of his conduct through life, united to the calm resignation with which he awaited the approach of death, proved that his principles were strictly virtuous.

It is said that O'Brien hated the idea of exhibiting himself, and he directed that his body should be so buried as to cheat the grave robbers that gave additional terror to death in those days.

Accordingly, his friends provided a leaden coffin and had it interred at a great depth, iron bars being placed in the sides of the rock to render removal impossible.

The local authorities at Bristol are proud of their find, and it is thought they will resist any overtures from the Green Isle to recover the remains.

FOLDED HANDS.

(Ola Moore.)

Dear folded hands, so worn with care, So quiet on the pulseless breast, Will any burden need you there, If heaven is a place of rest?

Yours was the never-ending task, Born of a never-ending need, Our selfishness it was to ask, Your sweet unselfishness to heed.

No tears to dry, no wounds to bind, No sufferer to tend and bless— Where will those eager fingers find A need for all their tenderness?

RUDE.

"Well," said Mrs. Bruggins after a solo by a fashionable church choir tenor, "if that ain't the rudest thing I ever saw!"

THE GOLDEN AGE.

Bliss Carman in Smart Set: It is a common frailty of the spirit to deplore our accumulating years and look with envy on the luxuriant carelessness of youth, as if experience and culture and the enrichment of memory were not almost the only true wealth.

Torpid Liver Cause of Fevers

THE SUREST WAY TO PREVENT DISEASE IS TO KEEP THE LIVER ACTIVE WITH Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills

Too frequent an external cause for fever is looked for, when the real source of trouble is from within the body itself.

To begin with the liver becomes torpid, sluggish and inactive, and poisonous bile is left in the blood to corrupt the whole system.

The best insurance against disease is the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to keep the liver active.

A healthy liver means pure blood, good digestion and proper working of the bowels.

DRINK MORE WATER. Nerve specialists say that all people with nervous diseases suffer from what is called desiccated nerves,—an

insufficiency of fluid in the various tissues of the body. Many people, especially business men, neglect to drink water during the day, either because of pre-occupied minds, or because the only water obtainable is not always filtered or pure.

Now, when we take into consideration the fact that every motion of the body, every movement of a muscle, even of an eyelid, every pulsation of the heart, every effort of the brain, is weakened by the destruction of the tissue cell life, and that this destruction is caused by a chemical combustion of coal, and that this used-up matter must be gotten rid of, we get a little idea of what a tremendous part water plays in keeping the millions and millions of cells in the tissues washed out, and in keeping muscle and bone and nerve and brain tissue clean and pure.

A well known physician says that water plays a three-fold service in the body: "It feeds it, washes it, and carries away the cinders of its waste matter. Through the want of water we are exposed to many and great dangers—the tissues become dry, the blood thick, its flow is sluggish, and the retained waste of the body sets up a condition of self poisoning."

Some physicians say that the average person should drink three quarts of liquid a day, but only a small part of this with meals.—Success.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant to take; sure and effective in destroying worms. Many have tried it with best results.

THE VALUE OF FRIENDS.

In one terse sentence Emerson thus epitomizes the value of friendship: "A friend makes one outdo himself." Outside one's own power to make life a victory or a defeat, nothing else helps so much toward its success as a strong, true friendship.

The friend whose thought runs parallel with mine, who sympathizes with my aspirations, recognizes my strength as well as my weakness, and calls out my better qualities and discourages my meaner tendencies, more than doubles my possibilities.

The faculty of attracting others, of forming enduring friendships in whatever environment one may be placed, is one whose worth in the struggle for existence can hardly be overestimated.

SOME DON'TS AND SOME DO'S.

- Don't undervalue yourself. Don't call attention to your own defects. The better way is to correct them. Don't waste time in self-pity. Don't lose your temper. Self-control and civility oil the hinges of the day. Don't pose as if you expected sympathy. Don't think about your looks. Don't mix friendship with business. Don't be perfunctory. Some girls work as if work bored them. This is a fearful blunder. Not altogether honest either, is it?—Christian Age.

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Imperial Bank of Canada

Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders, Held at the Banking House of the Institution, in Toronto, on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1906.

The Thirty-first Annual General Meeting of the Imperial Bank of Canada was held in pursuance of the terms of the Charter at the Banking House of the Institution, 23rd May, 1906.

There were present:— Wm. Ramsay of Bowland, Honorable Robert Jaffray, D. R. Wilkie, Elias Rogers, J. Kerr Osborne, Charles Cockshutt, Peleg Howland, Cawthra Mulock, Honorable Richard Turner (Quebec), Miss Hannah Robinson, E. B. Osler, M.P., Clarkson Jones, Ralph K. Burgess, Honorable Richard Harcourt, J. F. Junkin, A. E. Webb, Major Napier Koefer, W. Gordon Jones, T. R. Boys, A. A. McFall (Bolton), William Black (Cobourg), W. C. Crowther, A. Foulds, Frank Beemer, M.D. (Hamilton), Rev. T. W. Paterson (Deer Park), Henry Goodrichman, Alexander Nairn, Charles A. Pilon, David Wheehnan (Campbellville), Richard Foster (Bowmanville), C. B. Bingham, Cecil Merritt (London, England), Wm. J. May (O. Lewa), A. C. Morris, A. P. Burritt, Prof. Andrew Smith, F.R.C.V.S., James Bismell, R.C. Edward Hay, E. H. Temple, John Stark, Edward Archer, H. C. Boomer, Stuart Playfair, J. G. Ramsey, John W. Beatty, Andrew Snipe, W. W. Vickers, F. G. Logan, Lyndhurst Ogden, R. N. Cooch, Thomas Winstley, Charles O'Reilly, M.D., George R. R. Cockburn, C. C. Ross, Harry Vigon, R. D. Perry, W. T. Jennings, H. S. Mara, C. H. Wethey, Ira Standish, W. Cecil Lee, W. Gibson Cassels, O. F. Rice, E. Chantler, John Flett, E. S. Ball, R. W. Thompson, Wm. Jephcott, J. J. Bell, T. Mortimer, J. H. Eddis and others.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. D. R. Wilkie, and the Assistant General Manager, Mr. E. Hay, was requested to act as Secretary.

Moved by Prof. Andrew Smith, F.R.C.V.S., Seconded by Andrew Scapple: That Mr. Lyndhurst Ogden, Mr. R. H. Temple and Mr. W. Gibson Cassels be and are hereby appointed Scrutinizers. Carried.

The Assistant General Manager, at the request of the Chairman, read the report of the Directors and the Statement of Affairs.

THE REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders their Thirty-first Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the affairs of the Bank as on 30th April, 1906, giving the result of the business of the Bank for the financial year (eleven months), which ended that day.

The net profits of the year after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, for interest on unmatured bills under discount, for the usual contributions to the Pension and Guarantee Funds and providing for Provincial and other taxation, amount to \$535,786.20, which has been applied as follows:— (a) Dividends at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum have been paid amounting to \$335,406.23 (b) Bank premises and furniture account has been credited with 100,000 00 (c) Profit and loss account has been increased by 100,379 97

The premium amounting to \$927,741.50 received on new capital stock, the issue of which was authorized on the 18th June, 1902, and which was allotted to shareholders on 30th June, 1905, has been transferred in bulk to Rest Account, which now amounts to \$3,927,741.50, and will be further increased to \$4,000,000, when the balance due upon the subscribed shares has been paid in.

Branches of the Bank have been opened during the year at Cobalt, Fonthill, London and Ridgeway, in the Province of Ontario, also in the City of Quebec, in North Battleford, in the Province of Saskatchewan, and in Banff, Calgary, East and Red Deer, in the Province of Alberta. Suitable premises are now under construction in Winnipeg and in Edmonton to replace existing structures, which have been found insufficient for our requirements.

Since our last meeting the Bank has suffered a great loss in the death of its President, Mr. T. R. Merritt, who was one of the founders of the Bank, and a Director since its start in business. Mr. Merritt became Vice-President at the first meeting of Shareholders in 1875, and continued in that office until he succeeded the late Mr. H. S. Howland as President in the year 1902.

The policy of the Board in appropriating a considerable portion of the profits of the year in reduction of Bank Premises Account is one which they hope will be appreciated and approved of by the shareholders.

The capital of the Bank was increased in 1902 by \$1,500,000, making it as at present \$4,000,000. The development of the Dominion since then has been phenomenal, calling for increased banking facilities. Your Directors hold the same opinion to-day as they held in 1902 and believe that any additional capital required can be most readily and most economically furnished by the Institutions which are already firmly established. Your Directors have therefore decided that a further addition to the Capital of the Bank is advisable and a by-law will be submitted to you for your approval authorizing an increase in the capital by the sum of \$1,000,000 to be used in such amounts and at such periods as the Directors may determine.

The change from semi-annual to quarterly dividends which has been adopted during the past year will, we trust, also meet with the approval of the shareholders.

A by-law will be submitted for your approval providing for the remuneration of the President and Directors, and increasing their number from eight to eleven. The Head Office and Branches of the Bank have all been carefully inspected during the year, and your Directors have pleasure in bearing testimony to the faithful and efficient manner in which the staff have performed their duties.

D. R. WILKIE, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for Dividend No. 61, 62, 63, Transferred to rest account, Written off bank premises and furniture account, Balance of account carried forward, and final totals for Profit and Loss Account.

REST ACCOUNT.

Table showing Balance at Credit of Account, 31st May, 1905, and Premium received on new Capital Stock, totaling \$3,927,741.50.

LIABILITIES.

Table listing various liabilities including Notes of the Bank in circulation, Deposits not bearing interest, Deposits bearing interest, Deposits by other Banks in Canada, Total liabilities to the public, and Capital Stock (paid up).

ASSETS.

Table listing various assets including Gold and Silver Coin, Dominion Government notes, Deposit with the Dominion Government for security of note circulation, Notes of and cheques on other Banks, Balance due from other Banks in Canada, Balance due from Agents in the United Kingdom, and Dominion and Provincial Government securities.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE FIRST SOAP BUBBLE.

(From Grace Litchfield Jacob's "The Invention of Soap Bubbles" in June St. Nicholas.)

It was, the most beautiful land imaginable, for the sky was blue with cloudlets sprinkled here and there in snowy scaps, and the flowers never faded, but were always fresh, bright and fragrant.

It seemed only natural, therefore, that when a wee princess was born to the good king, she should resemble a sweet tiny flower, with her sunny brown hair and great blue eyes softly fringed with long, dark lashes.

Now her father's kingdom was a large one, and difficult to manage; for in those days the age had come when people began to make inventions, bringing them to the King to earn money and make themselves famous; but their ruler was not always willing to hear them and grant requests made to him by foolish people who knew no: how to invent something which would be of use in the world.

LUCY'S DEFECT.

The little Princess was, of course, very much interested in the invention, as the King kept her with him most of the time, and Pansy liked nothing better than to be allowed to enter his private study, there to examine with curiosity the pipes which fairly lined its walls—pipes of wood and clay, and others with amber mouthpieces, or silver and gold handles; however, her own little play pipe pleased our Princess best of all.

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Never before had Pansy or her attendants seen a ball of water filled with air. The little Princess, in her disappointment at its loss, began to weep loudly.

Do not say "yourn" and "hish" instead of "yours" and "his." Do not say "I saw yez" instead of "I saw you." Do not say "yesr" and "yesm" instead of "yes, sir" and "yes, ma'am."

FOR A LITTLE GIRL OF THREE.

Moo, moo! What can I do For my little girl of three? I will eat the sweet grass, I will give her a glass Of my milk for her tea;

Mew, mew! What can I do For my little girl of three? I will catch all the mice, And they shall not come twice To the cake, you'll see;

Bow, wow! I will go now With my little girl of three; I will make a great noise; I will frighten the boys, For they all fear me;

Neigh, neigh! Out of the way For my little girl of three! I will give her a ride, We will canter and glide O'er the meadowy lea;

Sure Regulators.—Mandrake and Dandelion are known to exert a powerful influence on the liver and kidneys, restoring them to healthful action, inducing a regular flow of the secretions and imparting to the organs complete power to perform their functions.

THE BIRDS. (From "Nature and Science" in June St. Nicholas.)

The course of flight is a distinguishing character of many birds. The grouse rises gradually while flying in a straight course; the woodcock rises to a height of several feet, or even yards, then flies straight away; the cuckoo's flight is also in a straight line, but peculiarly aroowlike, being graceful and silent, the long slender tail and body of the bird still further suggesting an arrow.

Other Current Loans, Discounts and Advances 21,301,093 56 Overdue debts (loss provided for) 21,926 25 Real Estate (other than Bank premises) 71,731 94

D. R. WILKIE, General Manager. E. HAY, Asst. General Manager.

The several Motions submitted were carried unanimously. The Scrutinizers appointed at the meeting reported the following gentlemen duly elected Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. D. R. Wilkie, Honorable Robert Jaffray, Wm. Ramsay of Bowland, Elias Rogers, Wm. Hendrie (Hamilton), J. Kerr Osborne, Charles Cockshutt, Peleg Howland, Wm. Whyte (Winnipeg), Cawthra Mulock, Honorable Richard Turner (Quebec).

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. D. R. Wilkie was elected President and the Honorable Robert Jaffray Vice-President for the ensuing year. Toronto, 23rd May, 1906.