

NEW REFORM PLAN WILL NOT CONCERN PRESENT EMPLOYEES IN OUTSIDE SERVICE

Its Scope Very Limited and
Ineffectual.

PATRONAGE STILL EASY

And Huge Salary List of Fuel
Control Board Not
Touched.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—It is only a very
limited measure of civil service reform
which is possible under the order-in-
council which the Government passed
the other day.

It has been generally understood that
some 25,000 civil servants in the out-
side service would be affected by the
order. Nothing of the sort is the case.
No man now in the outside service is
affected at all because of the fact that
until legislation is prepared to classify
the multitude of employees in the out-
side service, the civil service has nothing
to do with those already employed.
The civil service commission has no
power under the order excepting in the
case of new appointments.

Leaves Lophole.
In the case of those who will take the
place of the patronage committee of
old days, where examinations are pre-
scribed, the order is of no effect. There
will be no examinations. Where not
petitioned, the point is that members
of Parliament are still permitted to
make recommendations of individuals,
urging the appointment of individuals.
Such references may, of course, be
rejected, but a salary list of \$2,000
whose members are politicians who
were themselves rewarded for party
service, is more than likely to be
strongly influenced in favor of the man
who is recommended by a former col-
league.

Food Board Salaries.
The commission has nothing to do
with the salaries paid the food control
board employees. Food Controller
Thomson is scheduled for a salary of
\$7,000. It is not yet ascertainable what
remuneration Messrs. Dunning and
Gregory will get. The salary schedule
for a staff of 12 is as follows: One at
\$5,000, one at \$4,500, three at \$4,200,
one at \$4,000, eleven at \$3,500, two at
\$3,200, one at \$2,800, two at \$2,500,
thirteen at \$2,000, one at \$1,800, one at
\$1,500, one at \$1,200, one at \$1,000,
one at \$800, one at \$700, four at \$600,
fifteen clerks at \$500, and four messen-
gers at \$400. Stenographers under the
civil service act start at \$500 a year.
In the food board they have started at
\$1,200. And yet the civil service com-
mission, even under the order of re-
form referred to, has no power to cor-
rect the discrimination. The same is
true of the armies of temporary em-
ployees all over the city.

TO FRAME LEGISLATION.
OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—A sub-committee
of the cabinet, which it is under-
stood will include Hon. F. B. Carvell,
Hon. J. A. Calder and Hon. Martin
Burrill, will be named by the Govern-
ment to deal with the legislation to be
introduced at the next session of Par-
liament, placing the justice and outside
civil service on precisely the same
basis. A bill providing for the same
basis of patronage, and the introduc-
tion of the competitive and merit sys-
tem will be drafted by the civil ser-
vice commission, of which Hon. W. J.
Roche, former minister of the interior,
is the chairman. This bill will be con-
sidered by the sub-committee of the
cabinet in conjunction with the commis-
sioners.

NEW OFFICIAL OFFICE WILL BE ERECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Nine Stories High and Will
Have 700 Rooms.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—Hon. F. B. Car-
vell, minister of public works, an-
nounced today that the Government has
expropriated the property at the cor-
ner of Queen and Somerset streets,
between Albert and Queen
streets, and running back as far as the
Bryant building, for the purpose of
erecting a new office building which the Government
is to erect. The expropriated area will
include the Orange Hotel. The new
building will be erected on a plot of
area of 200 by 150 feet. It will have a
large court in the rear. The building
will be at least nine stories in height and
"as many more as the city will allow."

To provide for the urgent needs of
office accommodation it is also intend-
ed to get ready to build a new building
in the House of Commons building,
utilizing the old heating plant.

The Government has been given to
this course by the high rentals for
office buildings in Ottawa. The ac-
commodation is now at a premium and
the requirements. The new building will
be built by contract after tendering.

SEAFORTH MAN ASKS FOR \$500 DAMAGES; ALSO AN INJUNCTION

Declares Corporation Drain
Menace to Health and
Property.

GODERICH, Feb. 15.—At an ad-
journed session of the county court here
today the case of McLennan vs. the
corporation was heard by Judge Dick-
son. The plaintiff, who resides in Sea-
forth, complained that sewage from a
large tile drain passing through an open
drain adjoining his property created
conditions dangerous to health, and also
that his land and buildings were being
undermined. He asked for an injunc-
tion and \$500 damages.

The corporation's defense was that
the drain was not intended for use for
sewage. If so used, it was not with the
consent of the corporation. J. M. Mc-
Seaforth represented the corporation, and
P. C. Richardson, of Mitchell, the
plaintiff. Judge Dickson withheld his
decision.

The three attendants of the Goderich
College institute, who took part in the
essay contest on the following sub-
ject, "How the Purchase of Victory
War Bonds Would Help the Punisher,
Canada and the Empire," won prizes as
follows: First, Alex. Hume, silver medal;
second, Grace Plinder, a smaller silver
medal; third, Helen Cooke, a bronze
medal. The essays of the students have
been forwarded to Toronto to be judged
with others of the province.

Two boys, aged 9 and 14 years, ap-
peared before Magistrate Kelly today on
a charge of stealing a horse and buggy
last Sunday morning. The boys de-
clared they did not steal the outfit, as
they intended to bring it back. They
were let go with a warning.

Thomas Beatty, aged 74, died sud-
denly today. The funeral will be held
from the residence of his son-in-law,
Joseph McCusky, St. Andrew's street,
to St. Michael's cemetery.

The inconvenience experienced through
the freezing of water pipes recently has
now been succeeded by a general flood-
ing of cellars in this vicinity. Gangs of
men are busy draining the water from
the cellars to manholes.
Pie Bear, a former member of the
161st Huron Battalion, arrived home to-
day. He was returned to Canada owing
to an illness contracted in England.

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Years of Progress

The Directors of

The Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation

have pleasure in submitting herewith their Fifty-Fourth Annual Report, showing the result of the Corporation's operations for the past year, a companion by the balance sheet to December 31st, 1917, duly audited.

After defraying the expenses of management and all other charges, and making allowance for actual and possible losses, the balance available for distribution is \$535,710.78, as follows:

Brought forward from the previous year's account \$ 85,518.87
Net profits upon the past year's business 450,191.91
\$535,710.78

of which the following disposition has been made:

Four quarterly dividends of 3 per cent each (making the total distribution 12 per cent) \$300,000.00
Government and Business Tax 8,381.48
War Tax 11,234.48
Set aside for Transfer to Pension Fund 10,000.00
Set aside for Transfer to Patriotic Fund, Canadian Red Cross Fund, British Red Cross Fund, Military Y. M. C. A. Fund, Queen Alexandra Sana-
torium Fund and Halifax Relief Fund 9,425.00
Transferred to Branch Extension Fund 10,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund 100,000.00
Balance carried forward 86,669.82
\$535,710.78

The Reserve Fund now amounts to \$3,100,000.00, or one hundred and twenty-four per cent of the Paid-up Capital.

The sum of \$10,000 has been set aside for transfer to the Pension Fund, and the sum of \$9,425.00 for Patriotic purposes as above noted. The Shareholders will be asked to approve these transfers.

The Corporation has no real estate on hand other than office premises, all properties which have come into the possession of the Corporation by foreclosure, failure to obtain purchasers under power of sale, or otherwise, having been sold.

The Directors desire to bear testimony to the very efficient manner in which the Officers of the Corporation have discharged their respective duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

London, Ontario, January 28, 1918.

Assets and Liabilities		T. G. MEREDITH, President.	
Dr.		Cr.	
Liabilities To the Public:		By Cash Value of Mortgages	\$10,628,306 00
To Sterling Debentures	4,032,950 64	Less amount retained to pay	
To Canadian Debentures	4,703,151 00	prior mortgages	41,532 65
To Deposits	2,025,255 02		\$10,586,773 35
To Interest accrued but not due	103,650 88		211,913 99
	\$11,865,017 53	By Office Premises	
To the Shareholders:		By Canadian Municipal, School	
To Capital Stock paid up	2,500,000 00	District and Rural Telephone	
To Reserve Fund	3,100,000 00	Debentures	2,182,951 00
To Officers' Pension Fund	10,000 00	By Bonds of Great Britain, the	
To Branch Extension Fund	10,000 00	Dominion of Canada and its	
To Quarterly Dividend No. 12		Provinces	1,409,654 00
due 2nd Jan., 1918, at 3%	75,000 00	By Other Bonds and Securities	99,208 00
To Balance	86,669 82	By Canada Trust Co. Stock at	
	\$5,781,669 82	cost	1,180,860 00
		(Value on basis of Reserve,	
		\$1,507,995)	
		By Cash in Office	71,839 99
		By Cash in Bank	913,327 07
			983,357 06
	\$17,646,717 40		\$17,646,717 40

Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits.

Reserve on 30th December, 1916 \$2,000,000 00
Transferred from Profits on 31st December, 1917 100,000 00
Undivided Profits for 1917 \$3,100,000 00
86,669 82
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits on 31st Dec., 1917.. \$3,186,669 82

We hereby certify that for the year ending December 31st, 1917, we have audited the Books and Accounts and have examined the Securities of the Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation, except those of its branches at Regina, Win-
nipeg and Edmonton.

All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and in our opinion the above statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Corporation's affairs as shown by its books. The Books and Records of the Branches at Regina, Winnipeg and Edmonton have been audited and the Securities there have been examined by Mr. J. C. Pope, C.A., Messrs. P. C. S. Turner & Co., C.A., and by Messrs. Baldwin, Dow & Bowman, C.A., respectively, and the results as certified to by them are incorporated in the above statements.

London, January 28th, 1918.

M. H. Rowland
F. G. Jewell, C.A., Auditors.

Proceedings of the Huron & Erie Annual Meeting

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders was held at the Corporation's offices in London, Ont., on February 12, 1918.

The President, Mr. T. G. Meredith, K. C., took the chair, and Mr. D. McEachern acted as Secretary. The President, in moving the adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statement said:

"The Directors have pleasure in submitting the financial statement which shows another year's satisfactory and successful operation of the Corporation. It may be of interest to the shareholders to know that our total mortgage investments at the end of the year amounted to \$10,584,773, or \$250,000 less than those of a year ago. In round figures, these investments are made up of nearly Seven Millions of Ontario mortgages, about One Million of Manitoba, Two and One-Half Millions of Saskatchewan, and \$157,000 of Alberta. At the end of the year practically all the past due interest had been paid in Alberta, while in the other three provinces the arrears of interest were less than two-thirds of one per cent of the amount invested.

These Ten and a Half Millions are represented by 4,378 mortgages, making an average loan, as you will note, of less than \$2,000. Of these loans, the greater portion is secured by farm property, and the balance on productive properties (chiefly residential) in the larger cities of Ontario or in the City of Winnipeg. The values placed by our own inspectors upon the lands and premises forming our security total nearly Twenty-Five Million Dollars, so that our loans average less than 45 per cent of our inspectors' valuation.

As is always the case among so many borrowers, some have been unable to meet their payments, but in a few cases only have we been forced to take sale or foreclosure proceedings. In every such instance we have been able to dispose of the mortgaged property, and for the tenth consecutive year we have no real estate on hand other than office premises.

Speaking generally, both in Ontario and in the Western Provinces, repayments on mortgages have been extraordinarily good, better, indeed, than in any year since the war. As the results show, we have been repaid more money than, in reality, we cared to accept.

Passing to the other items of our assets, Municipal, School District and Rural Telephone Debentures have decreased by over \$200,000. Here, again, the record of payment, both of principal and interest, is highly satisfactory. The only increase in our list is shown under the heading of Government Bonds, our holdings of which have grown from \$716,000 to almost double that figure.

The Huron & Erie and The Canada Trust Company subscribed for \$2,000,000 of the Dominion Victory Loan, and have been allotted their full proportion of the same (this investment was made out of the Companies' own funds and is independent of further large amounts subscribed by our shareholders and customers). The payments on this account and our further purchases of Government Bonds make up the increase noted above.

While the profits for the past year are nearly \$10,000 in excess of those of 1916, this increase was largely absorbed by more liberal gifts for war purposes and by additional taxes which the Corporation was called upon to pay. So far, therefore, as our shareholders are concerned, the total paid to them by way of dividends or added to the Reserve Fund and to Undivided Profits, is but slightly more than that of last year.

RED CROSS DANCE HELD AT THEFTDORF

THEFTDORF, Feb. 15.—Messrs. Snell & Farquhar loaned their large store for a Red Cross dance last night. The dance was a splendid success, the proceeds amounting to \$24.

On Tuesday evening Jack Miner, under the auspices of the young people of the Methodist Church, gave a lecture on "Wild Post." His address was illustrated by moving pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McKenzie and son left today for a two-months' trip to California.

DALE-CURRIE.
WILTON GROVE, Feb. 15.—The dance, Wilton Grove, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Thursday, Feb. 14, when Miss Marion Currie and Mr. Dale Currie were married.

Miss Iney Hutchinson was bridesmaid, and the groom was supported by Chester Taylor. After luncheon at the home of the bride's father, Daniel Currie, the couple left for their honeymoon.

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After defraying the expenses of management and other charges, and making allowance for actual and possible losses, the balance available for distribution is \$139,359.83, as follows:

Brought forward from the previous year's account \$ 4,093.43
Net profits upon the past year's business 135,266.40
\$139,359.83

of which the following disposition has been made:

Two half-yearly dividends at 7 per cent per annum \$ 69,993.00
Government and Business Tax 4,038.79
War Tax 1,928.31
Set aside for transfer to Patriotic and Red Cross Fund, Queen Alexandra Sanatorium Fund and British Red Cross Fund 3,125.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund 50,000.00
Balance carried forward 10,274.73
\$139,359.83

The Reserve Fund now amounts to \$550,000.00, or 55 per cent of the Company's Paid-up Capital.

The sum of \$3,125.00 has been set aside for Patriotic purposes as above noted. The Shareholders will be asked to approve these donations.

The accounts, vouchers and securities have been duly examined by the Auditors, whose report is appended.

The Directors desire to bear testimony to the very efficient manner in which the Officers of the Company have discharged their respective duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

London, February 1, 1918.

Assets and Liabilities		T. G. MEREDITH, President.	
Dr.		Cr.	
Capital Account		Capital Account	
Capital Stock Paid-up	\$1,000,000 00	Cash Value of Mortgages	\$69,700 75
Dividend payable 1st January, 1918	34,996 50	Less amount retained to pay	
Reserve Fund		prior mortgages	15,741 65
30th December, 1916	\$500,000 00		\$ 850,026 10
Added 31st December, 1917	50,000 00	Canadian Municipal, School Dis- trict and Rural Telephone De- bentures	332,350 00
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss	10,274 73	Bonds of Great Britain, the Do- minion of Canada and its Pro- vinces	291,084 00
	\$1,050,274 23	Other Bonds and Securities	14,420 00
Guaranteed Funds.		Real Estate	12,679 73
Sum for Investment	\$1,461,357 90	Cash on hand and in Banks	97,711 40
Interest Accrued but not Due	67,224 06		\$1,336,271 23
	\$1,528,581 96	Guaranteed Funds.	
Estate Funds.		Cash Value of Mortgage	\$2,939,689 00
Estimated Money for Investment	\$1,625,583 38	Canadian Municipal, School Dis- trict and Rural Telephone De- bentures	633,619 00
Unrealized Assets	1,164,607 00	Bonds of Great Britain, the Do- minion of Canada and its Pro- vinces	1,063,657 00
	\$2,790,190 38	Other Bonds and Securities	14,400 00
		Cash on hand and in Banks	117,616 36
			\$4,529,551 96
		Estate Funds.	
		Cash Value of Mortgages, Bonds	\$1,455,276 00
		Unrealized Assets	1,164,607 00
		Cash in Banks	170,307 38
			\$2,790,190 38
			\$8,914,043 57

Hume Cronyn, General Manager.

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London, February 1st, 1918.

M. H. Rowland
J. F. Kern, Auditors.

The Ven. Archdeacon Young in moving, and Mr. Henry Macklin in second-
ing the motion of thanks to the President, Directors and Staff, expressed the
opinion that London might well be proud of the Huron and Erie as a well-
managed and progressive institution which, despite the adverse influence of
war, was able to maintain its strong position.

Mr. Graydon, in replying, pointed out how much the work of the Board of
Directors was facilitated by the efficiency of the Company's staff. If a corpo-
ration has no soul, it at least has a personality, and that of the Huron and Erie
was a valuable asset. He was of the opinion there was no financial institution
in Canada whose staff was more thoroughly alive to the responsibility of their
duties, and who discharged these with accuracy and courtesy alike.

Mr. C. E. German, in moving the re-appointment of the Company's auditors,
commented on the value to an institution of auditors possessing the integrity and
ability of those who certified to the report before the meeting. Their names,
he thought, contributed largely to the confidence in the Corporation of both
shareholders and public.

A resolution approving subscriptions to various Patriotic and Red Cross
Funds was carried unanimously.

The retiring Directors were re-elected for the ensuing year, as follows:

George T. Brown, Hume Cronyn, M.P., F. R. Eccles, M.D., Robert Fox, H.
E. Gates, A. H. M. Graydon, P. E. Leonard, T. G. Meredith, K.C., Philip Pocock.
At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. T. G. Meredith, K.C., was re-
elected President; Mr. Hume Cronyn, M.P., 1st Vice-President, and Mr. F. E.
Leonard, 2nd Vice-President.

Head Offices: London, Canada.

Branch Offices: London (two), St. Thomas, Windsor,
Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton.

HUGE ICE BLOCKS BAR PROGRESS ON PT. STANLEY STREETS

Water Has Receded, but Yards
Are Full.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Stanley, Feb. 15.—The water has
receded rapidly and today huge blocks
of ice, which bar progress on some
parts of the village streets, remain as
reminders of the floods. Backyards are
still fully flooded with water which re-
mained after the water of the creek re-
ceded below the tops of its banks. There
is now grave danger of sickness, as
practically all the wells of the port were
affected by the flood. People are boiling
their water.

There were many narrow escapes dur-
ing the time the flood was at its height.
The Irwin family was rescued with
great difficulty. The water got so high
on their home that they were forced
to go upstairs. Later, when danger
still threatened, they were taken out
of the second-story windows.

Many blame the Federal Government
for the flood. The Government con-
tractors left their screws in the creek
at the bridge, and this, with the bridge
piers, held the ice in and backed the
water of the creek up until it over-
flowed its banks. Had the screws been
let further down, it is said that ex-
perience now shown that the village
escapes flood.

The river Glen Erie has been left high
and dry on the ice by the water re-
ceding.

I, ET a woman ease your suffering. I want
you to write, and let me tell you of my
simple method of home treatment.
Send you ten days' free trial post-
paid, and put you in touch with
women in Canada who will
gladly tell what my method
has done for them.
If you are troubled
with weak, tired
feelings, head-
ache, backache,
ache, bear-
ing down
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tions, blad-
der weakness,
constipation, cat-
arrhal condi-
tions, pain in the sides, regu-
larly or irregularly,
bleeding, sense of failing
miscarriage, internal or-
gan, nervousness, desire to cry,
pale complexion, dark rings
under the eyes, or a loss of inter-
est in life, write to me to-day. Address:
Mrs. M. Summers, Box 12, Windsor, Ont.