

opened branches at Montmagny, Fraser-ville, and Murray Bay.
We have the pleasure of acknowledging the valuable services rendered by our staff during the year; and to their attention and zeal is largely due our successful operations.

The whole humbly submitted,
R. AUDETTE,
President.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 30TH APRIL, 1900.

Liabilities.	
Notes in circulation	\$1,181,067 00
Deposits bearing interest	\$3,156,041 05
Deposits not bearing interest.....	775,295 76
	3,931,336 81
Unclaimed dividends	578 90
Dividends No. 71, payable 1st May, 1900	35,000 00
	36,578 90
Due to other banks in Canada	4,842 52
Due to agencies of the bank in the United Kingdom	40,812 72
	45,655 24
Total liabilities to the public,	\$5,194,637 95
Capital paid up	\$1,200,000 00
Reserve fund	200,000 00
Contingent account	30,000 00
Accrued interest and exchange..	14,500 00
Profit and Loss account	29,008 48
	1,473,508 48
	\$6,668,146 43
Assets.	
Specie	\$ 48,211 47
Dominion notes,	314,000 00
	\$ 362,820 47
Notes of and cheques on other banks	251,331 24
Balance due from other banks in Canada	39,671 45
Balance due from agencies of the bank in foreign countries	74,703 88
	\$ 365,706 57
Deposits with Dominion Government for security of note circulation	58,000 00
Dominion debentures	35,000 00
Call loans on stocks and bonds	37,355 00
	\$ 130,355 00
Total assets immediately available	\$ 858,882 04
Current loans, discounts, and advances to the public	\$5,571,535 85
Notes and bills discounted overdue (loss provided for	27,481 32
Real estate, the property of the bank (other than the bank premises)	5,937 15
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank...	13,420 19
	\$5,618,374 51

Bank premises, furniture and stationery	190,889 88
	\$6,668,146 43

N. LAVOIE, Inspector.
P. LAFRANCE, Manager.

Moved by the president, Mr. R. Audette, seconded by Mr. N. Rioux:

"That the report of the directors and the statement now read be adopted, printed, and published for distribution among the shareholders." Adopted.

The election being then proceeded with, the following gentlemen obtained the largest number of votes, and were consequently duly elected directors for the ensuing year: Mr. Rodolphe Audette, Hon. Justice A. Chauveau, Messrs. Victor Chateauvert, A. B. Dupuis, J. B. Laliberte, Naz. Fortier and Narcisse Rioux.

The president left the chair, and Mr. Cyr. Tessier, N.P., being called thereto, it was moved by Mr. Wm. Simons, seconded by Mr. Thomas Breen:

"That the thanks of this meeting are due and tendered to Mr. R. Audette for his services in the chair, as also to the scrutineers and secretary for the fulfillment of their respective duties."

The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the directors, held on the same day, Mr. R. Audette was re-elected president, and Mr. A. B. Dupuis, vice-president of the bank for the ensuing year.

BONDED DEBTS IN NOVA SCOTIA TOWNS.

Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, recently brought down the annual report of the incorporated towns of that province. The bonded debts of the incorporated towns is given, as follows:

Amherst	\$159,000
Annapolis	37,500
Antigonish	48,000
Bridgetown	23,000
Bridgewater, deb. not issued	25,000
Danmouth	360,800
Digby	42,750
Hantsport, floating	300
Kentville	41,500
Liverpool	48,400
Lunenburg	79,000
New Glasgow	268,000
North Sydney	86,000
Parrsboro	28,500
Pictou	72,900
Port Hawkesbury	4,700
Springhill	10,400
Stellarton	57,500
Sydney	127,400
Sydney mines	2,000
Truro	172,200
Westville	67,000
Windsor	115,500
Wolfville	49,700
Yarmouth	427,000
Total	\$2,336,110

—Farmers along the river banks near Rouen were treated to a surprise the other day which they will not forget during a lifetime. The converted cruiser "Prairie," carrying exhibits to the Paris Exposition, has a displacement of 7,000 tons, and it was decided to see if she could not navigate the Seine to Rouen. She did. Notwithstanding the fact that the river is narrow she maintained a speed of 15 knots an hour. The water rose at her bow in a solid wall and the wash was so great that it overflowed the neighboring gardens and vineyards to the great astonishment and alarm of the farmers. It was their first introduction to the American navy—Marine Review.

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